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During 1927 234,000 vines were planted in 23 settlements in Palestine.

Archaeological work generally has verified the Old Testament.

Knowledge and timber shouldn't be much used till they are seasoned.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Sweden has a festival of Thanksgiving for the Reformation, why cannot we have one too? May we ask the Bishops?

Lord Balfour hits the nail when he says: "If there is nothing after this life, then the life is a joke; but whose joke?" The Easter hope saves us from a mad nightmare such as that.

German Evangelical and Roman Catholic communities have agreed to an interesting and possibly valuable experiment in establishing a joint conciliation committee to consider questions of competence and other disputes.

The Orthodox in Rumania have successfully stemmed the proselytism of Roman nuns in girls' schools by founding Orthodox girls' schools.

The rich mineral deposits of the Dead Sea are attracting much attention on the part of financiers. It is estimated that the bromide in the Dead Sea is sufficient to supply the world for 35,000 years.

The well-known Jesuit preacher, the Rev. F. Woodlock, made some remarks on the progress of Roman Catholicism in England. "During the last ten years," he said, 118,520 converts were received, 13,065 being in the year 1927, which was the latest total published.

A recent census shows that New Zealand is divided among 33 religious sects. Forty-one per cent. of the population belong to the English Church, the Presbyterians are twenty-four per cent. of the population, the Roman Catholics are twelve per cent., and the Methodists are nine per cent. There are only 2591 Jews in New Zealand.

The Daily News says that Professor Garstang believes that there were three walls around Jericho, which was situated on a hilltop, that the innermost wall fell down and that the outermost was built by the Israelites 1000 years later upon the foundations of the first to enclose the new city raised in defiance of Joshua's curse.

The Pope, in proportion to his territory, will soon own more motor cars than any other ruler. The Italian Automobile Club will present him with a motor designed on the lines of the gala coaches used before the loss of his temporal power. The Fiat Co. has designed a car de luxe for the Pope, who will receive a similar gift from America.

Combines, federations, and unions, are the order of the day in every direction. Amalgamations of banks, railways, newspapers. Sir Alfred Mond, speaking on this new era in industry, said: "The combinations of industry taking place are being literally forced upon us, and although many people may not like them, they will have to come if Britain is to maintain its place."

Lecturing recently on the differences between man and the ape, Dr. Arthur Short, ex-Hunterian Professor, Royal College of Surgeons, and an eminent anatomist, said a new school of biologists had arisen whose conclusions were easier to reconcile with the Genesis narrative than with the teachings of Darwin, Huxley, Haeckel and others. It was dangerous to deduce the gradual evolution of the human brain from in-

creasing skill in the manufacture of implements, because that would be equivalent to arguing that the improver was always more intelligent than the originator, as though the designer of the latest locomotive had a finer brain than Stephenson.

"During the past year," says a press correspondent, "the whole of Russia has become a slave to wireless. Everywhere there are loud speakers, loud speakers of super-volume, which can throw a voice with a vast bellow across the large squares of the city. When the Kremlin has something to say there is a buzzing, a noise like the roaring of a thousand seas, and with a titanic bellow the Voice from the Kremlin makes an announcement."

The British and Foreign Bible Society is placing the Scriptures before the Turkish people in the new characters which were made compulsory at the beginning of the New Year. It was felt that as the Turks prefer the Book of Proverbs to any other portion of the Bible, it would be advisable to begin with its publication first; also that it would assist the President in his great scheme of teaching every man, woman and child to read, and that consequently the Government would look upon the work with a benevolent eye.

Rev. A. D. Wolinsky, a retired Jewish rabbi of the Sydney Synagogue, says: The most interesting development of modern Palestine, was the fact that the English language was becoming general. Years ago a knowledge of French was required by residents, but now nearly all business was being transacted in English, and there was great scope for teachers of English. The Jews in recent years had made a study of architecture, and they were noted now for their original and novel designs. Industrial troubles were practically unknown in Palestine, and class distinctions were absent.

