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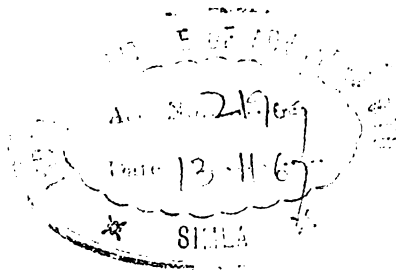
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CHAPTER I

TAKING STOCK OF LIFE

Never before in the world's history have there been such changes as during the past decade. Things have changed with a rapidity never before imagined, except by those sentinel souls who take stock of life for the benefit of their fellow beings.

Mechanically the world has been revolutionized during these last two decades, and ethically the last ten years have produced changes of far-reaching import.

In neither of these directions have we reached static.

The Next Ten Years

By 1940 we can presume that the state of education, marriage, pathology, electricity, domestic outlook, divorce, will be different from that of to-day.

The centuries when life has rumbled on somewhat tranquilly, though occasionally spasmodically, are done with, and we are concerned with to-day and to-morrow most emphatically, and have no time to look back.

The problems and situations of yesterday do not concern us; we are alive only to the immensity of the present and future.

An American scientist has prophesied that before the end of this century we shall be visiting the Moon, and if the peoples living there are like the races of the earth, we can presume they will be armed against invasion and may consider our arrival as a bellicose act.

Will the Moon be Friendly?

If the state of mind of humanity is no better than now, we can regard the proximity of a people on another planet as an addition to our national complication inasmuch as we shall have to be prepared for attack from a source never hitherto taken into account by our professional defenders. If, on the other hand, humanity has become sensible, and bellicose actions have vanished and we have turned our attention and inventive genius to happier and more useful channels, then we can regard our new neighbour as an asset and a friend.

Electricity at a Farthing

In the near future, unlimited electricity will be provided for the whole of England at probably $\frac{1}{4}$ d. a unit flat rate. Every cottage in the land will have its electric cooker, heater, light, telephone, and radio receiver, which, with the television, will have become universal, so that every home will be in touch with the programmes of the British Broadcasting Corporation, and many other radio in all parts of the world.

During this momentous period we shall have gone far toward solving that difficult question, the United States of Europe, the precursor of the World's Confederation.

Warfare against Disease

We shall truly have a Defence Force in those days, but it will be a Force of Scientific Research. Our warfare will be that against ignorance, against disease, against death, against Nature run wild, against the elements that beset us. So far as one can see there will always be warfare, but it will not always be the warfare of bellicose acts between men and nations.

The Channel Tunnel

In spite of the recent decision of the British Cabinet, I believe that during the next decade the Channel Tunnel will be an achieved project and in full working order some time before 1940. By its aid tens of thousands of Continental people will be visiting this country for business and pleasure. Liverpool will retain its position as a leading shipping port and the New York Steamers will discharge their passengers there, thus assuring that they will see Britain on their way to the Continent of Europe instead of the present procedure of arriving at Cherbourg, the brave ones alone venturing the nasty Channel crossing in tiny boats to come to England.

Cockle Shells

For, be it observed, while progress in transport has been enormous in every direction, and the size of boats, engines, coaches, aeroplanes has increased yearly, the little cockle-shell Channel boats between Dover and Calais remain much as they did a quarter of a century ago, the reason being that the harbours

of both ports are too shallow to allow of large boats being berthed.

Long ago I suggested to the Southern Railway the building of double-ended boats with screws at both ends, that could travel to and fro between Dover and Calais without turning round. These are working satisfactorily in other parts of the world, and would save considerable time in the crossing, as the business of turning round in the open sea is a slow process.

Travellers who have crossed the Channel in the big Cunard and White Star boats between Southampton and Cherbourg, know how the absence of rolling and pitching makes the journey pleasant, and were bigger boats used between Dover and Calais much unpleasantness would be avoided.

A Channel Ferry

An alternative to the Channel Tunnel would be big ferries such as are run between Denmark and Sweden. These ferries could be large enough to take complete London-Paris trains in sections, and would be so stable that rough weather would make little difference, but they would not be as fast as the boats.

It ought to be common knowledge that the Richborough ferry, Kent, was running to France daily during the War and carrying heavy trains of war material with complete success.

A ferry, however, is a poor and slow compromise for a tunnel.

To Defend 18½ feet

The economic point of view, that possibly the Channel Tunnel would require too much capital and

be a doubtful revenue producer, ought not to stand in the way. Apart from the funds being privately obtainable entirely in this country, France and Italy have offered to finance it completely, and why shouldn't they?

