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“No longer will I speak of Choice,
“Or my faint hold on Thee :
“On this alone with awe rejoice—
“Thy mighty grasp of me.”

“Love that is calling us home out of the storm.”

A CHALDEE MANUSCRIPT

(Not “found in a copper cylinder”)

1. And God* created man in her own image ; *each one* male and female created she them.
2. And they were naked, and sported with one another, and were not ashamed.
3. Now the bear† was more foolish and cunning than any beast of the field ; and he said in his heart, Behold, I will make a mock of these men, and I will make all beasts to have them in derision, and they shall be for us a laughing-stock and a grinning for ever.
4. And there came out a company to hunt ; and these were the bravest, and the strongest, and the hardest, and the boldest, and the swiftest of the people : and the residue remained in the tent.
5. And the bear fell down before them and lay in their path on his back ; and he crossed his paws on his breast : and he spake unto them and said : Behold, ye are brave and strong and hardy and bold and swift : I am not equal to you.
6. Yet before ye slay me, I pray you hearken unto my words, the words of the bear.
7. And they said, We will hearken.
8. And the bear said, Behold, ye are brave and strong and hardy and bold and swift : who is equal to you in might ? Wherefore then do ye fall into weakness and into subjection and into childbirth ? But let that be for the residue that are within the tent : and ye shall have dominion over them, while the world endureth.
9. Are not my words the words of wisdom : and is not my counsel good ?
10. And they said, It is right : we will do even as

* Better translated—“The Powers” : only it might be confused with the League of Nations !

† This word is usually translated “bear,” but it probably means “mammoth.”

the bear saith : as he saith, so will we do. And they did so.

11. And the Queen God stood in the midst of them, and said : What is this that ye have done ? surely ye have wrought an abomination in the earth.

12. For ye have chosen division, and severance, and domination and subjection : and have forsaken freedom and equal affection.

13. For the daughter shall long to be a man, and the son shall be tormented for love of a woman ; and there shall be no more peace.

14. And they shall be very greatly ashamed and shall cover themselves for shame.

15. O wretched children of men, ye have destroyed your glory, and have sinned exceedingly against your children, and they shall murmur against you continually from generation to generation, saying, Why are we so made ?

16. Wherefore is it not lawful for us to be lovely ? Wherefore shall we not be strong ?

17. Yet they shall bend their necks to the yoke, and forget their glory. And she left off speaking.

18. But they said : Nay, but we shall be male or female, and men shall increase in strength, and women shall increase in pleasantness.

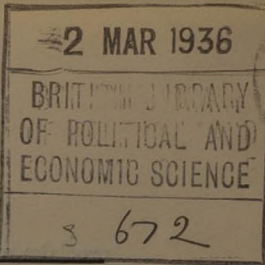
19. Doth the potter fashion couches ? Doth the carpenter weave textures ? Hath the goldsmith skill in leech craft, and doth the apothecary traffic in ships ? Surely the bear hath counselled well.

20. And the Queen God laughed, and her laughter was sharp, like the laughing of swords.

21. And after a space she lamented, and said again—

22. O wretched race of men, surely ye have brought evil upon yourselves and upon your children, and ye shall groan with tears all the days of your life ; and who shall redeem you ?

23. But I will redeem you ; and in the latter days I will send my messengers among you ; and they shall



proclaim my truth : and in them there shall be neither male nor female, but a new creature.

24. And I will turn you from division and shame and frustration and I will break down the barriers and restore companionable freedom.

25. And ye shall grow together in valour and loveliness for ever.

BABYLON

BABYLON that was beautiful is Nothing now.
Once to the world it tolled a golden bell :
Belshazzar wore its blaze upon his brow ;
Ruled ; and to ruin fell.
Babylon—a blurred and blinded face of stone—
At dumb Oblivion bragged with trumpets blown ;
Teemed, and while merchants throve and prophets dreamed,
Bowed before idols, and was overthrown.

Babylon the merciless, now a name of doom,
Built towers in Time, as we to-day, for whom
Auguries of self-annihilation loom.

—SIEGFRIED SASSOON in the
New Statesman and Nation.

"SEX IS AN ACCIDENT"

ONE of the founders of URANIA, our ever-lamented friend, Eva Gore-Booth, was accustomed to declare that "Sex is an accident" with no bearing on the essential nature of a human being. A most remarkable illustration of this, our main contention, is reported in the *Sunday Referee* for the 16th June last. We give it here in the words of that organ's "Special Correspondent" : and there seems no reason to doubt the accuracy of the statements made.

