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SCIENCE OF THE MIND

The book of essays written by the late Archbishop DuVernet and recently published is a most interesting volume and one that should be in the hands of all modern thinkers. It deals with modern tendencies in religion and the science of the mind. Dealing with the Psychology of Religion one of the articles says: "The easily demonstrated fact that our mind can penetrate other minds, even at a distance, is additional evidence that the activity of our mind far exceeds the activity of our brain. What is spiritual is in space but it also transcends space. The constant tendency of the spiritual mind is to work itself free from the limitations of the physical brain."

"It is in the twilight zone that we get the most convincing evidence of the soul working itself free from its material wrapping. Here is the case of an aged clergyman, who lingered for several days on the border-line. His mind was clear and bright, while his body gradually became numb and dead, as the process of separation between the spiritual and the physical went quietly on. He seemed to be living far more in the spiritual world than in the material world, as he held fellowship, not only with God but with loved ones gone before. Only when directly spoken to with a clear voice would he seem to become dimly conscious that while he was just beyond the veil he still had one hand touching the curtain, and so was yet in contact with earth. Nothing could be more natural than this slipping away of his soul, his mind energy asserting its mastery and its freedom as the last slender thread was severed."

CONSCIOUS AND SUBCONSCIOUS MIND

Like most psychologists the Archbishop spoke of two minds, the conscious and the subconscious and between these two there was a barrier. Only at times were we directly influenced by the subconscious. "If our conscious mind had no barrier to guard it, such a torrent of ill-assorted memories, unadjusted emotions, and infinite longings would sweep over us that we should be utterly unfitted for our daily work."

And again: "If it were not for the barrier of the brain the thoughts of those both near at hand and far away, who were thinking earnestly and sympathetically about us would break into our consciousness, like the waves upon the sea shore, so incessantly that we should be distracted from our duties. Now and again some of these do submerge the breakwater and run far into the interior, but not too frequently. If it were not for the barrier of the brain the spirits of departed friends would be so constantly calling up and the repeated sounding of the psychic bell would drive us mad."

ACTIVITY OF THE SUBCONSCIOUS

Speaking of the subconscious memory the Archbishop wrote: "Our subconscious mind never ceases its activity day or night. It is like the whirlpool in Niagara River. It is constantly engulfing mental images, but now and again some of them are thrown to the surface of consciousness from the depths below. These fragments of submerged memories are sometimes re-combined voluntarily by our imagination and give rise to invention, art and poetry. At other times they are re-combined involuntarily while we are asleep and give rise to fantastic dreams."

"There will always be something of mystery about our subconscious mind, for it is there that the individual shades off into the universal and the finite touches the infinite; but at the same time we should be wise enough to recognize often the kaleidoscopic bits of memories."

"Whether for good or for evil, subconscious memories with a strong emotional tone have a powerful effect upon health and character. The reason for this is obvious. Such are submerged in the stream of subconscious activity where they act and react incessantly. There is no reason why the subconscious mind should not be flooded with bright, happy, healthy memories rather than with black, depressing and sickly memories."

POWER OF MIND OVER MIND

Just one more quotation from the book to give the pith of the psychological researches of the late archbishop: "We must in our thinking get rid of the conception that space is a barrier between minds. There is a fundamental union of all souls in the realm of the subconscious world. Whenever we like we can cause our mind energy to penetrate the subconscious mind of another, whether he be thousands of miles away from us or not. He may not be conscious that he has received a mental influence from us but this mental energy will, nevertheless, stir within him an auto-suggestion of a similar character."

PEACE POLICY FOR THE YEAR

Review of Conditions Given Showing Situation Regard to Disarmament

GENEVA CONFERENCE

Latest Move to Outlaw War Looked Upon With Favor by Writer of Article

(Manitoba Free Press)  
From any survey of world achievements consideration of how the world stands in relation to the cause of permanent peace cannot be excluded. This is a question which underlies all other phases of world betterment, since all advances in civilization and every program for the amelioration of human ills depend for their fruition upon the continuance of world peace. This is being more and more understood by the peoples of the world, however difficult it may be for their political and military leaders to turn aside from the traditional principle of statecraft that war is the ultimate arbiter for which provision must always be made. There are many signs that there is, in all civilized nations, a growing apprehension that war will come again unless the general engagement to preserve peace to which all the nations have subscribed receives some additional measure of popular reinforcement. With this goes a lively appreciation of what another war would mean. It would undoubtedly be the last war in the sense that after it was over there would be nothing left to smash.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
It may, therefore, very properly be asked whether 1927 has made any contribution to the cause of peace and to world stability. If it has not, or if there has been a worsening of international relations, other achievements, however hopeful or beneficial in themselves, cannot save the year from being regarded as a failure.