Foreign countries run steamship and aeroplane services to our shores, so why not a railway? The extra Defence requirements are too negligible for serious consideration. Whilst France and Germany have to defend thousands of miles of land frontiers, we should be called upon to defend an extra $18\frac{1}{2}$ feet, which is the diameter of the incoming tunnel. The "defence" of this is too paltry for discussion and the talk of a new garrison on the spot, ridiculous. An attacking enemy, with the expanse of air above, would not choose a long narrow tunnel for landing an army. I cannot imagine how such ideas could ever have gained credence.

And here, while talking of the part the Channel Tunnel will play in encouraging visits to our shores, I do not think it is sufficiently realized how great London really is. With its 8,000,000 inhabitants, 52 great public theatres and 14 miniature theatres, 25 immense cinemas, and hundreds of smaller ones, 57 museums and picture galleries, 6 ice skating rinks, 20 of the world's finest luxury hotels, about 500 smaller first-class hotels, 250 railway stations, 85 miles of underground railways, 4,000 motor omnibuses, 55 parks and gardens, 100 golf courses, over a hundred tennis clubs, numbers of dance clubs, 200 first-class restaurants and 400 smaller ones, 4 cathedrals, about 20 big concert halls and the largest organs in the world, 12 polo grounds, 7 aerodromes and 46 swimming baths, London is still the greatest city in the world to-day.

While " Things have changed ", they will change infinitely more in the very near future.

Banishing Disease

Before this century is half through, Science will have advanced so much that life will be better, happier, healthier and longer.

Disease will be banished from life except in rare instances, whereas to-day it is the expected occurrence.

Disease, in every case a mistake, will be understood, and life so lived that perfect functioning of the human mechanism will take place.

Insanity by the breeding of the unfit will be also almost non-existent.

Life will be extended considerably. Already the work of Science is having its effect in this direction.

Living the Century

The animal world appears to live to five times the period of growth ; thus the dog, attaining full growth at three, lives to fifteen, and the horse, growing till five, lives twenty-five years. On this basis, a man, attaining his full stature at twenty-five, should live a hundred and twenty-five years. This is the standard that Science is aiming at. Indeed, with the aid of the surgeon's skill in grafting or otherwise renewing certain glands in the human body, infinitely longer life is prophesied. The age that is dawning for us will be better and brighter in every way for mankind.

The sexes will be equal, and household drudgery will have been overcome by mechanical invention and also by many people finding the communal restaurant more satisfactory than the individual kitchen.

Meatless Diet

Reformed diet in the form of vegetarian foods will be largely in evidence, and the killing of animals and devouring of their flesh largely discountenanced.

Men and women will mingle with a freedom born of knowledge and balance. Their conversation will be frank, but it will be pure, because the attitude towards sex will be beautified and ennobled.

The Air Age

Travel will be as much by air as it is to-day by land. Mankind will have taken to flight as freely as the birds. The bird does not think, "Is it safe for me to rise from the ground and travel by air?" it does so naturally, and air travel will become as common to us as ground travel is to-day. The age of air travel is only just beginning in England, and it is regrettable to note that Continental countries are so far in advance of us. There, hourly aeroplane services are running between the big towns in Germany for instance, while in England a meagre tri-weekly internal aeroplane service between London, Birmingham and Manchester is only now being launched.

England's Position

At the moment of writing England has less than 60 commercial aeroplanes, while America has 400, France 380, Germany 250, Italy 70, and even little Holland has as many as England.

The commercial aeroplane route mileage of England is only 6,000, Germany has 17,000, France 20,000, and America 36,000. Considering that British ships carry

60% of the world's produce to-day, the 6% of commercial aeroplane transport that is ours is ridiculously small. We possess 19 commercial aerodromes as against 90 in Germany and 415 in the United States.

In subsidies the British Government makes a grant of £500,000 per annum towards Civil aviation, while France devotes £1,500,000 and the U.S.A. £3,500,000 to the same cause.

The British Government takes less interest in civil aviation than any other Great Power, but it must be said in our favour that we have the Commercial and Postal Air Route to India, which will soon be extended to Australia, also the Air Route to South Africa. These two latter will be the longest Air routes in the world. France and Holland are developing an air service to India via the Balkans and Constantinople, which is perhaps a better route than our Air-Rail via Italy and Egypt. France is also developing an Air Service to China, and the U.S.A. have regular services to South America, while Germany is contemplating a Service from Hamburg to Hull and on to the West Coast of Ireland to link up with the Transatlantic steamers. Yet none of these countries has as great foreign and Colonial interests at stake as Great Britain.

In Germany, aeroplane journeys cost less than trains, for the same mileage, and this is one reason why Civil Aviation has gone ahead so fast.

Where Britain Leads

However, British aeroplanes are the best in the world. This has been proved by our large export trade

in aeroplanes, and British pilots lead in efficiency, as example our world's air records.

