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The man on the park bench has
high aspirations.

General Depression's aide-de-camp
is General Pessimism.

When diplomats fall out, telegraph
companies get their due.

The deadliest load is carried by
the gun that isn't loaded.

Rockefeller at eighty-two is re-
ported as feeling all right.

Oh, Patriotism, what needless
taxes are piled up in thy name.

The mist that obscures the sun of
a brighter day in the pessimist.

No business pays a bigger net pro-
fit than that of importing hair nets.

The country might profit, also, by
a little more traffic on our rail-roads.

It works both ways. Money makes
you smile, and a smile makes you
money.

Lack of oil causes friction between
parts of machinery, as between na-
tions.

A theory is much like a man. It
isn't worth a darn unless it will
work.

De Valera seems determined to
make public every phrase of the
Irish situation.

Europe will come back in time,
and those who are now benighted
will some day be knighted.

Some of the immigrants are bring-
ing an alarming number of income
tax exemptions with them.

China says she must fight Japan
with words. Well, a Chinese word
looks like a lethal weapon.

The farmer isn't the only one who
is troubled with insect pests. Most
of the reformers live in cities.

There are some among the grown-
ups who still remember when they
used to enjoy school picnics.

The present garb of women seems
to be a small affair about which to
raise all the fuss that is going on.

Winter suits for men are showing
some new cuts. Ours is showing
some new cuts the moths made.

The patter of the rain soothes the
spirit, but the patter of reigning
statesmen doesn't have that effect.

About the only difference between
a dinner and a banquet is that the
dinner provides some regular vic-
tuals.

It is rumored that new coal prices
are slated. The anthracite output
has been slated generously for two
years.

A gallon of moonshine doesn't re-
duce a man to maudlin asininity
much quicker than a gal in the
moonlight.

Carpentier has seen the moving
pictures of his recent fight, and says
they are "wonderful." We are glad
he didn't say "striking."

Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm is reported to
have protested the tax placed on his
residence at Doorn. Now we will see
how he comes out in trying to beat
the Dutch.

A LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY.

Coincident with the delivery of the
Marble lectures by Sir Robert Bor-
den, there has been formed in To-
ronto a Society of the League of Na-
tions. The society is non-political and
its purpose is to educate the general
public of Canada, first in the exist-
ence, the necessity and the working
out of the League of Nations. This
is all to the good. The ignorance,
not only of the common man but of
press and parliament on the real
significance of the League of Na-
tions, is appalling, and there is the
greatest need for accurate knowledge
and the subordination of argument
to fact.

The need of education along these
lines is the more apparent when one
thinks that the League of Nations is
a vast piece of intricate machinery,
and it is likely to be confused in the
minds of many Canadians as analo-
gous to the idea of a British Sister-
hood of Nations, the British Empire,
which is not in any sense a piece of
machinery and probably never can
so become. In the one case an at-
tempt is being made, a serious and
not unworthy attempt, at machine
controlled corporation as a member
of the League of Nations; in the
other case there is the outworking
of political economy of a nation with-
in a nation, which, as Mr. Meighen
quite properly pointed out in his
Gullifal speech, is a replica in its
political institutions of the mother
country, and conceives its mission on
earth as a common heritage and a
common duty in a sisterhood of na-
tions.

There is danger of confusion in
the minds of many Canadians re-
garding what Canada's newly won
place at the council table of the na-
tions really means. What are her
duties? What her responsibilities?
Canadian people are one in their ad-
herence to the great idea behind the
League of Nations, but they know
lamentably little about it. They need
education. They are eagerly await-
ing it.

We are persuaded that the power
of the League of Nations, the possi-
bility of its usefulness, depends more
than anything else on publicity. It
means that there must be a well-
informed public, thoroughly seized
of the purpose and possibilities of
the League, and keen to support ev-
ery effort and to carry out any pol-
icy which will make for good un-
derstanding between the nations of
the world. A small group of disin-
terested men of all shades of politi-
cal opinion in the various cities of
Canada should be at work in such
societies of the League of Nations
as have been formed in Toronto and
Ottawa, Montreal, Winnipeg and
Vancouver will probably soon have
such societies. We venture to sug-
gest that this university centre
should also have such a society. In-
deed we suspect that if the late Prin-
cipal Grant were alive there would
have been one already. Probably the
first one in Canada would have been
in Kingston. Such a society need not
be large, but should be composed of
men who will give thoughtful consid-
eration to this most important of all
subjects—our international relations
with the rest of the world. It should
write articles when it has anything
worth while to say. The press will
eagerly wait, as the great purveyor
of news, for an account of its discus-
sions and proceedings; we suspect
that the school, the university, the
pulpit will be glad of its leadership
and will welcome its assistance, to
the end that the people of Canada
may more fully understand the na-
ture of this new and great national
and international experiment.

