

Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

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ELIENE'S PHILOSOPHY OF LOVE

The Major and Mrs. Charlton had hardly left the room when Eliene burst in. "Didn't I hear the Major's voice?" she demanded.

"Yes."

"Where has he gone?"

"He is taking Mrs. Charlton back to her hotel."

Eliene sat down suddenly and for a moment I was not sure whether she was going to laugh or cry, but in a moment her sense of humor conquered her disappointment and she laughed.

"That is more than the Major did," I remarked.

Eliene looked up interrogatively.

"When he arrived here and found Mrs. Charlton in my sitting room, where that stupid maid ushered him, you would have thought that someone had kidnapped you and he was never to see you again. Of course Mrs. Charlton attributed his look of disappointment to not seeing me alone, and unless she leaves town right away, as she threatens, something tells me there will be trouble."

"But Margot," said Eliene earnestly, "there will be no trouble, for before I let you suffer I'll tell Theo all about it."

"You will do nothing of the kind," I said firmly, remembering all the things that Theo had done and how completely I had forgiven him and yet how prone he was to suspect me of indiscretions. "Promise me, Eliene, that whatever happens you will say nothing to Theo until I tell you that you may. I can see that Sallie Saunders has made a great impression on him and I am determined to make a test of my own between the influence of a good wife and a designing woman on the mind of an unsuspecting and somewhat susceptible husband."

"Susceptible—yes," answered Eliene, "but not unsuspecting. Why, Margot, every man between twenty-one and seventy suspects that every woman who treats him with the least polite attention, has fallen to his unfeeling charm."

"In a little while, Eliene, you will wonder at all the cynical ideas that you have now. Surely you do not think that the Major suspects for a moment that Mrs. Charlton is in love with him?"

"He does not suspect it; he knows it," she affirmed. "She has been cakes and ale to him for years. Really and truly, Margot, he all but told me the other day that he probably would have married her if he had not found me."

"Eliene, how silly," I said sharply.

"Don't misunderstand me, dear," she said. "What I want to convey is this: While the Major was over in France fighting, he felt very lonely—all the more lonely because he said to himself, 'there is not a solitary woman back in God's country who would grieve if I should go west the next time I lead my men over the top.' He made up his mind that if he did come back he would marry and settle down. Of course his mind quickly turned to Mrs. Charlton, but she was an old story. He wanted his romance—he longed for its thrill with all the sentiment of a boy. He told himself that if he found no one he cared for more than he did Mrs. Charlton, she would always be waiting. Then he met you, saved your life—and you know, Margot, you are a mighty pretty girl. He probably said to himself that you were the girl for him; but alas, he found you were married."

"He said I reminded him of a girl he loved in his youth, one who had died," I interrupted.

"Possibly you did, my dear. Evidently she had red hair and green eyes, but it is very probable that she looked no more like you than I do. He just liked to weave that idea into his dreams. Being an honorable man, when he found you were married, he went back to Mrs. Charlton, but he could not quite make up his mind to settle down in life until he had investigated further."

"Investigated who?" I asked.

"Not who, but what," she answered. "With Mrs. Charlton he knew all about what marriage might mean—a companionship that for most of the time would be more or less interesting, but that was all. What he wanted was an entirely new sensation. This he evidently got when he met me—if he has the same thrill that I have when he is near me—but, my dear, I do not flatter myself that not having met me he would have stayed unmarried until the end of his days. Indeed," she added rather sadly, if somewhat whimsically, "I am not sure but that even now Mrs. Charlton is making him understand in the usual subtle feminine way, that it is really his duty to marry her."

"Eliene, Eliene," I exclaimed. "You queer girl, is that what you have been thinking of all this day while waiting for the Major?"

"Yes," she said. "I simply have to work it all out to my own satisfaction."

"Then you will not ask him, as most women do their lovers, have you ever loved before?"

"Probably I will," she answered with a laugh that was peculiarly Eliene's own, "because I am sure he will expect it and it will be a shame not to give him a chance to say 'Darling I never knew what love meant until now!'"

(Tomorrow—"The Unwelcome Truth.")

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VARIETY OF ADDRESSES

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work of the Saviour. One had to begin with Christ and get the earnest and true vision of Christ.