"One of the most amazing cases in the medical history of the white race is being witnessed in a Devon house by eminent members of the British Medical profession.

"In this house a ten-year-old boy is gradually changing his sex to that of a girl. Doctors have never before witnessed this amazing phenomenon in a white person. The whereabouts of the house is a jealously guarded secret, and I cannot reveal the identity of the boy. I learn, however, that he may be taken to a private hospital so that he can be under expert specialist observation continually. Local doctors who were called in to the case immediately sent to London for specialists, and although I have not yet

discovered the identity of these specialists I understand from an authoritative quarter that a specialist from London will again visit the boy this week.

"Opinion is divided as to whether the change of sex will be complete, it being at present in the midway stage. One doctor to whom I spoke yesterday said : 'It is impossible for the doctor to reveal the identity of this patient without his consent, and in this case it is most unlikely. Undoubtedly a report will be made at a later date by the specialists who have been called into consultation.' Comment is unnecessary."

THE MAN WITH THE PITCHER

ON April 7th, 1935, preaching at the Theistic Church, Æolian Hall, New Bond Street, London, the Reverend Tyssul Davis made an interesting comment upon Mark xiv. He said that Mr. Morton, in his book *In the Steps of the Master*, notes how infrequent it is and must have been to meet a man carrying a pitcher of water, as Christ says the disciples would. They were told to follow the carrier of the pitcher.

"It was the rarity of this sight that we point to Christ's command" says Mr. Davis. It suggests that the Nazarene was on the look-out for men who were not of the ordinary, usual, stereotyped kind, but watched for something different.

CO-EDUCATION IN INDIA

MR. JUSTICE KWAJA MAHOMED NOOR presided at the prize distribution of Ram Mohan Seminary at Patna. The school, as its name shows, is conducted by the local Brahma Samaj, and like every educational institution conducted by the Brahma Samaj, admits both boys and girls to its classes. The equality of men and women is fundamental in the religious reform introduced by Raja Ram Mohan Roy. Patna is a purdah province, though strenuous efforts are being made there to disestablish this debilitating institution, with considerable success. The establishment and conduct of a co-education school in that city is really pioneer work. Mr. Justice Noor in his speech at the function spoke highly of the effects of co-education, especially in the early years of children. What distinguished the Ram Mohan Seminary from other schools, he said, was this system. It had proved a great success. The President went on to observe that he felt convinced that at least in the early stages of their life the system of co-education was highly beneficial to boys and girls as it created a common

outlook and a healthy atmosphere for humanity to breathe in. "Want of Funds," continued Mr. Justice Noor, "had been the greatest obstacle in the way of the progress of education in India. If female education was asked to wait for this reason it might perhaps have to wait till eternity. I therefore support and advocate the speedy introduction of co-education in the schools." Besides being co-educational, Brahma schools and colleges are open to all castes and creeds. The immense service which the Brahma Samaj has rendered to social reform, has somewhat gone into the background. This is partly due to the acceptance of its ideals and adoption of its methods by the general community, which is all to the good.

—*Indian Social Reformer.*

THE NOTE-BOOK

LADY OXFORD is emphatic, and probably right in claiming that the age of her youth and prime, so far from being duller and stuffer than the age we now live in, was in some ways more coloured and spirited than our own.

In Memoriam verse is usually very ludicrous : but we venture to think the following (from the *Cumberland News*, 10th November, 1934) an exception :

WHITE.—Sweet memories of our darling Hilda, died November 11th, 1933, aged 25 years.

"When God plucked the bright flower from our home
His purpose we could not see,
But now the consolation is ours,—
Our darling was devoted to us in life,
So now she is in death,
And her angel eyes will watch for our coming
When this life's dark day is over."

"A life's sorrow."

Lovingly remembered by her loving mother and sister, 72, Collingwood Street.

Sometimes in history governments have assumed too little authority.

With the State too weak, the individual is likely to become the victim of a medley of minor alternative governments, institutions and groups that flout the weak State and fling their tyrannies over the individual.

I am inclined to agree with Lord Acton.

"It is bad to be oppressed by a minority," he said,

"but it is worse to be oppressed by a majority. For there is a reserve of latent power in the masses which, if it is called into play, the minority can seldom resist. But from the absolute will of an entire people there is no appeal, no redemption, no refuge but treason."

