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**MUSINGS IN OLD JERUSALEM**  
 The International Sunday School Lesson For August 3rd is, "Christian Worship."—John 4:1-24.  
 By William T. Ellis.

Writing, as I am, in an upper room in Jerusalem, this seems peculiarly a place lesson, although it is a seasonable word for all the world. The story of the woman at the well, and her interview with Jesus, is local in its setting and in its spirit; for this is the center of religious antagonism and bigotry. It is general, because this mountain, wherein God spoke to Moses and to Elijah, and where there is something really repellent in the overlay of ecclesiasticism here in Jerusalem, where the spiritual seems hidden by the formal. An American missionary said to me last evening, "The more I have seen of formalism and superstition in Jerusalem, with its superstitious and its sites and its strife, the more I believe in the simple, spiritual faith of the Quakers. Every reverent heart has at some time or other longed to visit Jerusalem. Yet from Jerusalem I repeat that 'God is in the Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.' Not the place, but the purpose; not the form, but the faith; not the words, but the will, determine acceptable worship.

Where All Wants Are Met.  
 All Americans abroad have a vitally interest in the homeland. With the meagre facts in their possession they consider and discuss the trend of events back home. A few of us were talking recently about the praiseworthy get-together campaign of the churches, and the concerted movement to raise all their benevolent funds as one national budget. Said one who is wise in the things of the spirit as well as in the ways of the world, "America's real need is not for more money for religion, or for better ways of securing money for religion. In our mission work we understand as perhaps the folks at home cannot, the need of money. But there is something more important. It seems to me that the churches are magnifying organization and appliances and wealth, whereas it is a spiritual re-energizing, a spiritual rebirth, a spiritual passion, that this hour requires above all else. One great voice calling the people back to a sense of God, would be worth more than any new organization."

As said that man, an opinion, spoken quietly amid the clamor of an ornamental cafe, except a modern version of the words of Jesus concerning "living water"? Our day's thirst cannot be satisfied at any of our modern wells. We pant for the living waters of God. All lesser wants are included within our need of God. Not his works will satisfy; but he himself. Until we find God as a living, bright reality, more personal to our souls than the dear ones by our side, we shall miss the spirit of true worship.

As said David—perhaps when looking out upon the very hills to which I turn my eyes at the moment. "And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee."

**Afghans Invaded India**  
 Because They Believed British Were War-weary

ANOTHER of those well-known "little wars" of Britain, which are responsible for the fact that the empire always has more soldiers in her army and on her retired list who have seen active service than any other nation in the world, has been interesting Canadians. What is not generally understood is the reason for the unprovoked invasion of India by the Afghans, their declaration of war upon Britain at a time when Britain was readier for war than ever she was before in her history, when the Afghans had not one chance in a million of accomplishing any object but killing a few soldiers or murdering a few settlers, and perhaps paying the price of their independence for the exercise. Ignorance is the explanation. The wisdom of Afghanistan thought that Britain was war weary, that she had no heavy guns in India, and that if he made a successful sortie the Indian population would rise in rebellion.

The story of the antecedents of the rising is told by Mr. J. W. McCoughlin, of the Joust Engineering Co., who has been in Jalalabad for a year superintending an installation. The trouble began with the staunch loyalty of the late Ameer to Great Britain. He resisted all efforts of the war party, who desired that advantage should be taken of the European war for an invasion of India. Habibullah remained firm, however, and so a plot was laid to assassinate him. The leaders in the conspiracy were Aminullah, the present Ameer, and second son of the murdered king; his uncle, Nasrullah Khan, the commander-in-chief of the army, and a number of high officers, belonging to the powerful Shabar family, of which the commander-in-chief also is a member. But it appears that the Ameer had got wind of the plot and was able to take care of himself for some time, or until those too close to him were seduced.