The mechanical man, or Televox, was hailed as the perfect employee when it was first invented by R. J. Wensley, of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, because it could obey orders and do nothing else. Now the inventor has endowed it with words. Each machine is sensitive to a variety of sounds and performs different functions, according to the pitch in which it is addressed. The ability to talk as well as hear was necessary to enable it to call for a number and to announce itself. The first three members of the mechanical race—famously known as "Adam," "Cain" and "Abel,"—are on duty in Washington as employees of the War Department assigned to report on the condition of the city's water supply.

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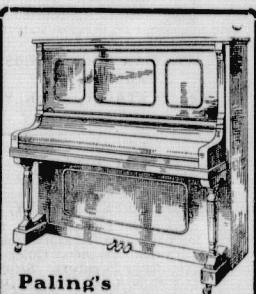
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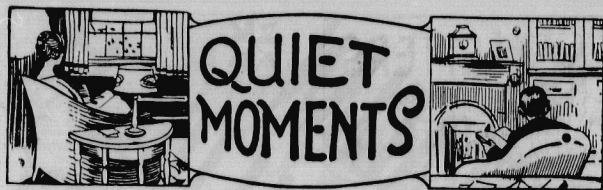
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"Behold, I make all things new."

HE was a convert from our open-air mission and was trying to tell some of our leaders what had happened to him. Everything, he said, seemed different. The sun shone more brightly, the home was happier, his wife more loving, his children more obedient. "Everything around me seemed so changed that 'I feel'—'I felt' and he hesitated)—'as if' and then, with a rush, 'I had been born all over again.'"

Of course, there had been no change in the sun, there was no difference in his wife or children, the change was in himself. And, led by the Spirit he had hit upon the right explanation, "The change was in himself, he had been born all over again."

In our Lord's interview with Nicodemus, recorded in the third chapter of St. John's Gospel, He had said, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." Surely here was one "born of the Spirit," to whom "all things had become new."

On the Day of Pentecost, through the Power of the same Spirit, thousands were born all over again. And wherever God's word is faithfully preached the same marvel happens today.

Dr. Frank Crane has written a book, "Why I am a Christian?" And while not agreeing with all his positions we learn the important lesson to get back to "realities." Dr. Crane accepts the description of the person and teaching of Jesus in the gospels because they satisfy the heart and because when Jesus' teaching is put into practice "it works." Speaking on the point we are considering, he says, "The prevailing idea is that Happiness consists in 'getting' something. The true idea is that happiness consists in 'being' something."

"The basic idea of Jesus," he continues, "was conversion. 'Ye must be born again.' In other words, to be happy we must be changed ourselves, and any other happiness that consists in the change of our possessions or our environment is fictitious."

There are some who contend that all we need is the Sermon on the Mount and it does not speak of conversion. Does it not? Look again. Read over the Beatitudes and contrast them with the beatitudes of the modern world, which might read something like this, Blessed are the rich for they shall inherit the earth; Blessed is the man that is always prosperous; Blessed is the successful, the clever, the man who enjoys life; Blessed is the man who is always popular.

To get from these ideals to the ideals of Christ which begin, "Blessed are the poor in spirit," is so tremendous a change that it can only be by some such process as our friend describes, "being born all over again."

Many books have been published lately and largely read, "The Impatience of a Parson," "Christ of the Round Table," "Why am I a Christian," etc. They all have one feature in common, a demand for "reality," for a Religion that is living, that is vital, a religion which changes character, a religion which makes all things new.

This is the Religion of Pentecost, the religion of the Apostolic Church, the Religion which conquered the world, and this is the Religion which we need today.

What a difference it would make to ourselves. One of the hymns that gripped us at the Summer School has this verse in it—

"Breathe on me, Breath of God  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine."

Moffat translates (Romans xii. 11) "Maintain the spiritual glow," i.e., let your Christianity be a vital, glowing, thing, giving light and warmth and good cheer.