These are observations that persist in my mind after reading Lord Acton's *The History of Freedom in Antiquity* and reviewing the rapid inroads that government has been making upon the life of the individual during the last twenty-five years.

We must ever watch the flight of freedom !

—*Glenn Frank.*

One Ray of Beauty outvalues all the utilities of the world.

—*Emerson.*

When an oil broker, aged 86, died he left his entire estate to "stray" cats and dogs. He bequeathed £18,000 to unknown pets. A trust fund, drawn up with a St. Louis bank as trustee, was set up to provide care for cats and dogs and to eliminate suffering among them. A home will probably be constructed for his beneficiaries.

When Cecil was negotiating with the Archduke Charles regarding a marriage with Queen Elizabeth, that princess remarked, "If I am to disclose to you what I should prefer if I follow the inclination of my nature, it is this : Beggar and single, far rather than the Queen and married !" —(J. E. Neale, *Queen Elizabeth*, p. 143).

"She was fortunate to be born in the full flush of Renaissance enthusiasm."

People tell me that abnormality is so frequent that it is no longer abnormal.

—*J. Galsworthy.*

"Modern :—that is to say, Dated."

C. NINA BOYLE

AND A "PEOPLE'S PARTY"

WE observed some time ago that we would lay before our readers in more detail the objects and ideas of the "People's Party" which the popular author, C. Nina Boyle, adumbrates in her recent pamphlets.

1. First she places the rehabilitation of the *House of Lords*. The party machine secures the domination of the House of Commons by the Cabinet, or rather, the party leaders. The uncontrolled dominance of the Commons, therefore, which is the corner-stone of orthodox constitutional theory, becomes the uncontrolled dominance of the irresponsible and self-elected party leaders and party subsidisers. The House of Lords must be restored as an effective check upon its pretensions to be an infallible index to popular desire. She would reconstitute it as a Superior Assembly composed of (i.) Elected Peers belonging to the old nobility: (ii.) some 15 or 20 high Ecclesiastics, established and other: (iii.) all present and late leading Viceroy and Chief Justices—presumably some 50 persons: (iv.) a representative from each self-governing colony or dependency—5 or 6: (v.) a certain number of Life Peers created for public services.

2. She would give each Minister an independent Council, or Board, of Experts; e.g., the Foreign Secretary would have a Council of all past and present Ambassadors and Consuls-General. And one member from each of these Councils would constitute an Inter-Departmental Committee to secure co-ordination. It is not stated, however, what use is to be made of these Councils: probably a Minister would prefer to rely solely on his permanent officials. Nor is it clear how they will secure to the people themselves "the use and control of their own machinery."

3. More important is a far-reaching scheme of *Devolution* (but only for minor administrative matters, "gas and water," "marketing," etc.). Details are left undetermined.

4. In the sphere of *Judicial decision*, she would weaken the power of the Judges to make law by their decisions. She would codify and simplify the criminal law; abolish the Vagrancy Acts; strengthen the laws against treason and sedition—(but do they need it?); relieve the burden of "costs"; and suppress "trial by newspapers." She would have "one form of citizenship only"—but what other forms are there?

5. As regards the queer congeries known as the *British Empire*, she would have no new grants of autonomy without guarantees of (i.) just and impartial administration—(West Australia would appreciate this); (ii.) "every possible" regard for British interests; (iii.) the freedom of "women." She would appoint a Commission to overhaul the lesser colonies, and examine the possibilities of development. And,

most difficult of all, she would restore the rights of British subjects "within their own Empire," so that the self-governing colonies should not restrict the access of British subjects to their territories.

6. She would remove *trade and tariffs* from the sphere of Party. This suggestion seems to have been officially accepted, and embodied in the Tariff Commissions.

7. As to *Unemployment*, she recommends Reclamation of the Foreshore, Drainage and Irrigation, rather than Road-making; instancing Holland, Egypt and India.

8. In *International Finance* she would secure that "gold should be balanced against goods, instead of the goods being balanced against gold," by the adoption of stable prices for essential commodities—thus making them the real standards of value. These are (i.) Grain; (ii.) Coal, Iron, Potash, "etc."; (iii.) Cotton, Wool, Sugar and Oil. Perhaps Rubber may be classed with "etc." under (ii.).

9. *Miscellaneous* reforms include (i.) penalties for misleading or even evasive answers to questions in Parliament: (ii.) the abolition of death duties, which she rightly styles "legalised robbery": (iii.) centralised control of education and police: (iv.) penalisation of drunkards rather than the regulation of drinking: (v.) official investigation of company mergers, subsidiaries, etc.: (vi.) prevention of strikes against non-union employment.

