

SOCIETY Gossip

Trinity Guild.

The Ladies of Trinity Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. E. M. McKay on Thursday afternoon, February 1st.

Ladies Aid.

The Congregational Ladies Aid society met with Meadams Divet, Taylor and Jamieson at the home of Mrs. Jamieson Wednesday afternoon.

N. P. Club Entertained

The N. P. Club was entertained last Monday evening at the Cameron home. The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carter.

Surprise Party.

A number of Miss Agnes Bader's young lady friends called on her last Saturday evening to remind her that it was her birthday anniversary. They presented her as a token of remembrance a shirt waist set and cuff links. The guests were entertained at cards and other amusements. Dainty refreshments were served.

Royal Neighbors.

Mrs. Ellis entertains the Royal Neighbors this afternoon.

Magazine Club.

The Magazine Club met last Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Barber. The next meeting of the club will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Probert.

W. R. C.

The ladies of the W. R. C. were entertained at the home of Mrs. Hartwell Tuesday. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lane next Tuesday, Jan. 30th.

Miss Cameron Entertained

Miss Iola Cameron entertained a number of her lady friends at dinner Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Ethel Shepherd.

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid of the Congregational church will be entertained by Madames Joyce, Gallagher and Clipfell next Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Joyce at the corner of 3rd street and Wis. Ave.

A GREAT TALKER



O'Toole—My, but he do love to hear himself talk, don't he?

O'Brien—He do. Faith, if he had the habit o' talkin' in his sleep he'd set up all night to listen and applaud.

DOUBTED HER STATEMENT



Maude—You heard me say that I didn't like smoking. Why don't you give it up?

Fred—Oh! you are the girl who once told me you didn't like kissing.

WELL QUALIFIED



First Dog—That feller that's waiting on Miss Greyhound keeps late hours, doesn't he?

Second Dog—Yes; I hear that he's a real sotter.

LETS WELL ENOUGH ALONE



Mrs. Sambo—Who does you reckon is de lazies' your husband or mine? Mrs. Lucas—I ain't gwine tu guess. It's bad enough now wifout stahtin' no competition.

HOW HE PROPOSED



Mr. Shyboy—It's very cheerful in, but very dismal without. Miss Ketchem—Without what? Mr. Shyboy—Why—er—er—without you, of course.

FEMININE AMENITIES



Myrilla—I'm too young, I imagine, for anyone to ask me to marry him. Rosalind—Never mind, dear, you'll be much, very much older before anyone does.

COMPLIMENTARY TO THE JAPANESE

Possess Traits That Are a Worth Example.

Pastor Russell Compliments Japs For Gentleness and Kind Demeanor, and Wishes He Could Do the Same For Christendom—Discourse on the Importance of the Will and a Proper Choice at the Beginning of the Year.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Tokio, Japan, December 31st.—The International Bible Students Committee of seven, for the investigation of Foreign Missions, is here. Pastor Russell, the Chairman of the Committee, gave two public addresses in one of our principal auditoriums, the Y. M. C. A. He had large audiences and keenest attention. His text was from Joshua xxiv. 15. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." He said:

In our day the human will, although still ambitious and avaricious, has taken a higher plane for its exercise than in the days of Alexander the Great and Napoleon. It is rather employed in the conquering of mountains and valleys, in the casting up of highways and piercing of tunnels; in the erection of bridges and the masterpieces of mechanical engineering which traverse the land and the sea with almost incredible speed.

The Will's Greatest Achievement. But, said the Pastor, the most wonderful achievement of the will is seen in self-control. The Scriptures say truly, "Greater is he that ruleth his own will than he that captures a city." (Proverbs xvi. 32.) The most wonderful illustrations of the will thus exercised he believes are to be found in the case of Jesus and His footstep followers. By the exercise of His will Jesus surrendered His glorious condition for the human estate and then delivered up Himself, as the Man Christ Jesus, to the doing of the Divine will, even unto death, that thus "by the grace of God He might taste death for every man." (Hebrews ii. 9.) The motive behind that strong will was not selfishness, but love.

Compliments the Japanese. When I note the gentleness and kindness and courtesy of Japanese life in general, I am astonished and wonder little that the ordinary Christian message has not appealed more to your hearts and displaced Shinto worship, for which I understand you have two hundred thousand figures, temples. Sympathetically putting myself in the place of the Japanese, I fancy you saying, Shall we exchange our simple, esthetic gentleness and kindness of spirit for the rudeness and sometimes swagger of the soldiers and sailors, and the domineering headiness of the upper classes who come to us?

Sympathetically, again I hear you say. The missionaries who have expounded Christianity to us for years have told us that our parents and ancestors whom we reverently worship are despised by your Christian God, and are damned to an eternity of torture because they did not know Jesus and become His followers. They tell us, additionally, that we also are bound for that place of eternal horror and torture unless we repudiate the religion of our birth, which has made us so happy and contented. Can you wonder that we resent such teaching; that we merely tolerate it to avoid war; that we prefer Buddhism and Shintoism, and that our Shinto temples increase the more rapidly because of antagonism to Christianity?

Heathen Ancestry Not Roasting. Alas, my dear hearers, Christianity, with very precious truths at its foundation, seriously lost its way long centuries ago and wandered far from the inspired teachings of the Bible. This is the explanation of the numerous sects and parties of Christendom and the different doctrines, none of which I am here to defend—either from the standpoint of reason or the Bible.

The Bible does not teach, as once you supposed, that eternal torment is the penalty for our first parents' disobedience in the eating of the forbidden fruit. On the contrary, it teaches that "the wages of sin is death," and that this death wage has been the experience of our entire race for now six thousand years. It teaches that in God's due time this curse or sentence of death will be lifted and that sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

It teaches that the whole earth shall become Paradise Restored—world-wide, and that those who, when fully informed, shall prefer sin, will be utterly, completely and everlasting destroyed, in the "Second Death."

So then, my friends, if from Shintoism you have learned to be esthetic in your tastes, kind and gentle in your manner and loyal—these lessons learned will be to you a great advantage in that future time of blessing under Messiah's Kingdom. On the other hand, whoever has cultivated a contrary spirit will be correspondingly depraved and will correspondingly have the more and severer lessons to learn. Take heart then today from the assurance of the good time coming, and that every grace of character that has been acquired by you, either through Shintoism or otherwise, is not lost, but should be maintained.

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