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GRASPING DISEASE OF MONEY MAKING

Pleonexia Undermining the Health of Thousands, Said New York Speaker.

"It is time for ethics to confirm the statement that when a man confines himself to money-making, he commits moral suicide," declared Alfred W. Martin, associate leader of the Society of Ethical Culture of New York, in speaking at the Unitarian Laymen's League meeting in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Montreal. "No thoughtful observer," he added, "can fail to see that thousands of people in this country are following a false ideal of wealth and are suffering from the moral disease of 'pleonexia.' It is the grasping disease, a disease that is undermining the moral health of thousands of our citizens, and is polluting the springs of our political and industrial life. It is creating a moneyed aristocracy, which is the meanest and most contemptible of all aristocracies." This sentiment of the speaker was warmly applauded by the large audience which for the fifth meeting of this series, indicated the public appreciation of the experiment made by the Laymen's League of the Church of the Messiah in this direction.

In speaking on "What Human Life Is For," Mr. Martin examined the vast mass of answers that might be forthcoming to such a question. The most popular of all answers would undoubtedly be "happiness," he said; for the vast majority of human beings were bent on achieving that, however different the meanings they gave to it. "Happiness is not something that may be kept under lock and key, or domed and doctored like a cloak. It is one of those exquisite surprises that comes to us when we have abandoned all thought of it. To get happiness you must forget it," was the speaker's aphorism.

Goethe's Great Moral.

The way in which Goethe in his two famous works, Wilhelm Meister and Faust, had exemplified the truth that happiness is not to be gained by actual quest, but incidental to some noble quest or work, was emphasized by Mr. Martin, who analyzed the main themes of the story and of the drama of the great German writer.

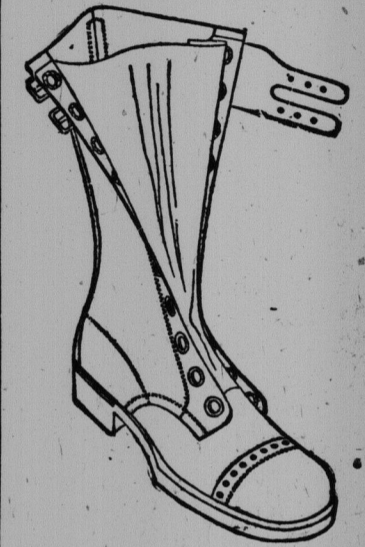
"There are three things that we want, even at the price of pain," asserted the speaker; "hunger for truth, longing for love and passion for personal progress. This is no new gospel, but it might be more accurate to say it is the gospel anew." That, he added, was taught in the Veda, also by Zoroaster, by Confucius, Mohammed, Jesus, Paul, Dante, Savanarola and Tolstol.

The next most popular answer to the question was "wealth," on which point the speaker made the statement concerning money-making and moral suicide. But if one said that human life was for wealth, one might score a miserable failure; whereas, if in addition to making money, one took an interest in literature, social developments and social service, then whether income increased or decreased, there would be the satisfaction of having lived for eternal treasures of the soul. "I do not want to be misunderstood in regard to wealth," added Mr. Martin. "It has its

legitimate place in the conduct of life, because wealth means whatever serves the ends for which human life is given. Do not make the mistake of confusing wealth with money."

Other answers, as to "health" and "culture" were also examined and re-

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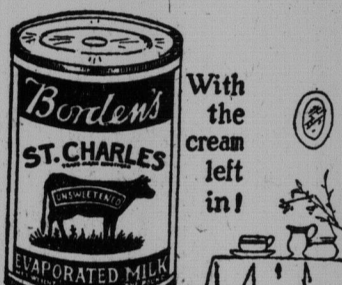
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An excellent musical programme by the Dubois String Quartette preceded the meeting, with George M. Brewer at the piano and Hugh F. Guthrie as soloist.

jected, and the speaker then showed how although according to zoologists, man was classed in the animal class, yet while he shared with animals such needs as food and shelter, after that man and the animal parted company. Man had the power to change his nature and attributes. "Don't live a merely selfish, sensual life, because you are not a beast," he advised. "Don't live an aimless life, because you are not an insect. Don't live a supernatural life; you are not an angel. Don't live a wicked life; you are not a demon. Don't live a visionary life; you are not a mere dreamer. Live a divinely human life, because you are a god, though in the germ."

On the question of immortality the speaker held that we were between two ignorances, and the only thing remaining was the kind of behavior. "We have to choose between living like immortals and living like the day-fly that dies at sundown," he concluded.

St. Frederick Williams-Taylor presided over the gathering, saying he accepted that duty because of his respect for religion and also out of respect for the distinguished member of a distinguished family.



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CLOTHES FOR CHILDREN.

Simplicity is The Keynote in Making Them, Says College Woman.

Simplicity is the keynote in making children's clothing, according to Miss Gertrude Arbogast of the home economics department of the University of Wisconsin. Hooks and eyes bought by the yard or slip-over garments which eliminate buttonholes are short cuts which should appeal to the busy mother on the farm. Kimono sleeves save time in sewing and are comfortable for the child.

The simple dress need not be homely. Easy stitches, such as the feather stitch or lazy-daisy worked around the edges of hems, make the dress attractive. A sash and pockets often transfigure a plain dress. An animal or a bird outlined with colored thread on the front of the dress is often sufficient decoration. A dress of pink and white checked gingham, with some of the edges bound with blue and white checked goods, is both dainty and simple. Nothing is more practical than bloomers to match the wash dress.

A jumper dress for winter can be made from an old serge dress. Wash waists to be worn with it might be of white goods made into a plain pullover or trimmed with colored material. This dress is not only economical but is more hygienic for the child than an all-serge dress.

A serge middie and plaited skirt is always popular with the older girl and is appropriate for school and Sunday wear. The girl herself can help with the making of the dress. White middies can be substituted for the one of serge. The Tam-O-Shanter must not be forgotten in planning the little girl's outfit. This can be either ready-made or made at home out of velvet. Bright colors please the children and also live up their winter coats.

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