Thank God that in every parish there are some of these glowing Christians. But what, if we were all such, what a different Church it would be? The stranger would find a welcome, the downcast would find comfort, the sinner would find sympathy and understanding.

If this glowing Christianity were ours what a difference it would make in our homes, in society, in business, in the nation, yes, in the world.

We have tried, says Dr. Crane again, selfishness, pride, aggression, greed in social and national life, and what a mess we have made of it. Why not give Christianity a trial? A Christianity which would make all things new.

"Breathe on me, Breath of God  
Fill me with Life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love  
And do what Thou wouldst do."

### Rome.

The Church of England Newspaper publishes a letter saying there is, of course, nothing new in the fact that the Roman Catholic Church is trying to convert England. As that Church believes itself to be the only true one, its logic necessarily leads it to try to convert members of all other Churches, and also to obtain a dominating influence in States. In fact, a special Litany for the Conversion of England has been recited in every English R.C. Church ever since Cardinal Wiseman's days. All that has happened, to make things at all different, is that a propaganda, which for many years was not taken seriously by others, is now perceived to be serious.

We are very thankful to Lady Bates for the effective way in which she dealt with the subject of Reunion with Rome at the meeting of "London Lay Churchmen," by appealing to the Book of the Revelation as the final word on the subject. How seldom do Evangelicals refer to the Church of Rome as the Babylon of the Apocalypse, and in how few books on prophecy is this truth brought home. There is a mighty weapon divinely provided and ready for use in this conflict with Rome, but it is ignored, and one consequence of this is that Evangelical testimony against Rome is sadly weakened. Once more we recommend our readers to study Bishop Christopher Wordsworth's small book on this subject, which can be obtained from Thynne and Jarvis, Ltd.—"English Churchman."



### The Real Egypt.

A Lady Parishioner, in a Melbourne suburb, writes thus to her Vicar:—

"I am most fortunate in being able to see a little of the real Egypt, a part of life which ordinary tourists never see. Yesterday (Sunday) was market day. From eight or ten miles in every direction along the narrow roads come hundreds of camels, mules, donkeys, buffalo, goats, etc., all wending their way to the market. Their loads were tremendous, and their drivers are not over kind. N. took me through the market, it was a wonderful sight. The crowd absolutely dense. I was glad to get away from such a noisy throng to the ease of this compound. The missionaries will not buy goods on Sunday, and consequently have to pay more at the shops and cannot get the same variety of goods. The main streets are only about twenty feet wide, but still there was no jostling, people just got out of the way. Camels, donkeys, etc., are all led along. One man returned from market carrying a whole leg of buffalo. It was not easy to avoid that, as it seemed to be nearly the width of the street. Another man had a goat, held round his neck by the legs on each side. A mounted trooper rode up and down to keep the street a bit clear."

### The Use of Parish Halls.

"Apolonos" writes:—  
I would like to protest against the increasing habit of allowing parish halls to be used as dance halls. Such a protest comes not from an "old fogey," but from a young church member—one who loves the mirth and joy of life, but one, who at the same time, has considered the true purpose of the church in the community. If some should say "such a habit does no harm," I would like to inquire as to the amount of spiritual benefit derived from it. It is a poor way of advertising any church—if such is needed! Oil and water cannot mix—the attempt to make them has resulted in the following: An old saint, the other day, in reply to the question, "Where shall I find Christ?" said, "Not in most churches!" We are not all guiltless in this matter!

### Should Clergy Smoke?

Mr. N. J. Cole, 25 Davis Street, North Brunswick, Melbourne, writes:—

Your correspondent, Mr. C. M. Broughton, in your last issue, after citing an exceptional case, asks if there are any Evangelical Champions of the Weed, who can justify himself in the habit of smoking?

I cannot for myself, being a non-smoker. We can hardly expect a clergyman to justify himself in public for fear of outside prejudice. However, much can be advanced to favour the habit. Why should the clergy be denied this solace more than any other profession? Having regard to the strenuous work falling to the clergy, the pipe is found soothing to the racked brain, and calms the nerves, that is, of course, indulged in moderation. Some clergy preparing their two or more sermons need at times restraint of thought—concentration—to help them along orthodox lines; the pipe is found helpful.

