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March 13, 1927 If thine enemy hunger, feed him: if he thirst, give him drink: if he is doing thee shall heap coals of fire upon his head. Be not overcome of evil; but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:20-21.

God and You

A LENTEN MEDITATION By the Rev. Charles Stetzel

God is seeking men. Sometimes men have tried to find Him in every bush, in every tree, in the eyes of animals. They have sought Him in the sun, the stars, the moon. They have made idols of the ideals which they have created for themselves.

THE GOLD IN SUGAR BEETS

Sugar manufacture is also undergoing a tremendous change. Cane sugar, which had the field to itself, soon found a competitor in the form of beet sugar; and this latter had hardly got going good before sugar from corn and other sources appeared to enliven the situation.

The two paragraphs quoted above are from the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post— And there is nothing new in them to Statesman readers, excepting the announcement that British Columbia proposes to subsidize the beet sugar industry.

And it will not be long until all three kinds of sugar will be selling in the stores throughout this country, and throughout the world, and each looking like the other, for they can be and will all three be granulated—

There will be little difference in them except as to their sweetening power. The little difference will be as to the different dietary value of each.

But artichoke sugar will go well with beet sugar, for it will be made in the same factories, with slight changes in machinery and appliances.

The Salem district will one day be making all three kinds of sugar, for we can produce the sugar beets, the artichokes and the corn—

But, in the point of by-products, for this district, beet sugar will be the most valuable. The tops and the pulp and the molasses will be used for stock feed. And then this valley will come into its own as the greatest dairying district in the world.

Then there will not be such a milk war as we have here now. There will be plenty of milk for all the factories that need it.

There is published in this issue of The Statesman an article by William J. Hale, one of the great chemists of the country. It is well worth reading, in that it points out the brilliant outlook the future holds for the industries on the land, when every farmer will be a manufacturing chemist.

There is a milk war on in the Salem district. There is not enough milk to go around. There are not enough cows. The dairying industry here is growing; has been growing; is three or four times its size of eight to ten years ago. But it is not big enough. It will not be big enough till we grow sugar beets.

One of the great moving picture concerns is preparing films of the flax industry, from the seed going into the ground to the making of fine linens in the factory—all in the Salem district. This will carry the name of Salem around the world, in a favorable connection. It will be good advertising.

IMPOSSIBLE TO BANISH GOD FROM THE MIND OF THE HUMAN RACE

A writer in Collier's Weekly says an organization has recently been formed in this country which avows: "The object of this society is to abolish belief in God, together with all forms of religion based upon that belief"

And the same writer says: "The magazine published as the official organ of the association announces as its program the conversion to atheism of as many children as possible. The leading editorial urges subscribers to distribute bundles of the publication, so as to help the magazine to 'find new friends and readers and at the same time get your children interested in doing propaganda work for atheism and evolution.'

"The implication that atheism and evolution are necessarily corollaries, the one of the other, may be passed by without argument as one of the minor manifestations of a confused mentality.

"The attempt to convert all the children of the land to atheism—a campaign against children largely conducted by children—is a conception tinged with grotesquerie. No immediate alarm need be felt concerning its results.

"But here is a thought: 'Suppose this little group of serious atheistical thinkers really were able to put their idea across, thoroughly and completely. Suppose they got control, for a generation, of all the machinery of government, all the machinery of publicity, all the apparatus of education, all the media for the communication of thought—

"And suppose, in sixty, or eighty, or a hundred years from now, the country were populated with 200,000,000 people who had never even heard of God—

"Could the 'cause' of atheism consider that it had scored a conclusive and permanent victory?

"No. We don't wish to bruise the heart of any young atheistical prophet to such an extent that he will go out into the back yard of the universe and eat cosmic angle worms; but the answer is, No.

"The idea of God, in one form or another, comes back to the human mind as spontaneously and necessarily as the air comes to the human lungs; a religious idea is at the core of man's being. We are not talking of forms, rituals, churches, creeds, organizations—we are speaking of that primal, human perception that life exists in the universe, and that this life (define it as you will and philosophize about it as you choose) is, essentially, God.

"This perception could not be eliminated from the human race. It sprouts and burgeons in an endless variety of religious systems, and it is always certain to be accompanied by a code of morals.

"Even these young prophets of atheism are unable to get away from a moral code. In their literature they state that what they are aiming at is the betterment of the condition of humanity!

"The editor of the magazine is, we understand, 17 years old. Time will take care of this campaign. Flaunting the banner of atheism is essentially a gesture of immaturity."