10. As to the *House of Commons*, she would disfranchise all under 25, and restore the provisions by which those entitled to vote had to take at any rate the trouble to get themselves put on the register.

Nina Boyle, differing from General Smuts, is of opinion that Japan, not the United States of America, is the proper power to be the intimate Ally of Great Britain. She is afraid of a Franco-Moslem *rapprochement*—but after Damascus, is this even a remote possibility? The whole scheme is of great interest and some of its points have already obtained a great measure of support—though usually without any acknowledgment! But, after all the attempt "to evolve an Honesty from a community of rogues" will always be an elusive pastime. Our own preference would be for—

1. *The restoration of Liberty* by the repeal of the Education, Children, Public Health, Trade Union and Vexatious Actions Acts—(coupled with power to Local Tribunals to interfere in cases where the interests and happiness of children are being seriously impaired)—and the drastic curtailment of the powers of municipal

and governmental officials, and the authorities whose nominal servants they are. . . . All Parliamentary enactments to have a nine-tenths majority.

2. *The institution of cheap Justice* in local tribunals.

3. *The absolute abolition of all distinctions* based on sex.

4. *The abolition of the death duties*, which have killed rural life and culture in England.

5. *Decentralisation*. Large powers to local authorities, exercisable only by a nine-tenths majority. But Britain is too far gone!

AN IRREPRESSIBLE CONFLICT

By OGDEN L. MILLS

WE can have a free country or a socialistic one. We cannot have both. Our economic system cannot be half free and half socialistic. Economic liberalism cannot function under constant and arbitrary government interference. Evidence of the resulting breakdown accumulates daily. A civilisation built upon the private ownership of property cannot survive the destruction of the substance of ownership.

The conflict is as irrepressible as was the slavery issue seventy-five years ago. Now, as then, compromises will be suggested. Now, as then, they will prove illusory. Fundamentally antagonistic principles cannot be compromised. Already we are suffering from the attempt to do so. The depression has been prolonged by the experiments borrowed from the Fascist laboratory.

—*Japan Times*.

THE VANISHING SEX LINE

By WILLIAM A. WHITE, M.D.

ARE women becoming hard and men soft?

Are the characteristics that most people describe as "masculine" and "feminine" switching around so that we are breeding a race of masculine women and feminine men?

These questions are being asked by many persons to-day. We who are in the business of studying human beings learned a long time ago that it is impossible to get the right perspective on any human problem by simply studying it at any one given time. We have to look at the whole sweep of events over a considerable duration so that we can see the origin of what is happening and the direction in which it is tending. When we do this, we see that the qualities of which we complain in the young people of to-day

have not been brought about recently. They have existed all along, throughout the ages. Modern life has simply given them an opportunity for expression. The inclinations of the "hard-boiled" flapper and the effeminate youth were both present—but very much concealed—in our modest, religious and home-loving grandmothers and our captains of industry of the last generation—and many generations before that. As we cast a reminiscent eye back over the pageant of history, several scenes flash on our memory: Roman matrons leaning over marble balconies in order not to miss the groans of dying gladiators; French matrons grimly knitting while the guillotine rises and falls; Spanish matrons laughing at the death agonies of a bull. Or, on the other side of the picture, Lybian youth sleeping on rose leaves; English gentlemen in silks and curls and perfumed laces; American gentlemen starving at Jamestown rather than work. All these pictures reflect personality traits which have always been inherent in human beings. It merely requires circumstances to bring them out into the light of day, to stimulate their development and their frank expression. Human nature does not suddenly about-face in one generation—or even in many generations.

It used to be imagined that a straight line could be drawn between the sexes and that it could be said: "Everything on this side is masculine; everything on that is feminine." This applied not only to physical characteristics; mental and emotional qualities were also indexed as "manly." To-day science knows that everybody is, both physically and psychologically, bi-sexual, and that the proportions in which the so-called characteristics of each sex are blended varies in every person.

To-day the greater liberty of thought, the greater tolerance of public opinion permit men and women to express their full personalities. Not only is this freedom of expression permitted; economic conditions have made it almost compulsory. Those people, therefore, who decry woman's new freedom from various restrictions, and man's new freedom from the necessity for hard physical labour and discomfort, must not blame human nature, but modern conditions of living.