The Flying clubs dotted all over England, the National Flying Services and the Air Squadrons at Oxford and Cambridge are helping along Civil Aviation very much in this country, and all this is to the good for the unification of world interests in general.

Each year aeroplanes are growing in size, power, completeness, comfort and safety. It is not difficult to visualize the gigantic ocean air-liners that must come at no very distant date. The multiplication of engines, span and wing area, appears to advance, slowly, but it is none the less sure.

The other day, while at an aviation meeting at Heston aerodrome, I was intrigued by the sight of a big air-liner (as we know them to-day), surrounded on the ground by numbers of little air-craft, as chicks surround a mother hen.

The comparative steadiness of aeroplanes will be governed largely by their size, and the air-liner of the future will have an air worthiness unknown to-day.

Poverty

There is a great and intriguing trouble that is with us always, called Poverty. For thousands of years poverty has meant lack of money, but a future state will call the worst type of poverty lack of intellect, lack of compassion, lack of health.

While to-day we have the aristocracy of wealth and the power that wealth brings, the day is dawning when the aristocracy of Intellect, of Kindness, of Physical Perfection, will be uppermost.

Poverty, as we know it to-day, will be unthinkable.

The extraordinary inequality of material wealth, one of the greatest problems to-day, will be unravelled, but that in itself will not create Utopia. Poverty is caused much by ignorance, laziness, extravagance, and lack of foresight.

Those artificial bugbears, Patriotism and Nationalism, will be dissolved into Universality and General Brotherhood.

This Tariff Business

Frontiers and tariffs will be forgotten, for the world will have become one great country.

Even colour and race will be largely merged, because the quick travel by air will make journeys across the earth easy matters, and this will bring all parts of the world close together.

Co-operation will have taken the place of competition, to the immense advantage of everybody, and Education will have advanced beyond recognition.

Man and His Labour

The mechanization of labour by electricity will make it possible for a man to do in two days what now takes him six ; thus his freedom from many hours of labour will give him so much more time for education, and this will tend more than anything else to make for equality amongst mankind.

There will without doubt be still great differences in brain power and inclination for advancement, but it will be lessened by the educational advantages made available.

CHAPTER II

THE RELIGION OF THE FUTURE

In the future state to which humanity is moving I believe religion will be simple, scientific, positive. It will engulf every present-day form of belief and be all-absorbing. Bickerings on religious opinion will cease, and divergent views, now so prevalent and disconcerting to the growing child, will be merged into a comprehensive faith in the omnipotence of God, the power of good and the eventual perfection of the individual, though forms of worship may differ.

Be Tolerant

Toleration will be prominent, and Christians will not boast of their faith being pre-eminently above that of all others ; thus missionary work in foreign lands, as to-day blatantly practised, will cease. Civilizing uncivilized races will continue, but endeavouring to turn them from the faith of their fathers will not be encouraged. There is one God, but there are many angles from which He is worshipped. Who dare say that we are right to the exclusion of others ?

To be sure, there will still remain many people who like to worship grandiloquently, those who love ceremony, pomp and circumstance, elaborate music,

colours, incense, altar-lights, and banners. I have always loved these things, but not since I was a youngster have I imagined them to be necessary or any more pleasing to God than the simple prayer meeting of a Protestant Sect.

Etheric Life

I believe Spiritualism will soon be accepted by Scientists as having been conclusively proved.

Spiritualism is not a religion, any more than faith healing is a religion. It is a demonstration of a fundamental part of life.

The Scientific proof of Spiritualism will demonstrate the continuation of life after this life, but I can imagine there will still be some souls who will continue to live as blatant, vicious lives as now—proof that we continue existence after death will not spiritualize them.

With the development of Spiritualism we shall realize that this and other planets on which physical life exists are only a portion of the living Universe.

We shall discover that there is an immense active life existing in our midst, living shoulder to shoulder with us, though generally invisible to our mortal eyes and inaudible to our physical ears.

A life functioning in an etheric body more real than our physical bodies, and not hampered with the physical disabilities only too well known to us.

Thus there are two worlds, the material and the Ethereal. All that most people know of life to-day is what we see with mortal eyes, but this is but one aspect of the Universe.

The Communion of Saints

Under certain conditions intercourse with the invisible world has always existed, and that is what is called in the Christian religion "The Communion of Saints".

This intercourse is very difficult, because on our side we have in most cases only physical sense, and on the other side they have no physical sense. It has been proved to the satisfaction of thousands of living people that, with painstaking endeavour, communication can be made with the invisible world. The result of these communications is that we have learned a little of the existence beyond physical life ; that this life is not so very different from our own.