The late Dr. Moorhouse, Bishop of Melbourne, said in public: "I occasionally take a pipe myself." There was no loss of the high esteem in which he was held.

An example of broadmindedness is found in the Church of England Men's Society. Clergy are on the Executive, at Council Meetings, and Social Gatherings. While presiding, the Chairman suggests a smoke, indulged in by clergy and laymen, of course only men are present. For health reasons, I have at times retired, but without prejudice to the pleasure of others—it is my loss, but their enjoyment. Tolerance I claim for the clergy. Mr. Broughton will see his views are narrow and need recasting in respect of the clergy, Evangelical or High.

### New Church at Crib Point.

The Rev. A. C. Miles, Hastings, Victoria, writes:—

Will you kindly allow me space to appeal through your columns for help for the proposed new Church at Crib Point. With

great efforts, the local folk have at last raised sufficient money to commence building. The diocese has given a grant of £25, and a loan of £250 is being raised through the banks by diocesan permission. Building operations are being commenced, but only a small structure, without a ceiling, is possible at present. We have no furniture, with the exception of a small organ, and I am sure that there are many parishes which have articles of church furniture packed away or pushed into a corner, which would be of great value to us at Crib Point. We need seating accommodation for about 50 people. Remember, we are building a House of Prayer for a floating population of sailors wives and children, connected with Flinders Naval Depot. It is a mission to sailors wives and children, and it demands outside help. All donations, communications and articles of furniture should be sent direct to me at Hastings Vicarage, and if necessary, I can arrange for a carrier to call and collect articles at parish halls or vicarages. Yours in an endeavour to help others.

### The New Constitution.

"Anxious" writes:—

When saints fall out there appears to be a good chance of the Church learning much that otherwise might be suppressed. The Bishop of Tasmania and the Bishop of Goulburn, in their Synod addresses, have given us some interesting inside information concerning the meeting of Bishops held in Sydney last November. Apparently it was decided that the Primate and the Bishop of Newcastle were to prepare a document containing further amendments desired by the Bishops in the proposed new constitution for the Church. This document, together with another, was to be submitted first to the Sydney diocese and then to the other dioceses.

It is common knowledge that the Archbishop of Sydney, who is also Primate, convened forthwith a special session of the Sydney Diocesan Synod. For some reason that has never been explained; the notice convening the Sydney Synod was suddenly cancelled.

Rumour has it that the amendments suggested by the Bishops would have placed such power in their hands as to nullify largely some of the safeguards of the constitution. Whether they be so or not I am unable to say, but it would be extremely helpful if the Bishop of Goulburn or the Bishop of Tasmania would go one step further and inform the great body of church-people just what the Bishops' proposals really are. We should then be able to judge for ourselves, instead of being treated as mere pawns in the game.

Is it possible that the Bishops themselves are the responsible persons for holding up for several years the proposal for unifying the Church in Australia under one constitution?

[Letter on Constitution, from Rev. M. E. de B. Griffith, held over till next issue.]

### Canberra and the Primacy.

"Inquirer" writes:—

May I through the columns of the "Australian Church Record" ask for information as to the future relationship between Canberra and the Primacy?

It has been announced in the public press that the Diocese of Goulburn has passed an Ordinance to provide for the appointment of an Assistant Bishop and that either this Bishop or the Bishop of Goulburn will be the Bishop in charge of Anglicanism in the Capital of the Commonwealth. Are we to understand that for all time the Capital of this great Commonwealth is to be, so far as Anglicanism is concerned, an appendage of the Diocese of Goulburn?

If not, what provision is there for altering things when once a Bishop is in charge?