Their point of view belongs to the past century, when ours was a man-made world; when woman was standardised in accordance with man's ideals for her; when she was supposed to stay in the home and do the cooking and the washing and the sewing while her master was about, engaged in various adventurous

pursuits. Such a standard for judging women and their place and work in the world is not broad, impartial or scientific; it is simply masculine. Man has no more right to determine what is and what is not woman's work than she has to determine what is right for him. The absurdity of trying to do so in any scientific discussion becomes evident when we realise how often even man's idea of what kind of activities are appropriate to the sexes has changed. Changing conditions produce changing ideals.

Much of the confusion in public thinking on the question of masculine and feminine characteristics rises from the common tendency to regard the introverted type of mind as essentially feminine, the extroverted type of mind as essentially masculine. But no person is all extrovert or introvert. Every one has qualities belonging to both types; every one is a blend, usually with one group of qualities or the other predominating; human thinking, feeling and acting are dependent on the existence of this combination. When the combination is balanced we have our greatest types of personality. It is absurd to imply that all predominantly introverted people are weak and effeminate, and all conspicuously extroverted individuals are virile and masculine.

Moreover, events teach us again and again that many so-called soft men will rise magnificently to the occasion and exhibit virile qualities when hard pressed by circumstances or fired by enthusiasm, proving that men have not really lost their hardness and strength, but that often it is simply lying dormant in them until necessity calls it forth.

Endless illustrations of this might be cited. Poets, painters, musicians and other presumably "soft" men have been found in the forefront of almost every bloody revolution. The Irish Easter rebellion was led by a group of poets; Byron was the most conspicuous English fighting champion of Greek independence. Rupert Brooke and many of his brothers in spirit played a valiant part in the great war. When the hour for Poland's freedom struck, the call was answered by a long-haired musician—the gentle, delicate, sensitive, high-strung Paderewski.

The same inevitable destruction occurs throughout the whole course of nature, more particularly wherever new construction is taking place. In a period such as the present, undoubtedly many people will fall by the wayside, will get caught up in all sorts of blind alleys, will be led to follow false gods.

—*Daily Express*, 1st November, 1928.

STAR DUST

II. BUSINESS

1. FOOTBALL CLUB (*Madrid*)

ANA MARIA MARTINEZ SAGI, a writer on sports in the Catalan newspaper *La Rambla*, has been made a director of the Barcelona Football Club. This is the first case in Spain of a woman being appointed to the directorate of a football club.

III. ATHLETICS

1. AVIATION (*England*)

JEAN BATTEN has done what she has dreamed of doing for years—flown from England to Australia. And she has beaten Amy Johnson Mollison's time of 19½ days for the flight by 3½ days. A great accomplishment, indeed, for a girl of 24 flying in a five-year-old aeroplane. She came last from Kupang, on the Island of Timor, over 560 miles of the Timor Sea. On that 560 miles, she was caught in a blinding monsoon and whirled off her course.

For some time she flew on blindly, not knowing where she was. She could not see her instruments because of the storm, had no idea if she was going in the right direction or not. But at last she sighted land, and reached Port Darwin, exhausted but triumphant.

News that she was nearing Port Darwin was wirelessed by a ship 30 miles off shore, and a crowd was waiting at the aerodrome to greet her. The first thing she said as she climbed out of the cock-pit of her plane was: "I'm ashamed of my dirty flying suit, but I had to do all my own repairs to the plane at Koepang and Rembang, and it's rather a messy job." Then she said: "I'm glad to be in Australia again. I'm glad I've broken Mrs. Mollison's record, but I'm still more pleased to have made the trip, record or no record. Now, could you get me a cup of tea, please?" After the tea she had a bath and a change of clothing at the aerodrome, and then saw her precious plane covered over before she went off to get some rest.

2. SWIMMING (*Great Britain*)

Second Successive Win

UNDER ideal weather conditions, and in the delightful and picturesque setting which the estuary of the river Annan presents at full tide, the annual Solway swim for the Challenge Cup by the members of Carr's Swimming Club took place on Saturday afternoon. The success which attended the swim last year, when

the course was transferred for the first time from the Skinburness side of the Solway to the Scottish side of the Firth, warranted the committee in again choosing the latter for this year's event, and so much were the officials and competitors pleased with the course and with the arrangements made by Mr. John Wilson, the Annan harbour-master, for their comfort, that the future of the river Annan as the scene of these annual swims is assured. . . .