We have learned also that there are many other grades in the Universe, and that all life is progressive.

Invisible Friends

Thus it is proved to those of us who have had this illumination that our existence continues, that we are surrounded by invisible friends. It does not follow that all who have passed into the (to us) invisible world are living holier lives than they were living on earth. There are evil souls ; do we not learn in the ancient Scriptures of fallen angels ?

The Universe may be described, however, as a mighty Brotherhood ever going forward towards the invisible goal of Unity with God, the Creator and Father.

Design and Purpose is everywhere indicated, it is conspicuous throughout the Universe as a whole, and is as clear on the large scale as in the tiniest detail.

With our physical senses we can perceive only the

Universe of matter which is just a very small part of the whole plan.

I believe that we have had conclusive proof that many of those who have gone before are working amongst us, helping us in our difficulties in this life, which is a preparation for the wider and greater life to come, and perhaps many lives to come. This is part of the Christian faith, though the Orthodox Church does not officially talk about communication with those who have gone before.

Sir Oliver Lodge

Here are a few words from the great Scientist, Sir Oliver Lodge, on entering his eightieth year : “ We talk too much about death and the grave. I am absolutely convinced that human existence is not limited to the material body and does not cease with the death of the brain. We make too much of the brain. It is the mind, and not the brain, that designs and plans.

“ I know by direct experience that those whom we call dead are not dead, but have just been separated from their bodily mechanism. I have been in touch with the minds of certain people who have parted from their bodies and yet have preserved their memories, characters, and affections.”

Re-incarnation

It is my own belief and inner conviction that I have lived many times on this and possibly on other planets. This is the teaching called Re-incarnation. We begin in the gaseous kingdom, and work up into the mineral, vegetable and animal kingdoms, and thus

up to the human kingdom, eventually attaining the Angelic kingdom which sees and lives *en rapport* with God Himself. These are facts of realization, one cannot prove them scientifically. There is no material or substantial proof, but as these matters are spiritual and not physical, there is no reason why we should ask for physical proofs. We must expect physical proof for physical things and spiritual proofs for spiritual things, and thus these proofs come from within entirely. Though Re-incarnation is the main plank of Hinduism and Buddhism, I cannot see any teaching in the Christian religion which conflicts with the belief.

I am a born optimist. I think it part of religion ; without this belief, where are we? We are meant to be happy. Life is wonderful, and the world is beautiful.

A Daily Paper recently asked, "What are the twelve best things in life?" and the answers they received were very interesting. I would put them as follows, though not necessarily in this order :

1. A drink of cold water when really thirsty.
2. Good food when genuinely hungry.
3. Giving pleasure to those unable otherwise to obtain it.
4. Giving financial assistance where it is known to be needed.
5. Genuinely reciprocated love.
6. The act of worship at a ceremony of elaborate ritual.
7. Listening to a good orchestra.
8. Watching a good play.

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9. Driving through beautiful scenery in a perfect open car.
10. Relief from a period of pain.
11. Gliding over the Channel in an aeroplane.
12. Sleep when thoroughly tired.

CHAPTER III

CAN WAR BE OUTLAWED?

War is savage ; it is the most glaring example of the persistence of savagery that continues in our midst.

It is no good boasting our civilization, our advancement in love, godliness and kindness, while we are strenuously endeavouring to outdo our neighbour in ruthlessness where potential wholesale killing is concerned. Every Dreadnought, every machine-gun, every Tank, every bayonet is an indication of warfulness and awfulness in preparation.

Thrust and Twist

Listen to the serjeant instructing his men on the use of the bayonet, and then think. It is not much use a General saying, " We do not want to use this thing, but this is how to do it if the time comes." So long as we continue to prepare for war, so long as this shadow of military conflict is over us, so long are we still savages deep down in our hearts, hidden certainly, glossed over with eyes uplifted to heaven, but nevertheless, there in being, smouldering antagonistically to all our better feelings and aspirations.

Aviation in Peace and War

Aviation and the inventions of Science are making for peace, security, progress, a "one family" attitude on this planet side-by-side with a possibility of awfulness in warfare never before equalled or dreamed of.

It was a great day in the history of this earth when the first aeroplane rose from the ground. It was a great day for progress, but parallel with this progress is the possibility of annihilation through the very same source. Chemistry has aided industry enormously in the last Decade, but chemists have invented gases that can wipe out a community in a very few minutes.

Constructive and Destructive

Thus two of the greatest forces of this new age can be destructive just as surely as they can be constructive.

Aerial locomotion gives the means of knitting together the peoples of this planet so completely that one day we must consider ourselves one family. On the other hand, aerial locomotion also gives the means of delivering sudden and destructive blows with poison gases at a great distance, capable of completely wiping out the community attacked.