THE CANADIAN STUDENTS'
CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

One of the most interesting and
progressive steps among the univer-
sity and college students in their ef-
fort to articulate the religious life
of the students of Canada was tak-
en at a conference in Guelph about
a year ago. At that meeting represen-
tatives from the student bodies of
practically all the universities of
Canada adopted a constitution and
policy which will mean much in its
outworking for succeeding genera-
tions of students. The student Chris-
tian movement is not a new thing in
the old country. It is probably almost
a quarter of a century since it began
its work among the colleges of Great
Britain, and its power and influence
have grown with each succeeding
year. It has recently secured the
full time service of the Rev. A. Her-
bert Gray, a son-in-law of the late
Prof. Marcus Dodds, to give his
whole time to the direction of its
varied interests. It publishes its own
literature and maintains its own se-
cretaries. Its policies are shaped from
within the student body itself, and
it has been extraordinarily wise in
the selection of men of position and
piety as its writers and advisers.
Two of these may be mentioned,
Prof. T. R. Glover, of Cambridge,
and Prof. Cairns, of Aberdeen.

The root idea of the movement is
that it is a fellowship of students
based on the conviction that in Jesus
Christ are found the supreme revela-
tion of God and the means to the
full realization of life.

fullest discussion of such subjects as
who was Jesus, what was He doing,
what are the methods of His kind-
ness? How did He meet and what
was His solution of certain prob-
lems? What is the real secret of
brotherhood? If we come to believe
in the goodness and love of God,
was it by the way of abstract reason-
ing on an experience born of com-
panionship with Jesus? What re-
sources has the disciple of Jesus?
and what does He want men to do?

Subjects like these, studies how-
ever thorough, and the more thor-
ough the better, are bound to be of
inestimable value. They are the
more valuable just because they are
not theological; they are the more
wholesome just because as students
they are willing to accompany with
Jesus, in the gospel, until they real-
ly know Him, and through His com-
panionship, friendship and encour-
agement come to know God, the
world, and their fellow man. The
movement also concerns itself with
world problems. One of the interest-
ing subjects discussed at a confer-
ence in Glasgow this year was whe-
ther Christendom was fit for a
world task of evangelism. Another
was the contact of the west with
Asia and Africa through commerce
and professions, through govern-
ment, social contacts and missionary
efforts.

One of the best things about the
movement is that it will be student
directed, student controlled, student
supported and student financed. The
students may make mistakes, but
they will be their own mistakes; they
may find financial support difficult,
but being their own business their
sacrifices for their own cause will
be a fruitful discipline. They will
not despise council when they seek
it, but they will neither seek nor ac-
cept dictation. With wise leadership,
real effort and generous support
within the student body there is no
reason why the students' Christian
movement should not, in a genera-
tion, be one of the most powerful
spiritual agencies in the making of a
Christian world brotherhood.

THE VALUE OF SERMONS.

The Presbyterian Witness of re-
cent date contains a comment upon
an article on the value of sermons
written by Agnes Reppier, the
essayist, in the Century Magazine.
The Witness remarks that although
the writer of this article is a Catho-
lic, and presumably, for that reason,
less accustomed to sermons than
church-going Protestants, there is
much to be commended in what it
says, and the following quotation is
made:

"Personally, I cannot conceive of
a sermonless world. The preacher's
function is too manifest to be ignored
—his message too direct to be divert-
ed. Even though ecclesiastical archi-
tecture has ceased to express any-
thing but a love of comfort and an
understanding of acoustics, the
preacher holds his own. There are
large people interested in the rela-
tion of their souls to God, and when
it happens that a man is born into
the world capable of convincing them
that the only thing of importance in
life is the relation of their souls to
God, he becomes a maker of history.
Paul says, 'It pleased God by the
foolishness of preaching to save them
that believe.' This is the divine
method of winning men."

It may be true that preaching is
the divine method of winning men.
It may be true that a man who can
convince men that the only thing of
importance in life is the relation of
their souls to God is a maker of his-
tory. But if that is the standard by
which preachers, and by that we mean
pulpit preachers, are to be
judged, then it must be confessed
that we are woefully lacking in min-
isters who have the Pauline quali-
fications for the true apostolic and
evangelistic ministry. The very fact
that men are not being won shows
that the divine method is not being
used with success, and it is a matter
of record that men are to-day taking
less interest in the churches than
they did a generation ago. Ministers
all over the country are bemoaning
the fact that the majority of men do
not come to church. This is a matter
which has been engaging the atten-
tion of all denominations. All have
been seeking outside causes for this
defection on the part of the men of
to-day. It has been said that the war
has had such an effect upon men's
minds that they have lost a taste for
matters of religion, and will not lis-
ten to sermons, and there the blame
is placed.