But while conditions for those on land were all that could be desired, matters were not so pleasant for the swimmers. The 15 foot tide was counteracted in its flow by a rather heavy river, rendering swimming not only difficult, but causing the water to be extremely cold. There was little or no wind.

At the start J. J. Hind took the lead and, keeping a centre course, made good time, but at 200 yards J. R. Thomson overhauled him, Hind steadily dropping back. Miss Wallace, last year's winner, who had chosen the left side of the river, was noticed to be forging ahead and swimming strongly, and, creeping gradually up, she eventually overtook Thomson and assumed the lead. J. J. Hind was still falling behind, and when halfway he gave up, suffering from cramp in an injured hand. A quarter of a mile from the finish Thomson also signalled for a boat, and retired from the race.

Meantime, on the other side A. Barker Hurst was seen to be going strongly and making headway, closely followed by Miss J. Nicholson. These two kept up a gruelling swim for position, and were making up time on Wallace, who, however, still maintained quite a good lead. As she was nearing the end of the course Barker Hurst made a frantic effort to overtake her, but Wallace, still swimming strongly, was first to cross the "tape" in a thrilling finish. Her time was 46 minutes 57 seconds, 2 minutes and 46 seconds behind her time of last year. Of the 14 competitors who started 6 finished, the order being as follows:—1, C. Wallace, 46 minutes 57 seconds; 2, A. Barker Hurst, 47 minutes 19 seconds; 3, Jean Nicholson, 53 minutes 3 seconds; 4, R. Mason, 59 minutes; 5, J. H. Hind, 61 minutes; 6, F. Archibald, 63 minutes.

—*Cumberland News*, 22nd September, 1934.

V. GOVERNMENTAL

1. POSTMASTER (*England*)

THE decision of the Post Office authorities to appoint a woman postmaster for Lossiemouth, the Prime

Minister's native town, has called forth an unexpected protest. The local town council have lodged an objection with the Post Office on the ground that the proposal to appoint a woman as postmaster is "degrading" to a town of the size and importance of Lossiemouth (!!).

—*Observer*, 19th November, 1934.

2. VILLAGE HEAD (*Burma*)

A BURMESE woman of 37, Ma Nan Myaing, has been elected to be the "headman" of a village. The event has aroused great interest, as headmen has always hitherto been chosen from men of outstanding local influence. Ma Nan Myaing brings many qualities to her new post—especially her ability to inspire dread in the hearts of the "bad men" of the neighbourhood. She had done useful work in helping her husband when he was the village headman and has received police rewards for her part in capturing men wanted for serious crimes. She is a crack shot and has a licence for a gun—a concession held as a great honour in the district. As village headman, Ma Nan Myaing becomes an important link in the machinery of local government, one of her chief responsibilities being the prompt collection of taxes.

—*Cumberland News*.

VII. DRESS

1. ENGLAND (*Golf*)

GLORIA MINOPRIO, playing golf, wore tight-fitting tailor-made trousers, very much like a man's dress wear; a red suede jacket, a black loose-fitting cap, white kid gloves, black pointed shoes and fawn socks. The most striking figure ever seen on a championship golf course.

Carrying two golf clubs—long-bladed irons—she walked to the tee and discarded her jacket, revealing a black polo jumper buttoned at the neck. As she waved a glistening chromium-plated steel-shafted club over her ball, preparing for her first stroke, she looked like some goddess waving a flashing rapier. Questioned about her costume, she replied: "I consider it far more suitable and comfortable for golf than skirts." She added that she was satisfied with her display. But Miss Lloyd Williams, chairman of the Ladies' Golf Union, was not. "I very much regret," she said, "that there should be this departure from the usual golfing costume at the championship."

—*Japan Times*, 11th November, 1933.

[But if we ride and bathe in bifurcated garments, why not golf in them?—Ed.]

2. FRANCE

FRANCE has to-day a new Joan of Arc, although an unwilling one. She is Camille Husson, a twenty-one-year-old dairymaid, who has been dragged from her milk-pails at Chagny by the military police and brought to the barracks in Chalons-sur-Marne. This is all due to Germany's invasion of France during the War. Camille was as a child living in French territory, behind the German lines, and her birth certificate was destroyed when the town hall of Maurupt-le-Montois was shelled. When new identity papers were made out for her after the War she was accidentally described as a male, and, despite the protests of the Mayor of Chagny, the military police yesterday insisted that she was a conscientious objector to military service masquerading in female clothes.