Every inhabitant would thus become a potential combatant, and an overwhelming world disaster such as has never occurred before would result.

Construction and destruction go hand in hand, and if human progress is not directed in wise channels, the catastrophe will be greater than any previous happening in the world. So annihilating have the possibilities of future warfare become, when a country

can be wiped out in a few hours, that the Nations of the earth must join hands in a state of self-preservation and outlaw war at all costs.

An International Police

An International Police Force will I believe come into existence to keep the peace of the World, just as the Internal Police Force to-day keeps the peace of every Nation.

We have ruffians amongst us to-day, but we do not turn the Army upon them. They are kept in control by the Police Force. The International Police Force will keep unruly peoples in control.

Wireless and Aviation are the two great Forces that will knit humanity together as one great Nation, Wireless in point of word and Aviation in the annihilation of space by speedy transport. But these great forces will only be to our benefit if they are linked together with the equally great forces of goodwill and co-operation.

The terrible attributes of viciousness and enmity are generally the result of ignorance and fear more than anything else. Banish ignorance and fear as they are being banished, by education and the spread of knowledge of other peoples in the world, and the world's peace will be more assured than by any other means.

Aviation and Wireless are together effecting this, and are therefore the world's greatest hope of salvation.

Talk and Fraternity

While Aviation could, as I have reminded readers, be applied to the direct opposite result to progress,

I cannot see how wireless can ever be anything but beneficial. By its aid people will talk and sing, and when you get people to do these two things, you are half-way to fraternity. If, during the last war, we could have listened to some good broadcasting from the Central Powers instead of reading the appallingly misleading piffle about "frightfulness" in our papers, Understanding, that great human need, would not have been entirely swamped out of existence.

"It's Righteous this Time"

Every war that has ever been fought would have been better avoided. At the time a war is declared, in nearly every case, certainly in modern times, righteousness is proclaimed for its prosecution, and both sides claim in loud voice the justice, the honourableness of their cause.

By the time the war is finished one side generally admits the error of its ways, and within a very short space of time everybody concerned is agreed that the war ought never to have been fought, that it has been so much waste of life, time, wealth and labour in its pursuance.

All war is error, all war is waste, and inexcusable under any guise, yet in modern times no war has been fought except with supposed noble objects.

This is one of the worse aspects of the matter.

The Candid Burglar

When a burglar breaks into your house he does not proclaim the unavoidable nature of his deed. He knows he is doing wrong, does his best to avoid being found out, and, if he is caught red-handed, generally

takes his punishment without much defence of his actions. If he proclaimed with eyes uplifted to heaven that God was on his side, he would get short shrift and probably more severity in his sentence, so he refrains.

Other kinds of War

And when we talk of outlawing war, we must remember that military warfare between nations is not the only war we have to contend with. There will still be the war of Capital versus Labour, Right versus Wrong, and Life versus Death, Death being, we are told, the last enemy that will be overcome.

The enmity between Capital and Labour is often only self-sacrificing class loyalty, which is the opposite of selfishness, and while a Labour dispute is often selfish, it is not necessarily selfish on one side only.

The aim of existence should be the happy development of the race, not the aggregation of wealth by one class to the detriment of another. Slums must eventually be abolished, and beauty in surroundings established for every class.

Our Persistent Architecture

I look to seeing Architecture, beautiful Architecture, being applied to the smallest dwellings in our midst.

We are British, a type peculiar to this island. We have a language, a code, an outlook, a tradition, all our own. We are proud of these things. They are the outcome, the expression of our race, and no less our architecture is British also. The heyday of English architectural production was that of the Tudors. Intimate, beautiful, essentially of the country

in which it was built and for the people for whom it was designed, Tudor architecture is our own, and we are justly proud of it. The heavy exposed beams, the leaded lights, the ceiling-high wide windows with oak frames, the heavy iron-studded doors, the ingle-nooks and open brick fireplaces, high-flung rafters and oak-panelled walls—all these speak of British design at its best and most satisfying period.

The Lesser Beauty

The reign of Queen Anne produced also a distinctive style of Architecture with a dignity of its own, far less beautiful than that of the Tudors, but none the less essentially English.

It is a joy to every lover of things beautiful to see that Tudor houses are being faithfully reproduced to-day in ever greater numbers, up and down our fair land. There are lapses, shortcomings, mixtures to be sure, that are regrettable, but considering that we have no Ministry of Fine Arts, and remembering that Borough Councils concern themselves with sanitation, safety, the building line and suchlike, it is a satisfaction that there is so much innate art in our midst as is shown in a day's run in any part of the country.

What is Improvement?