STUDENT, WHEN AND WHY, UNDER PROBE

Committee Chosen to Make Thorough Investigation of Problem

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene.—(Special) When is a student and why? This is the important question assigned to a committee of 12 faculty members which was given three years to determine the answers.

Dr. John Board, dean of the school of physical education, and chairman of the committee, said "the committee has been organized for the purpose of ascertaining all facts, conditions, and influences affecting the career of the student during the college days."

Within the next three years, at which time the report is to be made to President Hall, the committee hopes to come to some definite decision as to entangling students on scholarship, and personally, in order to measure the developments each makes in college. Economic and social conditions will be taken into consideration in drawing up these statistics.

Those people, selected by Dr. Hall as well for their interest in this special phase of university problems as for their ability, are: Edmund S. Conklin, head of the department of psychology; Hari R. Douglass, professor of education; Virginia Judy Esterly, dean of women; James H. Gilbert, head of the department of economics; Dr. F. N. Miller, university physician; E. C. Robbins, head of the school of business administration; H. D. Sheldon, dean of the school of education; Carlton E. Spencer, registrar; Howard R. Taylor, associate professor of psychology, and Dean Walker, dean of men. This committee has seven subdivisions.

"This is not an attempt to form a battalion system, but to aid the student in adjusting himself to his new environment," Board declared. "The deans of the school are at present virtually personnel officers. The committee is confined to no particular phase of investigation, no policy. The members, when visiting or on business at other universities, as is Dr. Sheldon now at Texas attending a convention, investigate the methods used there, gradually adding to the data being collected to work out the most satisfactory system of aiding the individual."

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JIMMY GROUND HOG LEARNS OBEDIENCE

(Continued from page 1.) the carrot, but he thought two small ones would do just as well. So he brought two. Daddy scolded a bit, and Mrs. Ground Hog boxed his small ears until he went off and had a good cry. Then daddy said: "Jimmy it is time you made a tunnel for yourself. You are a big boy now and must learn how to make a tunnel and build a home for yourself." Jimmy did not like the idea, but he set about the task as daddy showed him. But his idea of doing things his own way showed itself again. Daddy had told him to dig his tunnel on a slight rise so the water would not run into it. But Jimmy thought he knew best and made it go down a little as he went into the bank. He said it was easier. Daddy tried to tell him, but he knew best.

One day there came a heavy rain and the creek came up higher than usual, and Jimmy's home was flooded. He was caught in it and nearly drowned. His home was spoiled and he had to dig it all over again, and did it just as daddy Ground Hog told him the next time.

Winter came and the ground hog family went into winter quarters. All the long weeks they waited until spring should come. Then one day the sun came out and it looked warm. Jimmy wanted to go out, but Daddy said, "No it is too early yet." However, Jimmy went. The sun was bright, sure enough, but the wind was so cold he had creep back in. How cold and stiff he was, and it was so near so easy to get cosy and snug again and wait for several weeks longer until it was really warm enough.

Alfred became interested in the ground hog family and studied it and its habits. But in some ways he was much like Jimmy. One day Alfred's father set his ploughing in the field with the big gang plow. Mr. Farmer had adjusted the plough the way he wanted it to run and started Alfred off. Then he went about other work leaving the boy in the

field. After he was gone Alfred was not satisfied. He thought he could adjust the plough to work better and easier. So he set it the way he thought it was sure to work better. After a while his father came back. He noticed that Alfred had changed the plough, and asked why he did it. Alfred said that was the way it should be. Mr. Farmer said, "No, Alfred, that is not right. Let me set them back." He did so and then went away again. As soon as he was gone Alfred changed it back once more to his own idea.

I wonder if that is not the way with a good many men today. They think they know more than their employers, or bosses, or teacher. It sometimes takes a bitter experience to teach men that their own way is not better than what they have been instructed. Perhaps there was nothing wrong with Alfred's ploughing. He did the work, but he was not quite obedient to his father, not doing it the way he was told. It is obedience in the little things that counts for so much in our lives if we would be successful. It was so with Jimmy and also with Alfred.

One day Jimmy's daddy said: "Look out Jimmy, don't go too far away from your tunnel, for there is a big dog running around." Jimmy thought he knew what he was doing and sure enough he was caught. That was the end of Jimmy.

Alfred was helping his father unload hay in the barn. They were using a great hay-fork that

was drawn up by a team of horses. Mr. Farmer told Alfred how to handle the fork; but he thought he knew a better way. His father was driving the team. Alfred

tried his own way and down came the whole fork with the hay, rope and pulleys. He was hurt pretty badly, and for a long time they thought he could not get well. It was a bitter lesson, but he never forgot it, and it saved him from more serious injuries, without a doubt, in his later life.

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