VIII. MUSIC (*England*)

A FIVE-YEARS-OLD Scotswood girl, Esther Walker, of Railway House, has the rare distinction for one so young of having passed the examination of the International Union of Musicians (Elementary Grade) with first-class honours. The girl secured 100 marks, which is considered to be a high percentage for the competition.

XIX. GAMES

1. BILLIARDS

BILLIARDS is the latest "women's" craze. Two years ago there were only a few hundred "women" players; to-day the numbers run into many thousands. Flourishing circles for "women's" billiards now exist in London, Manchester, Newcastle, Norwich, Birmingham, Bournemouth, Aylesbury, Cardiff (two centres), Cleobury Mortimer, Glasgow, Enfield, Harrogate, Leicester, Sheffield, Retford, Tamworth, Torquay and Worthing.

XIV. ENGINEERING

1. AERODYNAMICS (*England*)

WHEN the leading aeroplane designers in this country stumble over problems of aerodynamics they consult a woman. This fact was mentioned last night by Air Commodore J. A. Chamier in a talk to members of the D'Abernon Club. The woman is Miss Bradfield, a member of the staff of the Royal Aircraft Establishment.

"When aeroplane designers are in a hole," said Commodore Chamier, "they take their models and put them in the wind tunnels at the aircraft establish-

ment, and it is pleasant to see how seriously they attend to all that Miss Bradfield has to say."

Afterwards Commodore Chamier said: "The best designer would value Miss Bradfield's criticism. A while ago I saw one very distinguished designer sitting at Miss Bradfield's feet, as it were. He was saying 'Yes, Miss Bradfield,' and 'No, Miss Bradfield,' and 'Just as you say, Miss Bradfield.'"

Commodore Chamier mentioned another woman who has built up a prosperous business in the manufacture of aeroplane models. These, he said, were bought by museums and collectors and by companies who used them for advertising purposes. She started the business single-handed and now employs a number of men.

Miss Bradfield, who is an M.A. (Maths.) of Cambridge, is in charge of the small wind tunnel section of the model research department at the Royal Aircraft Establishment. "I think Air Commodore Chamier must have had his tongue in his cheek," was all Miss Bradfield would say when a representative of *The Daily Telegraph* told her of his remarks.

—*Daily Telegraph*, 21st March, 1935.

BEGINNINGS.

WHICH is the original, the primary phase of sexual organisation, hermaphroditism or the existence of separate sexes? This way of mooting the question is misleading. These are not necessarily simple alternatives. Both states may have developed collaterally and independently of each other. The designations male and female (the terms "active" and "passive" might just as well be used) are derivative expressions for a higher condition of development. In the slipper animalcule there exists only bisexuality, the active and passive elements of sex being united in the micro-nucleus, to separate temporarily in the course of conjugation, and to be promptly reunited after the interchange of the male element in both the conjugating partners. But among the protozoa, the infusoria already represent an advanced stage of development and are unquestionably separated from the lowest amœboid forms by as lengthy a series of historical evolution as are the fishes from the tunicate ascidians or the birds from the reptiles. If we assume, as the author has assumed, that sexuality arose out of the chance union of two individuals belonging to the same

species but differing in some respect in their qualities, and that it developed out of this process because the exchange of individual qualities between the members of the pair gave their offspring increased variability and capacity for adaptation and thus proved advantageous in the struggle for existence—then there may have been two lines of development: one taking the form of a separation, in any species, into two organisms having distinct sexes, the members of one sex being comparatively slothful and passive and the members of the other sex being comparatively active and questing, even though the sexual dimorphism had not yet become apparent; and the other taking the form of the production of hermaphrodite organisms like paramœcium. The most important difference would be that in the case of the form in which the sexes became distinct one partner would have sought out the other, have fused with it, and have transmitted to it the heredity factors contained in its own (the active partner's) nucleus.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR URANIA,

The centre of idealism is shifting, its symbols waver. We have believed in force, and to-day force is failing us. We have idolized force in the warrior no less than in king, emperor, potentate and school-master. Well, force interests us no longer. Once, we exalted weakness, that force might be exalted and shine by protecting it; yet we are now no longer dazzled by that sort of brilliancy; chivalry is no more. We shall not find men much longer bashing in each others' heads in honour of ladies; nor cleaving one another's skulls in defence of dogmas. War itself is discredited; forceful conquest is not felt to be magnificent, and even force used in self-defence is viewed as a disagreeable necessity. Since neither woman nor child is spared, nor can be "protected" in the whirligig of bombs and gases which constitutes modern warfare, the fiction that armies are protective of the weak has no shadow of excuse for existing any longer.