Farewell Address

The next article of the synodical docket was an address by Dr. Edwin Smith of Halifax who is to leave the bounds of the Synod shortly. He said that when he entered the ministry there was much strife and contentions over non-essential matters. These had in a great measure ceased. The need of repentance, forgiveness and eternal life was great. Jesus Christ was the one remedy for the sins of mankind. After spending nearly fifty years in the office of the ministry he was convinced that all these things were realities. The two great needs of the Church and people today are a deeper and truer individual sense of sin and of right. The battle is a battle of will. Our Lord came into the world and suffered and died for us that we may have life. What was wanted was to bring Jesus face to face with the individual father and mother. With the individual fathers and mothers possessing a high Christian spirit, the men would appear who would fill the pulpits.

"Let us stand by the united church of God, the church itself and not its stepping stones alone. Jesus Christ is fixed the head of the Church of God. The terms of membership in that Church are fixed and we have no say in them. Base all your teachings not upon science but upon the 'Sword of the Spirit' the word of God which endures forever. Use the word of God every day and teach its true version to the many students who come to you for guidance." The Moderator expressed the regret off the Synod upon the fact that Dr. Smith was changing his abode.

Halifax Ladies College

Several committee reports were discussed by the Moderator and then Prof. W. J. Falconer, Chairman of the Board of the Halifax Ladies' College gave a short address on the Ladies' College dealing with changes in the staff and improvements to the building. The conservatory itself he stated was crowded, students being in abundance. The expenditures the speaker stated were large and the help of the Synod was needed. A motion was moved to express the loss of the Synod in the death of the late Robert Laing, appreciation of the splendid service the Halifax Ladies College had performed, and appreciation of the appointment of Miss Florence Blackwood to the position of Principal. Rev. R. W. Ross seconded this motion which was passed unanimously.

Infirm Ministers' Fund

Dr. Anderson Rogers of Antigonish presented the report for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, asking that all the young ministers of the church should connect themselves with the fund. He commended the fund to the consideration of those present. He was followed by Judge Forbes who delivered a few words of praise for the valuable work of the fund.

PEACE TREATY IS BEFORE THE FRENCH SENATE

Paris, Oct. 7.—The Senate met this afternoon to bein consideration of the treaty of peace.

Leon Bourgeois, Chairman of the peace commission of the Senate, delivered the report of the commission on the treaty to the Senators this morning. The report calls for immediate and unanimous ratification of the treaty. It states that the question at issue is not to compare advantages which other allied nations receive from the treaty of peace with those attained by France but the treaty must be regarded from the point of view of its safeguards to French interests.

The report further argues that France must ratify the treaty immediately in order to assume a seat upon the committee of organization of the league of nations which has commenced its work in London.

M. Bourgeois holds that the treaty as drafted is consistent with right and justice and that France obtains through it the political and moral satisfaction required by her sacrifices. The country, it is declared, can find in the temporary economic regulations effective means for economic recovery.

Financial Guarantees

The allies, Bourgeois added, will not be able to refuse to France the financial guarantees she still lacks. The efficacy of military guarantees against Germany will depend upon the vigilance of the control exercised and the strict application of the prescribed measures.

M. Bourgeois regrets that the covenant of the league of nations does

not contain an absolute interdiction upon making war, and that France did not obtain satisfaction as to the limitation of armaments, but he expresses confidence that the treaty will be amended in that sense.

In his report M. Bourgeois further argues that it is just that the former German Emperor, as the author of acts contrary to the Hague conventions, should be brought to trial, and ends with an expression of satisfaction at the restitution of Alsace-Lorraine and the liberation of the nations which have been held victims to abuse of force. The solidarity of allies, he is convinced, will continue during the peace which is to come.

SEARCHING FOR HEIRS

Quebec, Oct. 8.—A man named Bildeaux, who died at Willits, Cal., left an estate that will revert to the state if relatives do not claim the legacy. He is supposed to have relations in Quebec and a search is being made for them.

Hon. Mr. Veniot in an interview published in the Telegraph, gives the lie to some statements which the Standard has been publishing with respect to wharves on the lower stretch of the St. John river and elsewhere. Hon. Mr. Veniot points out that under legislation enacted by the present government all the wharves have been transferred to the Federal government; therefore the criticism of the Standard is not justified by the facts.

Two prohibition bills were brought down in Parliament Tuesday by Hon. C. J. Doherty, and were given a first reading. One of the bills deals en-

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tirely with the importation and manufacture of intoxicating liquor, the word "importation" applying to inter-provincial trade. The other bill is an amendment of the Doherty Act which is in aid of provincial prohibitory legislation.



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