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RELIGION AND ENTHUSIASM.

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We still have what we call enthusiastic crowds at football games, at political mass-meetings, at receptions to popular heroes but enthusiasm in religion is less in evidence than it used to be.

Some may think that marks an advance in religious thought and feeling. We doubt it. We incline strongly to a contrary opinion. We believe that one of the needs of religion is more enthusiasm not less.

As a matter of fact, enthusiasm is a word which properly used describes only a religious attitude or state. As we use it today we abuse it. We have torn it from its roots and cheapened it. We have attached it to types of emotional experience and expression to which it does not belong. Like many another word it has suffered in human handling a sad dilution and distortion.

It has a Greek origin. Its root is "enthos," which, in the days when the word was coined, meant "in-dwell by a god." Enthusiasm, therefore, is the condition of being "God-possessed," and that is the very essence of religion—certainly the very essence of the Christian religion. A truly religious people should be enthusiastic, and no other people can be in the real sense of the word.

Enthusiasm as an aspect of Christian faith dates from Pentecost, the 1900th anniversary of which the churches are this year commemorating. It was then the great experience came to 120 believers in Jesus which led Paul later to write of Christians as "temples of God." The old thought had been that God manifested His presence in the temple which stood in Jerusalem, as He had in the ancient tent or tabernacle which Israel carried through the wilderness into the promised land. But now His presence was to be in the lives of men and women, without respect to rank, to education, to anything but the readiness of faith to receive Him. God, who had been localized, was universalized by Pentecost. The experience of His indwelling was made possible to every human being.

The outstanding figure among the 120 who were gathered in a Jerusalem home when there came to them, after days of prayer, a realization of the presence of God in their lives was Simon Peter. We recall that Peter was the friend of Jesus who lost his nerve on the night when his Master was arrested and taken to the palace of the high priest. He stood quaking among the crowd in the palace courtyard. It was a chilly night and a fire was burning on the pavement. But it was not alone the chilliness of the atmosphere which made Peter quake. He was afraid. When some one presently charged him with being a follower of this Jesus of Nazareth, he stoutly and profanely denied that he so much as knew Him. That was Peter before Pentecost. That was Peter before the upper room experience which brought to him an awareness of God entering his soul, of God possessing him—a Peter who believed in Jesus but did not dare confess his faith.

Now look at him. There he stands, perhaps at an open window, perhaps on a balcony overlooking the street. Below is a throng of curious people, of people come to Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost, the feast of harvest and ingathering. In the throng the doctors of the law, eminent ecclesiasts, temple officials—men who a few weeks before had counseled together to bring about the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus, and who had pledged themselves to the work of stamping out this heresy associated with His name and leadership. Peter is speaking. His voice is ringing out clearly so that every word reaches every ear. Hear him. "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God unto you by mighty works and wonders and signs which

Graphic Outlines of History
By KARL K. MILLS

DISCOVERY OF NORTH POLE

The North Pole, after standing a siege of over four centuries, was at last conquered by man. Two men, Admiral Peary and Dr. Cook, laid claim to the discovery. Cook maintained that he discovered the Pole in 1908, a year earlier than Peary, but the latter is generally given the credit because of the statistics and markings on his instrument. Care and consideration in the selection of details permit arrangements in perfect taste yet within the means of the most humble purse.

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And that is Peter the enthusiast; Peter the God-possessed man. Whatever doubts you may have about some sorts of miracles, the type represented by this remarkable change in personality is not to be questioned. It has happened over and over again in the lives of men since Pentecost.

Peter never again denied his faith, never apologized for it, never remained silent when there was a chance to speak a word for his Master. Peter the enthusiast, by his life and conversation, convinced people that his religion was worth having. He was convinced of a respectability that to believe as he did—it was far from that in his day—because this religion had made a man of him, had given life a significance it never had before, had brought into his experience a Great Companionship, and had opened the way to possibilities which as yet he only understood in part, but which, though dimly seen, were glorious to contemplate.

Religion must regain its enthusiasm—its sense of the divine indwelling—if it is to win the world to God. That is the message which comes to us from Pentecost. If there were more enthusiasts, more God-possessed men, there would be less questioning as to the reality of God.

God does not dwell in dogmas, in creeds, in philosophies. Men cannot find Him in formulae. He is greater than logic. God must be lived.

A report comes from North Carolina of a hen that laid five eggs in one day. That hen must be a poor mathematician.

Character is often better than collateral.

If a man writes the same kind of love letters after marriage as he did before it is an infallible sign that he married happily.

A new style religion, in which no hell is recognized, has been organized at Chicago. Of course it is easy for a person living in Chicago to believe a kind Providence would believe no further punishment.