That, however, is only half the
truth. It is true that the war has
had an effect upon the minds of men.
It is also true that men to-day do
not take kindly to listening to ser-
mons. But it has not, apparently,
occurred to many preachers that the
fault lies, not entirely in the men,
but in the sermons. Men are not
satisfied with the old theological dog-
mas which were pronounced from the
pulpit a generation ago. They are
to-day doing more thinking in spiri-
tual terms, and the reason why many
of them do not go to church is be-
cause they receive nothing from the
sermons they hear from the pulpit.
The average sermon of to-day is
more academic than evangelistic. Let
a man attend half a dozen different
churches in as many weeks, and five

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

HOW TO GAIN ALL:—
Seek ye first the kingdom
of God and his righteousness; and
all these things shall be added unto
you.—Matt. 6: 33.

times out of six he will hear a nice,
polished discourse, based on some
abstract passage of scripture which
has nothing vital in it for the soul
that is seeking after truth. Too
many sermons are composed of sim-
ply a few time-worn, dry-as-dust
platitudes, a few appropriate verses
of scripture, and a soliloquy on
some subject of an idealistic and ab-
stract nature. They are all right as
gems of literary expressions, but as
a means of carrying out the divine
purpose of "convincing men that the
only thing of importance in life is
the relation of their souls to God,"
they are useless. There is very little
of the fire of evangelism in the ser-
mons of to-day. Of course, many
ministers will say that the people
who attend church do not want fiery
evangelistic sermons. But what of
those who do not attend church, yet
might do so if they received a mes-
sage from which their souls could
gain the cleansing influence they
need and crave?

Yes, the value of sermons is
enormous, as the Witness suggests,
but a sermon to have power in these
days must be something more than a
mere collection of words, of nicely
turned phrases, and meaningless
quotations; and there are many, far
too many, of our ministers who
might profit by taking cognizance of
that fact.

Walt Mason
THE POET PHILOSOPHER

ENTERPRISE.
A week ago I chanced to say to
Ebenezer Jones, "I'll buy myself a
nice coupe when I can spare the
bones." It was an idle, thoughtless
speech, a wheeze, to all intents; I
had no thought that it would reach
the ears of passing gents. But when
I reached my dwelling place, nine
salesmen waited there, each with a
glad and beaming face, and eloque-
nce to spare. Along the curb their
cars were parked, nine wagons, fair
to see; and as one man these gents re-
marked, "Come, take a drive with
me." And all the long, long sunny
day car dealers worked my phone,
and each one had a grand coupe I
really ought to own. And I grow
wobbly in the knees, and my despair
was tense, for salesmen roosted in
the trees and sat upon the fence;
they lifted up the window cash, and
said, with nerve sublime, "In case
you cannot spare the cash, we'll sell
a car on time." By mail they flooded
me with bunk, instructed me by wire,
that I could trade in any junk, my
shotgun or my lyre. For days they
came upon the jump, each with his
fascinating yarn; they got me when I
went to pump, they ragged me in the
barn. Hereafter when I've things to
sell, all by myself I'll go, and whis-
per them down in a well—the deep-
est one I know.
—WALT MASON.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR
BY SAM HILL

No Other Way.
Dixie's word was hitler's eeling.
See like at first the did it;
An' whethah wid sigh, or whethah wid
song.
We done got to go right wid it.

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant.
I kin remember when the kids all
ways referred to the hip pocket as
the pistol pocket.

Home Shortage Stops Lot of 'Em.
"To get along in this world you have
to keep movin'," remarked the Wise
Man.
"Maybe," replied the Reater, "but it
costs a deuce of a lot of money to
move these days, and it is next to im-
possible to find any place to move to."

We Suppose the Corn Cutting Was
Done on the Feet.
(Brown's Hill Co. (Hillsboro, O.)
Gazette.)
Corn cutting is a thing of the past
in this section while wheat sowing is
just on hands.

Plain as Plain.
"Why this dry spell?" the farmer said
"Into his hired man.
And that wise hick did make reply:
'Because of one Volstead."

Usual Affect.
"Night has a thousand eyes," war-
bled the Post as he gazed at the stars.
"But moonshine will dim them all,"
replied the Bootlegger.

Odd Facts, Scientific and Otherwise.
Bullet proof cloth is now being
used for making the new suits for
men.
A worm that is always turning (out
moonshine) has been discovered by
the Revenue Agents.
Life belts for the use of statesmen
who are all at sea has been invented
by a famous "constituent."
An instrument for measuring the
height of folly has been patented by
a well-known reformer.

The Modern Peter-Pumpkin Enter.
She promised that she'd e'er be true,
And she kept true alright,
For if he left her home alone
He kept her locked up tight.
—E. E.

Fool Questions.
"Collector" asks "if Tea Leaves an
unpaid bill will Coffee Grounds set-
tle."

The Diary of Miss Opportunity.
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