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YOUR FLAG AND MY FLAG.

Has Wilbur D. Nesbit written a new national anthem in his poem "Your Flag and My Flag?" The simple, stirring verses are now sweeping the country, and one enthusiastic admirer pronounces them the best expression of American sentiment since Drake wrote his famous poem beginning "When Freedom from her mountain height." Still others declare it to be more American in its expression and more in tune with national thought of today than "The Star Spangled Banner" or even "America." Without entering into a discussion of its merits as compared with other national songs and poems, it is interesting to note that no poem published in recent years has so thoroughly taken hold of the American people. The first stanza may be quoted:

"Your flag and my flag— And how it flies today In your land and my land And half a world away! Rose-red and blood-red The stripes forever gleam; Snow-white and soul-white— The good forefathers' dream. Sky-blue and true-blue, with stars to gleam aright— The gloried guidon of the day, a shelter through the night."

Public speakers in every state of the union have been, and are, swaying their audiences with Nesbit's flag verses as part of their speeches. School children everywhere are learning it. It is being taught in the public and parochial schools of Chicago and elsewhere. It has appeared in the Congressional Record several times, and governors of various states have used it as their flag day proclamations. Hardly a week passes that some musician does not send Mr. Nesbit a suggested musical setting for the poem, but as yet the right composition has not been found.

Mr. Nesbit for years was known as one of America's foremost magazine and newspaper writers, and within the past seven years he has taken his place as one of three leading writers of advertising in America. He is vice-president of the Mahin Advertising Company, of Chicago and New York. He is now writing and supervising copy for such concerns as The B. F. Goodrich Co., Akron, O.; The Baltimore & Ohio R. R.; The Carnation Milk Products Co., Seattle, Wash.; Wilson Co., Chicago; The Ashland Mfg. Co., Chicago; Grimmell Gloves; The Haynes Automobile Company, Kokomo; The Lowe Bros. Paint Co., Dayton, O.; The Thread Mills Co., Chicago; The Cheney Talking Machine Co.; and Marshall Field & Co., wholesale, Chicago. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent in newspapers, magazine and farm papers by these advertisers on copy

RELIGIOUS LEADERS PLAN SOUL DOCTORING AFTER WAR'S RAVAGES CEASE

Boston, Mass., Feb. 27.—(United Press)—On the theory that men's souls will be sick after the European war has finished tearing them to pieces, famous religious leaders met here today to consider what spiritual medicine shall be prepared for them. The prevention of future wars by proper religious teachings also will be considered. "This convention of the Religious Education association," said Secretary Dr. Henry F. Cope of Chicago today, "is one of preparedness by education rather than by armament." Among those present are Bishop Francis J. McConnell of Denver, Governor McCall of Massachusetts, Prof. J. E. Kessler of Texas, Dr. Katsujiri Kato of Japan, William Douglas McKenzie of Hartford, Rabbi Henry Levi and Harrison C. Elliott of the International Y. M. C. A.

THE WHAT-YOU-MAY COLUMN

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written by Mr. Nesbit.

His years of training in newspaper writing gave him the experience and the knowledge of how to make whatever he writes touch a responsive chord in the reader and stir his mind to action to do whatever Mr. Nesbit's pen so deftly points the way.

"The flag verses," Mr. Nesbit says, "are in a certain sense, an advertisement for the American flag. They express what I think is in the heart of every American concerning his country's banner. Of course, it is gratifying to know that so many other people agree with the sentiment in the verses."

P. F. Volland & Co., Mr. Nesbit's publishers, of Chicago and New York, were quick to see the wide demand the flag poem would create, and have published it as a hand-colored motto, also as a large poster-size motto for schools, business offices, etc., and as a steel-engraved postcard. In its postcard form it first appeared when the state militia was mobilized on the Mexican border, and it was the favorite of the soldier boys as a missive to the folks at home.

Great Britain will have to get along with only 10,000,000 gallons of beer. Importation of coffee, cocoa, tea, raw fruits, except lemons and oranges, hides, leather, boots and shoes and many other articles is also prohibited. We wonder what John Bull will do without his beer and ale.

Herbert Kaufman says: "A just and strong people does not fail nor quail before any destiny. Tomorrow is in God's hands. Let us go about our business as usual and make the most of the days that are in our own." This has a Lincoln flavor.

THE FORUM

What Shall I Do to Be Saved? To the Editor: In a former citation of scriptural passages answering the text, the writer hereof, made no comment or even suggestion, save that the Bible should be taken in its entirety, as is a legal document, but nowhere was it even intimated that it is a legal document, for it is not.

Both the quotations and the writer are criticised, with the insistence that they were inapplicable, that a human judgment must interpret them, that the Bible sayings must be emancipated to fit a "man-made creed," and that part was of miracle. And what is a miracle? Anything a man does not understand is one.

But life is a miracle. Who knows the source and elements of electricity? Who can tell why the same vegetation produces hair on the back of a goat and wool on a sheep? Why color and substance in different vegetables are produced by the same soil? All must be miracles.

What is required by the text: What is it we are saved from? Is it to escape the final judgment of condemnation? We submit that the salvation in the inquiry is a salvation from one's sin and evil life and which will lead to such salvation in the future world, as is taught throughout the sacred scriptures.

The universality of the sacred words:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto good works." (2 Tim. III-16.)

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the inquiry: "Good Master, what good thing shall I do that may I have eternal life—(same inquiry as our text)—Jesus said: "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." And to show what commandments were meant the decalogue was rehearsed—

together with the two of the Savior of "love to God and the neighbor"—Jesus added: "Whosoever, therefore shall break one of these commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. V-19; XIV-17.)

Observation: The law which Paul speaks of as fallen in disuse is the ceremonial or Levitical law of Moses—relating to flesh sacrifices and physical circumcision—and not the Sacred Word God wrote with His finger on the tables of stone on Mount Sinai which shall never cease to be obligatory upon the conscience of man.

And the Christ confirmed this when He said: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law and the prophets—I am not come to destroy but to fulfill. For, verily, I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in nowise pass from the law till all be fulfilled." (Matt. V-17.)

"Blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates of the city." (Rev. XXII-14.)

Indeed, from the beginning to the end the sacred scriptures require—as the essentials of salvation—the shunning of evil as sin, and obedience to the divine commandments. Even in the Lord's prayer the supplication is—"Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."

Observation: The six English words—"is given by inspiration of God"—being expressed in the Greek by the single term—theopneustos—which literally signifies, God-breathed. We are assured that God is a spirit, that He breathed in the nostrils of the first man the breath of life, and that man became a living soul, or spirit. The word "man" is used as Adam, or the human race.

So that it is reasonable to infer that God breathed in the Divine Word the spirit it contains, rather than the literal words.

The spirit of the word: When Christ said: "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, ye have no life in you"—the Jews interpreted these words literally, and they said with surprise and contempt, "Can this man give us his flesh to eat?" In explanation of His hard saying, Jesus said: "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." (John VI-63.)

"Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Cor. II-14.)

Observation: It does not impeach the words of Bible because my critic does not understand them, but calls them miracles, he shows that he is the natural man, and he sees only the literal meaning of the scriptures.

Abbreviations of the scriptures: "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." (Rev. XXII-19.)

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