Now since masculinity, the cult of forcefulness, is going, and since femininity, the derivative cult of the dependent weak, is going too, it is clear that the

double "ideal" that we have so long felt to be false and inadequate, is doomed. The age of chivalry is definitely past. What, then, is to be our source of inspiration, if religion too is thrust into the background everywhere?—the religion, we mean, which dragged God into its battles. Yet we must have idealism; some religion we must have; and if we no longer venerate age or adore ancestors, if we weave no more dreams about the lady or the knight,—what are we to find, what cling to—where is humanity to hang its garlands and scatter roses? What cause can we live and die for? What faith?

"We must construct a new religion" said Julian Franklyn, in an address given on March 20th at Friends' House, London.

("A new religion?" asks Solomon, cocking up his head to hear. "Nothing is new, or can be. *New*, indeed.")

New. Its symbol "the Holy Child before whom the wise men from the East bent the knee." "The child," he pursues, "sees with the eyes of a naked soul. We tie blindfold after blindfold tight about his head till he gropes in the dark as we do, forgetting that he once saw the angels." "The infant in arms is hourly contaminated by the virus of violent behaviour." It is we, the adults, who make strife. But we are not born so. "All men are blood brothers in a great family. The child is the protagonist of Peace."*

Of such are the Kingdom.

Given the symbol and the ideal, where is the plan of campaign? Where are the leaders? They are in our midst.

First, the child. And following in his steps, we have Mahatma Gandhi and Maria Montessori—the workers for humanity, the seers of visions, the great ones of our day, whom later ages will recognise as such.

Am I wrong in suggesting that we see eye to eye with them? When they vision youth as spiritually complete; as radiant, earnest, inspired; as full of joy?

We too, of URANIA, are striving against the perversion of humanity; the warping of the soul into life-deformity by educationalists, parents or rulers. We want no "mis-shapes" upon the market. We specially oppose the fatal bifurcation into masculine rigidity and feminine froth, as it were a split Y

* *Culture, Peace and Progress*, by Julian E. Franklyn, Dexter Chief Press, 9, Heathcote Street, Bloomsbury, London, W.C. 1.

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instead of the erect and "star-y-pointing" I; or V, bifurcated and sexed from the cradle as some psychologists hold it to be.

It is a rare thing, the normal, it appears. Well, Dr. Montessori, the scientist, has seen it; it has inspired all her subsequent work. Given right conditions, the child is eminently independent and essentially a worker. Not a warrior; still less a parasite. "For the fish, water; for the bird, air; but for the child, work." "Work, which has been held to be the curse of Adam, will in days to come be claimed as a privilege." Humanity is the creator of order and harmony: explorers and discoverers, like artists, are much more interested in their work than in other humans. Man is the transformer of the environment, in the first place; in obedience to an Inner Guide which works through him to create.

Love follows. "Love is the gift of God to those who obey."

So speaks Maria Montessori the philosopher.

Our leaders, we hope, will be these two. Dr. Montessori's plan of campaign is being drawn up; first of all there will be reports on the child's legal status all over the world; and steps will be taken that there may be in every parliament deputies representative of childhood's interests: of one who is till now, as she says, *THE FORGOTTEN CITIZEN*.

It would be something if the child could be, in the first place, recognized and understood. For in him must be studied human nature in its spiritual aspect; not in the warped and deviated specimens which we are told by psychologists we all are, alas!

As Herrick wrote:

"Pillars let some set up
If so they please.
Here is my hope
And my pyramids!"

DOROTHY H. CORNISH.

IRENE CLYDE

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Will you not help to sweep them into the museum of antiques?

Don't you care for the union of all fine qualities in one splendid ideal? If you think it magnificent but impracticable, please write to tell us so, and say why!

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They are convinced that this duality has resulted in the formation of two warped and imperfect types. They are further convinced that in order to get rid of this state of things no measures of "emancipation" or "equality" will suffice, which do not begin by a complete refusal to recognize or tolerate the duality itself.

If the world is to see sweetness and independence combined in the same individual, all recognition of that duality must be given up. For it inevitably brings in its train the suggestion of the conventional distortions of character which are based on it.

There are no "men" or "women" in Urania.

"*All eisin hós angeloi.*"

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