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The Gipsy and His Way of Living

Interesting Story Written by Gipsy Simon Smith, the Celebrated Evangelist.

Real Romances or Gipsies, are very scarce in this country and most of the people who travel and post as Gipsies here are either tramps or hybrids the result of intermarriage of the real Gipsy with other races. Gipsies are very numerous in England, but it is necessary to have a guide if the visitor would like to see them in their favorite haunts. Of late years, law, order and sanitary conditions have driven the Romany into secluded nooks and forest dingles. In such places can be seen the oval roofed caravan, quite unlike the palatial conveyances of would-be imitators or show people. Here also can be found the tents, which reminds one of that vast throng of people, the Israelites, who lived the gipsy life and were tent dwellers. In the camp the elder gipsies can be heard speaking in a strange tongue, for the real gipsy speaks the Romany language, and the parents hearts are sad today because their offspring prefer speaking in English. Round "Zog" or fire, which generally contains a stew of rabbits and vegetables, culled from the neighboring fields, the "shavies" or children anxiously wait, while a dog of the greyhound specie also waits expectedly to be rewarded for bringing his contribution to the family larder. On the bushes hangs the family washing, while browsing on the coarse grass so familiar to English common land, a few horses and donkeys may be seen. All these things make an interesting picture of primitive life. Some people have rather peculiar ideas concerning gipsies. First of all let me say that all gipsies are not dark. As I visit the various camps during mission work I find hundreds of fair gipsies. Originally the gipsies were an Eastern people but like other people they have turned their feet westward, and climate with other causes may have altered them considerably. My father was a thoroughbred gipsy, but quite fair. So we find with the Jews the two extremes, very dark or very fair. In the old days intermarriage with "Gorgois house-dwellers, meant expulsion for the offender from the tribe.

The Romany girl is betrothed at the age of fourteen, but at least two years must elapse ere marriage shall take place. This is not a time of courtship, the betrothed pair must treat each other as ordinary acquaintances or the match is broken off. The marriage would usually take place in a secluded forest glen. A long hazel branch is brought, and the pair step over the branch, and are then acclaimed "rawgy" and "rye," which means man and wife. Superstition lies deep in the heart of the gipsies, and by the stars they forecast many happenings. When the head of the tribe dies, the caravan, clothes, etc. are burned and the ashes scattered over the grave. Very few of them can read or write, and during this summer I shall procure a caravan so that I can visit and instruct them.

WHAT GOOD IS IT?

This question is pronounced in Popular Mechanics by a licensed air pilot who doubts the utility of the aeroplane. He says: "It is my good fortune to have piloted machines that are the very last word in French construction, yet aside from the finish, they are absolutely no improvement over the old birds that made records and whizzed at the first Rheims meets. That the French machines are superior to their contemporaries is shown, by their recent performances at Chicago, yet on them the vital problem of stability is as far from solution as ever."

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Assembly Declares War on the Liquor Traffic

Toronto, June 5.—At the close of the Presbyterian Pre-assembly conference yesterday afternoon, a resolution calling for a demonstration act to prohibit the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors was carried with great enthusiasm. It was presented by Dr. A. S. Grant.

Dr. Grant is not given to emotion, but there was a glint of moisture in his eye as he spoke to the audience. "God will not save Canada," he said, "until Christian men look to liquor traffic and say: 'Get off the mat. My soul is pained within me because the young men are going down. I want the congress of this church to give an expression on the drink question. I am looking for vengeance, and I want it.'" said he, amid a torrent of applause. He appreciated all the talk about the budget when it came before the assembly committee. The Presbyterian church has committed itself in theory, but you are afraid to take your stand, you are afraid of the vested interests. What right has a British man to deal out poison to people in this country? He asked, amid a frantic outburst of cheering. Cut out this business and you cut out the nerve of the evil that is demoralizing the land. If you are going to build up the kingdom of God in Canada, we must root it out."