### The Mass or Holy Communion.

Rev. S. J. Kirkby writes:—

The correspondence carried on in your columns concerning the nature of certain services in the mission field may well be left to the originators thereof—Bishop Gilbert White and the Rev. W. M. Madgwick. This little letter is tendered as an expression of surprise that so wise and careful a guide as the good Bishop should give even hesitating support to the use of the word "mass" to describe the Holy Communion of the Anglican Church. May I ask where is the authority for its use "without any implications of false doctrine"? That certain individuals or groups of individuals so use the word may be granted, but they cannot be regarded as authorities. Personal or group idiosyncrasy, or a mediaeval complex,

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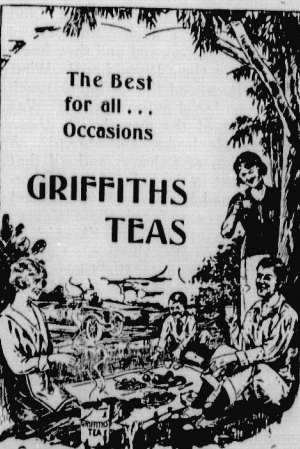
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Toorak Vicarage, May 9, 1929.

"Fight the good fight of faith."  
1 Tim. vi. 12.

My dear girls and boys,

Probably each one of you has a special hero, someone you admire, very, very much. He may be someone who is living now, even someone you know, or he may have died years, years ago. There have always been people who are brave and self-sacrificing, right far back in history we find them, and they are among us at the present day.

Anzac Day has just passed. In all the Churches of Australia we have been remembering our men who faced death and such terrible dangers those few short years ago. Many of you have fathers who were there on that first Anzac Day. They all served their country in her time of danger, giving up so much for what they knew was the cause of right. We remember them and are thankful for them.

I am adding the story of a man who gave his life for his faith, he died centuries ago. His day, St. George's Day, comes just two days before Anzac Day. He, too, was a soldier.

In church we sometimes sit, sometimes kneel, sometimes stand. Do you know which we do when we say the Creed, and why?

I am, yours affectionately,

*Aunt Mat*

Answer to question in last issue:—

The word Collect means a collection of the teaching of the day into a small prayer.

"St. George for England," was the English battle-cry away back at the time of Crecy and Agincourt, and still the legendary story of his fight with the dragon is pictured in gold on England's coinage.

St. George was born in the country of Cappadocia, in Asia Minor. His father was a soldier of high position, and, according to tradition, suffered martyrdom for the Christian faith when his son was only three years old. His mother fled to Lydda, in Palestine, taking the child with her. After the death of his mother he entered the Roman army as a centurion. His fame as a soldier reached Rome, and the Emperor, Diocletian, summoned him to the Imperial Court, where he became a great favourite. The fury of the Romans against the Christian faith resulted in an imperial decree that all who would not abandon Christianity and sacrifice to the Roman gods would be put to death. George, of Lydda, heard of this decree while attending a great banquet given by the Emperor. He sprang to his feet and shouted, "Slay me, then, for I am a Christian." He was at once thrown into prison, and on refusing to abandon his faith, was put to death on Good Friday, April 23, 303.

While fighting in the Crusades in Palestine, Richard Coeur de Lion heard the story of St. George and adopted him as his patron saint; he also adopted St. George's flag, a red cross on a white ground. And so St. George became the patron saint of England, although he never set foot on English soil.

As to the dragon. This is a real fairy tale. The city of Silve stood perched upon a hillside by the seashore in "a far Afric land." It had high walls and strong towers, but outside the city dwelt a fearful dragon, who, having devoured all the sheep and oxen of the country now demanded a child each day to appease his hunger. Each day lots were cast to decide what child should perish. At last the lot fell on the King's only daughter, Princess Sabra. She was led out of the city and left alone. But a noble young knight named George, clad in shining armour, and bearing a mighty lance, came riding by. He fought the dragon and after a dreadful combat, conquered it, rescued the Princess and held the dragon in leash with Sabra's girdle. Thus he entered Silve in triumph, winning the gratitude of King and people.

Our citizenship is in heaven, then our experience ought to be there, but we are more often found enjoying Christ as our helper down here, when by right we should feel our place is above where He is, and be dwelling there. We are, or should be like men in a diving bell, out of our element, but safe, breathing our own atmosphere from above, only we are so foolish we often get a gulp of the salt water around.