Originality is sometimes shown by "improvements", alterations, adaptations, and this is in most part to be deplored. Granted that a designer wants to express himself, when that expression does not add to beauty, it is no credit to its creator. Tudor design was in itself all satisfying. It possessed the essentials of comfort, charm, suitability to our climate and fitted

in to our landscape admirably. The amount of good stout oak obtainable in neighbouring forests provided material for construction, bricks made from the soil, and iron mined at home made the Tudor house typically a home product. May we have more reproduction of Tudor architecture applied to modern requirements, to blocks of buildings, and so maintain an essentially National tradition.

The Most Elementary Need

If the great working classes, thirty-six million out of England's forty-eight million people, are housed decently, warfare between Capital and Labour will resolve itself into amicable association and goodwill and make for the soundest foundation of National prosperity and happiness that we can build.

Health and Disease

Next in this subject of warfare comes the war of Health versus Disease, for we were all meant to be healthy, and Nature provides us with a fairly elastic latitude for mistakes and indulgence.

That latitude has its limitations, however, and when these are overstepped, the physical economy breaks down, in degree and seriousness according to the sin committed. The great mistakes of the age are over-eating, worry, and lack of exercise. It can be readily understood how, in this decade of facilitated transport by train, bus, car and aeroplane, and the feverish hurry to get from one place to another, people are not likely to walk or bicycle. When there is a simple and cheap means of transport at hand in every direction, one is tempted to use it, and thus our lives become

mechanized to such an extent that in time we shall lose the ability to use our limbs vigorously, as Nature intended and demands.

Spasms of Sport

The week-end bout of sport indulged in by probably less than a quarter of the population is not enough to propitiate Nature's requirements. With this reduced exercise, brought about by increased transport facilities, has not come a decreased intake of food ; on the contrary, the manufacture of appetizing foods has increased enormously, and thus over-eating is rife.

The result is that humanity is suffering from a congestion of body due to over-eating, and illness follows in its train.

Elimination

Physical health is mostly a matter of abstention from, and elimination of, poisons. Eat scientifically in quality and quantity, and eliminate, as Nature intended, by vigorous exercise, sweating, and the regular morning habit, and perfect health and balance will be yours all the days of a long life.

But over-eat, and imbibe preserved, tinned, over-cooked and artificial foods, condiments and sauces, swilled down with artificial drinks, abstain from exercise and let your body get lax, and you will certainly not eliminate your poisons, which will be stored up little by little till the day of reckoning comes, when the physical machinery will break down and you will be sorry for yourself, if you are still alive

to tell the tale. Get that fact into your mind, act upon it and all will be well.

We cannot avoid *some* poison, but we *can* follow Nature's ways of getting rid of whatever is undesirable. Let not a day pass without walking five miles, or doing the equivalent in physical exertion.

I have written many books on health, but the teaching in them all is summed up in these few remarks.

Stamp out Worry

Then worry, brought about by "living the pace", is the next enemy to physical well-being. Excitement, constant noise, the daily rush, trying to get far more into a day than our forefathers did, living at a high level, spending more than we can earn, and consequently ever living on the edge of a financial precipice, this is what is fraying the nerves of the community and consequently upsetting its health.

It is the outcome of the speed of life. Possibly the next generation may be able to adapt itself more to this life than we are; and to our great advantage Medical Science is progressing so enormously that much disease is being combated and overcome.

Are we not Saner?

Altogether, with the amount of knowledge that is being given to the world in general on Hygiene, care of the body and treatment of disease, it is hoped that we are growing a saner and more wholesome race, and that the dietetic mistakes of over-eating will give way to reasonableness and commonsense.

I have long advocated that the British Broadcasting Corporation give three sessions every morning at 7,

7.30 and 8 a.m. of gramophone music suitable to accompany the "daily dozen" or my own system of physical culture.¹ Doing exercises to music is a joy, and tens of thousands of people will be induced to exercise daily when there is rhythmic music to do it to. Musical physical culture is universal in America.

Fighting Disease

In their fight against death and disease, the health authorities of America claim a signal victory.

Since 1900, the Nation's death-rate has been halved, and in the case of some diseases reduced by 95%.

In a report published jointly by the American Medical Association and the National Educational Association, the battle against diphtheria is regarded as one of the most striking instances of victory against disease by modern medical science. This victory, which is 95% in diphtheria's mortality, has been brought about by the discovery of antitoxin and toxin, the former being applied to immunize children.

The death-rate from typhoid and para-typhoid has been reduced since 1900 from 34 per 100,000 to 4.9 per 100,000 in 1928. Before 1900 the National death-rate was about 25 per 1,000 of the population.

By 1928 it was lowered to 12 per 1,000, which is one of the lowest in the world.

Only 7 babies in every 100 die within the first year now; in 1900 it was 16.