The enthusiasm broke loose right here. Men got upon their seats and yelled, women and men waved their handkerchiefs, and the place was pandemonium for some minutes. "Hurrah," came from a score of voices, and then Dr. Grant read the resolution. Quietly and with a dignity of his own this strange man who has consecrated his life to doing good for others, read the following resolution.

1.—Whereas, recently scientific investigation has revealed that alcohol is a poison, and injurious to life, even when taken in small quantities; and,

2.—Whereas, the liquor traffic has become a great economic burden; and,

3.—Whereas, the enemy of all social progress, and the cause of much social crime, and death; and,

4.—Whereas, the highest development of individual and national life demands the suppression of the liquor traffic, and,

5.—Whereas, the progress of the kingdom of God is greatly hindered through the traffic in intoxicating liquors:

"Be it therefore resolved,—

1.—That in the opinion of this congress, consisting of all the ministers and representative laymen from all the congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the time has come when legislation should be secured in Canada, prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes.

2.—That this resolution be forwarded to the general assembly for action.

3.—That it be a suggestion to the assembly to invite all other religious bodies and temperance organizations to co-operate in a work having for its object the total suppression of the liquor traffic in Canada."

There was another demonstration at its close, and the place simmered with excitement. All the champions of temperance were gathered there, and one of them said, with a ring in his voice:

"War has been declared."

That was the note of the end of the meeting.

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College Unity Means a New Race of Ministers

Speaking to the "Witness" a leading Anglican clergyman prominently identified with the co-operative work of the theological colleges, said recently that no greater step could be taken in practical church unity than this getting together in education. In less than one generation a new race of ministers would be put into the pulpits of all the denominations, minor differences all forgotten and everyone alike, no matter what his confession of faith, aflame with zeal to win the world for Christianity. The vision was so magnificent, that we could not at present realize, all it meant for the future of the Dominion.

"Canada as one of the great countries of the Christian faith is the ideal to be set before our men as they go from our colleges, he said. Christianity has a message to work in every land, and tends to respond as they rise in the scale of civilization; it has proved its power to enter into lives of various nations, and to adapt itself to their circumstances and guide their aspirations. A religion which identifies itself, as Christianity goes, with the cause of freedom in every land, and tends to write men in one great brotherhood under the loving God who is the Father of all alike, is surely the desire of all nations, and is destined to be the faith of all mankind. Canada should be a great power in this Christian brotherhood of the nations."

Dr. T. G. Soares, senior professor in practical theology in the university of Chicago, writes—

"I consider the co-operative plan adopted by the Theological Colleges in affiliation with McGill University as one of the most significant movements towards practical church unity. It accepts the religious situation as it is, finds the essential elements of unity that exist in it, brings these to the fore and makes them operative, and yet leaves to each communion its unrestricted independence. It is the best example of the elimination of wasteful effort in theological education that has been made anywhere in the Christian world."

"The training of the ministry for the modern church cannot be effected in small monastic institutions. It requires the breadth of scientific learning of the University, actual contact with the complex social conditions of modern life, and a corps of scientific experts of the first rank in the various subjects of theology, in the psychology of religion and in practical methods of church and social work."

"No single Theological College, unless extraordinarily endowed and most widely attended, could hope to undertake this task. The two or three Theological Seminaries in the United States which are measuring up to these modern needs are practically un denominational and are all connected with universities. An even better plan than the un denominational seminary is the Montreal plan of co-operation because it conserves the vital connection with the various communions and prepares men for the specific duties of their respective churches.— Montreal Daily Witness.

THRONE FOR TEDDY.

Vienna, May 30.—Great difficulty is being experienced in finding an occupant for the Throne of the new Kingdom of Albania, which is being created out of territory won by the Balkan league from Turkey.

The Italian Government today dodged formal objections against the Duke of Urach, extinguishing his kingly hopes, just as it had put the quietus on the Royal Ambitions of the Duke of Montpensir several weeks ago.

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