Fortunately the answer to this challenge is that 1927 may be regarded, notwithstanding certain incidents, as the most encouraging since the war to those who hope and work for the cause of universal and enduring peace.

It was relatively a peaceful year. There were no international armed clashes calling for the good offices or the intervention of the League of Nations. Civil wars, like those which are now distracting China, do not come within the League's scope. Difficulties in Europe which, under pre-League conditions, might and probably would have led to war have been kept within bounds and conditions established which make their final adjustment possible. The state of non-intercourse between Poland and Lithuania which has existed for seven years was brought to an end by the Council of the League at its late meeting; and authority was vested by consent in League officials for the purpose of preventing boundary clashes, which marks an encouraging extension of League power.

GENEVA COLLAPSE  
The collapse of the Geneva naval disarmament conference was not without its uses in revealing, especially in Great Britain, divergencies in temper between the civilian and the official mind. Though the responsibility for the failure was only partially chargeable to their delegation, the people of Great Britain, in place of backing up their representatives in the time-honored way, developed a highly critical attitude towards the admiralty policies to which the collapse had been in part due. The public was startled by the revelation that the naval experts of the two great English-speaking nations were basing their building programs upon the theoretical possibility of war between the two countries. The deadlock at Geneva is explainable upon no other view; and official declarations to the contrary have had no effect in moderating adverse public opinion. The resulting discussion, which took on a wider range when Lord Cecil resigned from the government, giving reasons, has had an undoubted effect in strengthening the influences which favor more active leadership by Great Britain in the world peace movement. One sign of this is the demand that Great Britain put herself under the compulsory jurisdiction of the World Court in justiciable matters. Formal adhesion to this demand has now been made by the League of Nations Union, the Liberal party and the Labor party.

AMERICA SILENT  
In the United States there was no corresponding showing of popular disapproval of the ungracious course which the American delegates pursued at Geneva, though critical voices were not lacking; but the disclaiming by the British government of any intention to enter into competitive building, with the practical confirmation of this by the cancellation of two cruisers, has been so favorably received that there is some possibility that American public opinion will block the big navy program now before Congress. The most favorable development of the year in the United States was the movement, to which Senator Capper is giving leadership in the Senate, to have the United States declare that in the event of war it will have no dealings of any kind with the aggressor nation—that is, the nation which rejects arbitration and goes to war. This policy was strongly recommended by the World Alliance for International Friendship through the churches at its great convention in St. Louis, and has the vigorous support of influential American journals and publicists. Adoption of the Capper resolution by the Senate would, in ef-

fect, bring the United States into cooperation with the League for the enforcement of peace by rendering effective the weapon of the economic boycott, which the League will probably never employ until assured of American sympathy.  
Canada was represented by Senator Dandurand at the last assembly of the League, which is regarded as the most successful gathering of the kind to date; and he also represented Canada at the recent council meeting where the menace of war between Poland and Lithuania was removed. On his journey home he gave expression in New York to his considered opinion: "As it is constituted today the League of Nations may save the world. It would save the world without a doubt if the United States joined it. Upon the United States people rests that formidable responsibility."

Man in the Moon

THIS is election day, so let us enjoy it. The candidates won't.  
THE good husband closes at least one eye to the charms of other women.  
IT'S too late to tell a man to beware of blondes when he has already married one.  
DON'T go to law. If you win you lose and if you lose you're lost.  
Office Boy: "Please, miss, the editor presents his compliments and is extremely obliged to you for letting him see the pictures, but unfortunately his space is so limited that he will be unable to take advantage of your kind offer."  
Artist: "Did he really say all that?"  
Office Boy: "Oh, no, miss. What he said was, 'Take this stuff away, Pimple, it makes me sick!'"  
IT is understood that Ford dealers will give away a volume of Ford stories with every new model car sold this year. If there are not enough volumes to go round they will tell the stories to satisfied customers.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

JANUARY 3, 1918  
As a result of the first annual ball set night of the Sons of Canada Society the Halifax Relief Fund will benefit to the extent of \$135.  
The local St. Andrew's Society has elected officers as follows: president, S. D. Macdonald; vice-president, J. G. Steen; second vice-president, W. H. Wilson; secretary, treasurer, C. W. Westwood; warden, A. Clapperton.  
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Men's Felt Slippers, to clear at \$1.40  
Men's Knee Rubber Boots, good quality, to clear at \$4.95  
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