Nasrullah immediately proclaimed himself regent, and the eldest son of the murdered Ameer, Naidullah, had to acquiesce, for he was surrounded by enemies, and if he had protested would have met his father's fate. The body of the late Ameer was then buried by the plotters on a waste piece of ground in Jalalabad, trodden on by every passing coolie, and granted over by wandering cattle. The eldest son protested, and as a slight concession the body was exhumed and buried on the golf course. Now, the Ameer had been very fond of golf, but the game was detested by his entourage, whom he had insisted should also play, or if not play, act as caddies, and perhaps their idea was that if the Ameer was buried there no Afghan would frequent the course. Then Aminullah, the second son, called the nobles of the kingdom to Khabul, officially informed them of his father's death, and announced that his uncle, Nasrullah, must henceforth be recognized as Ameer.

But the nobles appear not to have been in the plot. They asked questions about the assassination. They demanded to know if Nasrullah or Naidullah had made any efforts to discover the murderers. The second son admitted that they had not. The nobles then suggested that they were cowardly and neither of them fit for the Ameer'ship. "What's the matter with making Aminullah Ameer?" demanded one noble with a long white beard. "It looks good to me," responded another venerable noble, and being put to a vote it was decided that Aminullah, instead of being a mere second son, should be a regular Ameer. Immediately preparations for a hostile demonstration against India were made, for it appears that most of the Afghan leaders of whatever faction, were keen for a fight with the British. But in the meantime the soldiers in the Jalalabad garrison, who had always loved the murdered Ameer, came to the conclusion that his death had not been properly investigated or avenged, and they set up a court of their own. They arrested the commander-in-chief of the army and all his family, which is one of the most powerful in Afghanistan, and seemed on the point of executing them when the Ameer intervened.

He told the soldiers that he admired their zeal, but that the condemned men should be handed over to him. They agreed, but when they reached the Ameer, he set them free and treated them as heroes. In deference to the soldiers, however, a scapegoat had to be found and he was discovered as the colonel of the late Ameer's guards, a man of no particular family or influence. There was no evidence against him except what the Ameer found in a dream, but the colonel was nevertheless executed. This healed the unfortunate schism in the army, and the movement against India was hurried forward. The commander-in-chief was reinstated, and by virtue of his superior intelligence or villainy became the practical ruler of the country. Mr. McCoughlin, who was having considerable difficulty in leaving the country, was able to have a chat with the commander-in-chief, whom he warned against the suicidal folly of provoking Great Britain. The Afghan leader, however, showed himself completely misinformed, for he waved aside all considerations of big guns, armored cars, airplanes, and machine guns, and replied that as all the fighting would be done at close quarters, fit which the Afghans were superior to the British, there could be only one end to the war. The end was not far off.

W. D. Mahon, International President of steam car employes, promised to do everything in his power to settle the Chicago dispute without unnecessary delay.

The greater part of the political prisoners in Germany who have been on a hunger strike for several days will probably be released.

It is said a United States submarine sank to-day in Long Island Sound. Two men drowned.

**TODAY IN HISTORY**



One hundred and forty-two years ago today, July 31, 1777, Lafayette was made a Major-General in the American Army when he was twenty years old. Find another Frenchman. Answer to yesterday's puzzle. 1. Left side down, eye at left shoulder of man to right. 2. Upper right corner down, nose at wrist of man to left.