The people who holler the loudest for the spending of public money are also often the ones who holler the loudest about paying their taxes.

It sometimes pays to kick, but it never pays to knock.

When a man is in love with a girl he is in the poorest condition to apply for a job to earn the money to support her with.

Royal Succession
According to the practice now prevalent in monarchies the wife of the reigning king does not succeed to the throne in case of the latter's death. The succession passes through either the male or female line, but does not pass from one to the other. Likewise if a reigning queen dies her husband does not succeed to the throne. For instance, if a queen of the Netherlands should die her eldest child would become sovereign, not the queen's husband. Catherine the Great of Russia succeeded her husband Peter III, but the proceeding was revolutionary.—Exchange.

Burns Musical Genius
As for Burns, his genius fed upon, daily and hourly, the floating Highland air that lived among the people. He was a musician born. Some wind would blow him a wandering line of verse, some ancient tag of a ballad, and strains of an entrancing Celtic melody. While he drove his plow . . . he would whistle and chant till he had woven them into something that made all the world in love with him for ever. —Grace Rhys, in the Introduction of "A Celtic Anthology."

Mark Twain
One day, when Mark Twain was very busy writing in his study, his little daughter asked where daddy was, and was told she must not disturb daddy because he was upstamps writing an anecdote.

Not long after the doorbell rang and the little girl ran to answer it. The caller asked if Mr. Clemens was in, to which the little miss proudly replied: "Yes, sir, he's in, but you can't see him 'cause he's upstairs riding a nannygoat."—Exchange.

What Would Happen?

"You know," said Bill Tomaine, president of the Spit and Arty club and a philosopher of wide renown, as he slumped downtown to get a good seat on a sunny curbstone for the parade, "you know, I have often wondered why I like parades so much, and at last I know. It's because when the fire trucks are in the parade I am always wondering what will happen if an alarm comes in."—Emporia Gazette.

Prussia Long "Sprucia"

According to Vizetelly "A word that has a very interesting history is spruce with its double meaning (1) 'smartly or finely dressed' and (2) 'the fir tree' known as spruce fir," writes Frank H. Vizetelly in a New York paper. "On its face, this word does not bear any resemblance to Prussia, yet on special occasions it was the custom among our forebears to deck one's self out in the dress of other countries. Men who adopted the particular dress of Prussia were arrayed in a style to which the epithet spruce might have been applied with perfect propriety. They were appeared after the style of Prussia, or, as it was commonly known and spoken of in those days, Spruce."

"The reason that Prussia should have been called Spruce instead of Pru is to be attributed to the English fondness for initial S, which may have been drawn in, this case, from the German das Preussische. "That Spruce really meant Prussia and was used instead of Pruce may be found in 'Piers Plowman,' where we read Spruce for Pruce, although Chaucer uses Pruce in his 'Canterbury Tales.' Prussia was called Sprucia as late as 1614."

Steel Cabinets. The Sentinel.

That's That

It is annoying when one goes to the theatre and has one's view obstructed by the hat of a woman seated in front.

Nobody has much sympathy for those who choose to wear their largest hats while seeking amusement, but, on the other hand, there is the crusty old man who finds fault with everything, and pretends he is unable to see the stage even when the hat in front of him is of the smallest variety.

One of these was at the theatre when, after fidgeting for some time, he growled in a loud voice to the girl in front of him: "Do you mind removing your hat? I can't see through wood!"

The girl turned and looked at him quietly for a moment. Then she said, calmly: "Very well, change seats; I can."

Musical Milkmaid

The piping of the goatherds is one of the novel experiences of those persons who take occasion to spend a little time in the mountain towns in the Pyrenees mountains in the south of France. This music fills the early morning air, the milk people appearing soon after the break of dawn. These early morning visitors present a picturesque appearance. The pair consists generally of a lad and a maid, leading a herd of goats, and the lad is equipped with homemade pan-pipes, and his music serves to call the housekeeper who appears in the door with a crock or heavy brass pail, and into this the milk is drawn directly from the animal.

Commercial Bodies

Chambers of commerce originated on the continent of Europe with the disintegration of the old guild system. The first chamber of commerce on record is that of Marseilles, France, which grew out of a committee of merchants established in 1509. The movement spread to the United States, where the first chamber of commerce, that of New York city, was organized in 1788.

Loose Blade

If the blade has come loose from the knife handle, make a paste of three parts resin and one of powdered pumice. Heat the prong of the knife until red hot and press into the paste. When the paste hardens, the knife will be good and firm.