They estimate that health education has in the past twenty-five years saved the State £700,000,000.

The fight against tuberculosis has also been immensely successful, the mortality being reduced from

¹ The Henslowe System of Physical Culture.

194 per 100,000 to 79 per 100,000 ; and there is no doubt in the minds of the Authorities that it will soon be entirely stamped out. This much for preventive science in getting back to the state that Nature intended for mankind.

Why dissipate Wealth ?

And to get back to the consideration of war as a bellicose act as being a supposed necessary part of life, I think the financial burden that this belief entails should be kept before the electors more than it is.

The world is rich. The Creator is prodigious in the wealth that He showers upon mankind, but if we saddle ourselves with the stupendous burdens of Armaments, so-called " defensive " as well as " offensive ", thus adding to our non-productive expenditure and weighing down every member of the community with stupendous taxation, we must not be astonished that life becomes burdensome.

It is hardly realized by the majority that the cost of the Army, Navy and Air Force is nearly £200,000,000 a year, War Pensions another £105,000,000, about £300,000,000 in all, while the cost of Police and Prisons only come to £17,000,000 a year.

If these Services of so-called National Defence were abolished, as they certainly will be abolished at some future date, the Income Tax could be reduced from 4/6 to a 1/- in the £1 and about £200,000,000 could be released for productive expenditure.

Butchers' View on Vegetarianism

To call Generals and Admirals into conference on the subject of Disarmament, is like inviting a butcher

to a discussion on vegetarianism. The whole upbringing and training of army and naval men is based on the presumption that these arms are essential to the well-being of every civilized state.

When will we realize that we are frittering away our wealth on this great illusion, for illusion it is, that a nation that does not build armaments cannot hold up its head and will be swamped by the rest of the world ?

Disarmament by Example

Disarmament may come about by two courses : the one, an agreed general abandonment of physical warfare by all nations together ; the other, a lead given by one great nation in laying down its arms and trusting to God the Creator for its safety through the pursuance of Right. If it comes about by the latter course, then I believe that Great Britain will be that Nation.

True, that we should no longer be able to sing " Rule, Britannia ", but I would remind you also that we should no longer have to sing " Britons never, never, never shall be Slaves," for having once cast off the yoke of armament burdens, we should be relatively wealthy and possess means for the building up what was hitherto considered Utopian and beyond our means.

The Christian religion distinctly vetos warfare, and yet nine-tenths of the adherents to the faith adopt warfare as a national tenet.

Christianity has thus to be revised, modified, adjusted and adapted to suit the requirements of the so called Christian nations.

CHAPTER IV

THIS MARRIAGE BUSINESS

The necessary continuity of a marriage contract in the future will, I believe, depend on whether the responsibility of children has arrived. Without this contingency, it appears that modern marriage will be dissoluble at the wish of the parties to it. With the presence of children, it seems that for their sake, and where they are concerned, marriage in the future will be hedged round with laws as rigorous as those in force to-day. The child must at all costs be considered, and the convenience or even happiness of the parents must always be subservient to that of the offspring.

It is obvious that this should be so. There may be occasions when the child's best interests are served by the separation of the parents.

The Atmosphere of Bickering

It is not exactly elevating to be brought up in a household of bickering and disputes. But where the husband is allowed to depart and marry again, it is an essential preliminary to this that the financial future of the children should be assured up to the point of their complete education and start in life, otherwise there is a grave risk of their suffering.

Definite Provision

It may be said that this is provided for now, but the law as at present constituted will, I hope, be amended in the not distant future. Before a husband with children can be divorced and be allowed to start a fresh family elsewhere, he should have to find definite provision in Trust Funds, otherwise the children of the first marriage are liable to suffer. This might make one law for the rich and another for the poor, since the rich man could, by depositing Funds, obtain his freedom with greater ease ; but here is a point where the possession of capital properly directed is a direct protection to offspring, and while there is no law which can prevent improvident fathers from bringing children into the world which they cannot keep, there should be a distinctly preventive law which disallows fathers from taking on potential responsibilities elsewhere with no visible means of providing for existing responsibilities. Where the mother has her own estate and can make all necessary provision for existing children, the matter is simplified. There have been some disgraceful cases since the war of husbands who have gone off, obtained their freedom by being divorced, and started a fresh family while the offspring of the first union are unprovided for. Some of them may have been cases of bad workmanship on the part of the lawyers representing the parties, but it ought not to be possible for these things to happen.

The Childless Marriage

Apart from the existence of children, surely marriage is better dissolved if love dies ; without children there

can be no reason for this association but love, and without it, or at least without a profound companionship, why go on with a sham?

We know that love dies sometimes on one side only, and then there is apt to be wailing and gnashing of teeth on the other. But the death of love generally indicates the presence of some attribute that has killed it.