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Spiritual understanding comes through revelation not reasoning.

One of England's millionaires gave a dinner in honour of his racehorse.

Mr. H. G. Wells says the world is plainly heading towards another war.

Spencer, Huxley, and Romanes, before their death, repudiated Darwinism.

In Tangier New Testaments are given to every Jew and Jewess who can read and who will accept them.

Someone has said, "Evangelise or fossilise." The Church must increase numerically or cease to exist.

Mrs. Carruthers, who died recently in Perth, bequeathed £2000 to the Chancellor towards payment of the British National Debt.

The statement of a Jewish thinker says, "when we have finished making our religion easy going enough it is usually gone."

It is not what man thinks, but what God thinks that matters. What men think is responsible for 350 different sects in Christendom.

A woman in France writes, "I was happy before I became rich." Two years ago she inherited two million pounds.

Unclaimed promises are like unclaimed cheques. They will keep us from bankruptcy, but not from want.—F. R. Havergal.

Signor Mussolini, who holds more than half of the Ministerial offices in Italy, must shudder each morning when he faces the menial task of shaving most of the Cabinet members.

Victorian Subscribers are notified that payment may be made at the office of the Bush Church Aid Society, Cathedral Buildings (second floor), Swanston Street, Melbourne.

"Distance is no barrier to the operation of the Televox. The operator may be in New York, and the Televox in San Francisco, yet the apparatus will operate just as readily as if directed from the same room."

The Scriptural verse selected by President Hoover to kiss as the oath of office was administered was from Proverbs, "Where there is no vision, the people perish; but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."

London is still the financial and commercial centre of the world. Of £41,000,000 odd which passed through all the bankers' clearing houses last year £38,000,000 odd was cleared through London.

The colportage work all over Palestine, and in Tiberias and Safed especially, is in need of much prayer as there is great opposition, Bibles and Gospels being occasionally knocked out of the hands of the colporteurs. On the other hand, Jews in Palestine are now reading their Hebrew Bibles; many, too, are beginning to read the New Testament.

Strong exception is taken by parents to the programme which was chosen to take the scholars of Church Schools to Melbourne on Boat Race Night. How can we expect these schools to augment the ranks of the Church when religious influence is undone in this way?

The Jewish Press has been protesting against the broadcasting on Good Friday of accounts of the Crucifixion with its reference to the part taken therein by the Jews. It is regarded as preposterous that Jews should be forced to listen to what is called "the manufacture of public opinion in Europe against the Jews."

"These scientific men ought to feel proud," says the "Sheffield Daily Telegraph," "on the unthinking and unparalleled trust that the public bestows on them. Men of science are the only people whose truth and wisdom are absolutely taken for granted without inquiry. They are on a pedestal; one wonders if they are ever haunted by a fear of being knocked off it."

A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Lady O'Grady, who recently died in England, and who had never been able to join her husband, Sir James O'Grady, in Tasmania, was solemnised at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Hobart. Among the congregation was the Ven. Archdeacon F. Whittington, Anglican Vicar-General. Whether he was present in his official or private capacity is not stated.

The electric "eye," latest addition to the clan of the "mechanical man," has just gone to work in the Holland vehicular tunnel under the Hudson River, New York State. The robot's job is to count the motor cars as they enter the tunnel. A light throws a beam upon a small window in the floor. As the motor car passes through the light it interrupts the beam, and a photo-electric cell inside the window responds by actuating an electric relay. This, in turn, operates a number-recording machine.

The question of how the earth will perish, Professor Lundmark says: That when such a thing happens it will be due to an explosion in the gas ball, which is called the sun, an explosion which will last only 24 hours and put an end to an existence of more than 1000 millions of years. Parallels to such a phenomenon are frequently seen when new stars flash up and disappear. The sun will probably then, within a few millions of years, again contract and then once more perhaps give rise to a new culture.