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 With all its defects, Mohammedanism has done one thing for two hundred million members of the human race: it has taught them the greatness of God. The Moslem is reverent, whatever else he may not be. The majesty and supremacy of the one God breathe through all the thoughts of Islam. No Moslem ever cheapens God. He cannot conceive of the ineffable One whose name is holy and revered, as being a mere accessory to any scheme or plan of mortal. They understand that our God is not a little God, but One whose ways, through past finding out, are always right.  
 Men's attitude toward the League of Nations, and upon the Peace Treaty matters less, infinitely less, than their views upon God. Society is shaped by its sense of the Supreme. Everything we are or do is affected by our ideas of God. When we lift up the proper attitude toward the exaltedness and holiness and justice of God we are adopting the most direct means of serving our time. This is why the Church is a more important present factor in our troubled life than any political party or organization, or any economic movement. "Oh, come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker."  
 Where Christians Squabble.  
 A few miles from where I am writing, near the well of Jacob about which the lesson centers—a well that still supplies water—in the town of Nablus, there survives, oppressed but squabbling, a little group of Samaritans, the descendants of Orthon, to whom the woman of our lesson belonged. Still the Jews will have no dealings with them, nor will the Moslems. They are not counted good Jews, having blended with the heathen at the time of the exile.  
 Religious antagonisms are stronger in Jerusalem and Palestine than anywhere else on earth. It is not merely that Moslems and Christians clash; but both unite to oppose the Jews, because of Zionism, who, in turn, are split up into irreconcilable parties; and Greek Christians, or Orthodox, are bitter against the Latins, or Roman Catholics; and both are rivals of the Gregorians, or Armenians, and of the Copts. There are other sects and sub-sects here, and they all quarrel one with another. A few weeks ago there was a fight at Eastern, between rival Christians in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.  
 Nevertheless there are nobler and wider influences at work. There is abroad in Europe and the Near East just now a commission of American clergymen, extending invitations to a world conference on Christian unity. They report the rise of a new spirit of eagerness for oneness and cessation of strife and for a return to the worship of God himself. There are tokens on the horizon that churchianity and sectarianism and narrowness are on the wane; and that the world will turn in simplicity and reverence to the worship of God and his Son, who are in all churches and beyond all churches. When we come to the hour for scrapping our ecclesiastical machinery it will be to the text, "God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."  
 From Sinai To Zion.  
 Recently I have been at Mount Sinai, where Jehovah revealed himself, now I am at Mount Zion, where Jehovah the Father and the Saviour revealed himself. Amid these scenes, trodden by the feet of God's prophets of old, and by his beloved Son, I have got a new sense of the greatness of God himself, and of his programme for the world. The vastness of the divine design, at which Jesus could only hint in his talk with the Samaritan woman, is appearing in our time. We behold nations in a ferment which is primarily spiritual. At bottom, the world's unrest is reaching out after a satisfaction which is really of the soul. Mankind's wants are many; its need is one—to know God, the living and the true. We shall not be satisfied until we find him who is the soul's eternal quest.

**AT CHRISTIE'S LAKE**  
 Many Cottages are Being Occupied at the Summer Place.  
 Christie's Lake, July 24.—Miss Marie Marks, daughter of Mrs. May Bell Marks, Red Cedar Villa, is visiting in New York. She will stop at Auburn, N.Y., and motor with her aunt, Mrs. Mildred Hubbard, throughout New York State to Ogdensburg, N.Y. Church was held at the Red Cedar Villa—and was largely attended. Mrs. Thomas Marks is recovering from a slight cold. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Marks and Robert Jr. caught some fine black bass and pikeral recently. The rain was needed and has done the crops a lot of good.  
 Mr. Taylor has purchased a cottage from Mack Marks. They are making improvements around the place.  
 Chis. Allen will make the fish gather this week. May Bell Marks Company will take to the road this season. R. W. Marks is busy selecting a fine rest at Christie's Lake. They will not open until the middle of September.  
 R. W. Marks received a wire from Perth that his uncle John Farrell, Perth, had been killed by a C.P.R. train. Mrs. Gorman, Kingston, will occupy Mrs. Monty White's cottage at Christie's Lake. Major M. Cooper will occupy Sunset of Christie's Lake for August. Miss Reid and friends will occupy Sunrise. Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Sproul are summering at Christie's. Tom marks has opened up Artindale. Mack Marks has purchased a new car from James Reid. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Perrin are expected home shortly. Mr. Ker is now occupying May Bell Point. All of his managers this season are enjoying a fine rest at Christie's Lake. H. C. Taylor and party have returned to Toronto.

**Smuggle Cars into Germany**  
 Berlin, July 30.—The Deutsche Zeitung claims that the Americans in the occupied territory are attempting to sell their own and the balance of the army's huge stock of automobiles by smuggling them into Germany through the occupied territory, to avoid the German law against the production. The newspaper says that if the Americans succeeded in selling a quantity it will ruin the German automobile industry.

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