And Sometimes It's Dry

Drilling an oil well in the United States costs from \$15,000 to \$250,000, according to the depth and location, a petroleum specialist explains.

Nineteen states have national guard air units on which the federal government spends about \$500,000 a year.



Radio Ray has this to say:

HOWDY FOLKS—Woodrow Wilson died this week. We wondered how many of you remembered that. Also, we wonder if time will make him one of the famous presidents.

Jess Lansing suggests that perhaps one of the best ways of catching the bootleggers would be to pass a law requiring them all to list their names in the phone book under the "B's."

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Daffy Definition.

Pay day—The day the wife decides she can't put that shopping trip off another day.

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High School Notes

(Continued from first page.)

to the Associated Girls Students at class meetings Wednesday. The freshmen chose Jean Short, the sophomores Dorothy Baldwin, the juniors Lucille Stoneburg, and the seniors Jennine Burrows.

Officers and special committees of the Associated Girls Students, of which Harriet Wiseman is chairman, met Wednesday afternoon and formed a constitution which will be voted on next meeting.

The girls' interclass basketball teams were chosen January 26. They are as follows: Senior first, Dolly Newton, Louise Wynne, Ruth Aldrich, Jennine Burrows, Maxine Lemley and Mildred Bennett; Junior first, Margaret Leonard, Lucille Stoneburg, Bernadine Wiese, Madeline Beidler, Gladys Spruells, Florene Strauss, Edna May Harvey and Bernice Mosby; Junior second, Lila Dutton, Anna Carter, Rita Bailes, Edith Easley, Mildred Chapman, Dorothy Lineary, Evelyn Smith, Dorothy Stewart and Isabelle Safley; sophomore first, Doris Anlauf, Mae Chestnut, Erma Bennett, Dorothy Baldwin, Gertrude Fleckner, Dorothy Haney and Mabel Blackmore; freshman first, Gail Landamood, Betty Jacobsen, Unavette Whitsett, Delsa Dutton, Pauline Wertz, Evelyn Coiner, Zelma Lafoon and Arleen Dillon; freshman second, Faye Wooley, Helen Hansen, Nellie Tucker, Eana Grubb, Lucille Leonard, Wilma Spruells and Maxine Nixon.

At a girls' basketball game Tuesday afternoon in the gymnasium the sophomore first team defeated the junior first team 38 to 8.

The senior first team defeated the freshmen first team by a score of 42 to 4 in a girls' basketball game Thursday afternoon in the gymnasium.

The Future Farmers' club of the high school is planning a stunt show and program to be put on in cooperation with the rural centers this spring.

Several books have been added to the library recently. They are "The Red Knight of Germany," by Floyd Gibbons; "Six Years in the Malay Jungle," by Carveth Wells; "Outline of History," by H. G.

Wells; "Revolt in the Desert," by Lawrence; "Creative Chemistry," by Slossen; "Four Months Afoot in Spain" and "A Vagabond Journey Around the World," by Franck; "Bridge of the Gods," by Balch; "The Red Badge of Courage," by Crane; "Lord Jim," by Conrad; "Mr. Pim Passes By," by A. A. Milne; "Clarence," "Mister Antonio" and a second volume of "Seventeen," all by Booth Tarkington; "Broken Dishes," by Martin Flavin; "Miss Lulu Betts," by Zona Gale; two volumes of Eugene O'Neill's plays.

A number of teachers are using the contract system of instruction this semester. Miss Myrtle Ken is using this system in her English classes and Miss Werdna Isbell is using it in her geography class. Miss Lula Curran is using a similar plan in her United States history classes. Miss Earle Gilbert used the contract system last semester and is using it now to some extent. In the contract system the work is divided into units. The students must contract for a certain grade, the higher the grade contracted for, the longer the unit of work to be done.

Lloyd Burleson, sophomore, and Evelyn Shanda, post graduate, entered school Monday of last week. Ethelbert Crawford, junior, has gone to Portland, where he will attend school.

Mrs. Harry Godard is substituting for Miss Florence Jenks, commerce teacher, who is ill.

Fourteen freshmen entered school from junior high Monday of last week.

Five seniors graduated at mid-year. They are Donna Bartell, Leon Van Nortwick, Read Hemmings, Ralph Black and Philip Hersey.

Marcell Hopper, a former student, visited school Thursday of last week.

H. E. Lafky, Lawrence Kent and Niles Manbeck went to Salem Saturday to locate pure-bred cattle for project work. While there they went through Lee's large egg hatchery which has an incubator capacity of 141,000 eggs.

Miss Frances M. Wright, state supervisor of home economics, with headquarters at Salem in the vocational educational department, visited high school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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