If a man ceases to love his wife, has no children, and she is provided for independently, then surely only pride stands in the way of a mutual separation.

If a wife no longer loves her husband, and there are no children, then it seems that if she wants to part, she should not be hindered. To keep her to a contract seems churlish and likely to turn her feelings into hate. Why not a paid housekeeper in the circumstances?

To Vow with Accuracy

The Marriage Service of the Established Church is, of course, a decided stumbling block. The vow to love, I think, at least might be changed to a vow to "protect" and an "endeavour to love". Nobody can love to order, and therefore, regarding vows, especially those made at the altar, as serious undertakings, one should not be required to take them to do what may one day become impossible.

The world has changed so very much in our generation that it is a wonder that the words of the Marriage Service, written many hundreds of years ago for conditions very different to ours, should be applicable at all in this twentieth-century.

I should not like to see the Marriage Service in Church give way to a secular ceremony only, but

I would like to see the wording of it so changed that everybody undertaking it could feel that they were taking vows and making conditions that they could undoubtedly fulfil to the last letter.

Weddings in Private

Again I am inclined to think that the Marriage Service as instituted by the Early Church was as intimate, quiet, beautiful as the Holy Eucharist, and never intended to be used as a dress display and attended by crowds of people, many only onlookers.

We know that Christ blessed with His Presence a marriage feast, but we are told nothing of the Marriage Ceremony that preceded it, therefore we can presume that this was held earlier in the day privately for the bride, bridegroom and their family only, as witnesses. Surely if Christ had been at that marriage ceremony it would have said so. But He was at the feast, and a large number of guests were there and there was much feasting.

I am inclined to regard the Marriage Service as something too deep and holy for a social display, a rite to take place at dawn, but I am all for a festive reception later in the day for those couples who are confident of their ability to make a success of their joint lives. To those who are not quite confident and who are treading gingerly the flower-bestrewed highway, why not a "gathering" six months later, when the post-honeymoon days are proved?

The Plea for Easy Divorce

Difficult and dishonourable divorce is the greatest handicap in marriage.

Given more freedom, or easy separation, both parties know it is only love, friendship, or at all events appreciation, which keeps them together. But with present marriage laws it is the firm and obligatory marriage certificate that forces uncongenial couples to remain together. Why, this very fact, this very certificate, is itself a proof of the deplorably unsatisfactory condition frequently found in the marriage state. If it were a willing and happy state, no certificate, no handcuffs, would be necessary. When a man buys a horse, he does not have to sign a certificate that he will use it; no, it is natural he will, or he would not have bought it. No certificate of obligation is necessary when two people become friends. They are still free to part when they like. The existence of any obligation with regard to our friends would immediately make such friendship intolerable, and when marriage becomes intolerable the fast binding of the marriage certificate is often at the bottom of it.

Self-Analysis

Men and women do not analyze their own minds sufficiently. When discontent creeps into the marriage state, they sulk, grumble and kick without searching quietly and calmly for the actual root of the evil. With marriage, were the binding not so stringent and severe, many might achieve continual happiness, but with the knowledge of the irrevocable knot, most people must become chafed in time, and thousands must be frightened out of attempting this hazardous contract; for, as Nietzsche said, "Man buyeth in the market with cunning eyes, but every man buyeth his

wife in a sack," and, let it be added, every wife, in taking her husband, puts a halter over his head.

Let marriage be a companionship, a Holy Union certainly, but let us look for relief from this irrevocable binding, which is cruel in so many instances and torturing to many thousands.

Divorce with Dignity

Honourable divorce ; this is, I claim, the needed reform. To-day, divorce is dishonourable, it is frequently dirty. To qualify for it, one of the parties must do a dishonourable act, often repulsive to noble, sensitive minds. Without this, as the Law is at present constituted, there is no redress, no release, and two people must remain married till the end of life.

How natural it would be if a married couple without offspring, on finding life was not bearable to both of them together, could go before a Judge and ask simply and nobly for their release !

A period of waiting might be advisable before giving the final separation, but what a merciful relief to the parties when it did come !

I venture to suggest that in some cases so overjoyed would they be by the finish to the tension caused by this forced association that they would almost fall on each other's necks in relief.

Why so Irrevocable ?

There is no doubt that, to many thousands, marriage would assume a new aspect of happiness if they felt that it was not so irrevocable and its possible termination were honourable, simple and inexpensive, because without any doubt there are many couples held

together because divorce is an expensive complicated legal business beyond their means, and they do not come within the "poor persons' relief" conditions.

Marriage as a Legal Institution

As a legal institution, marriage needs drastic reform, its laws, revision, and its circumstances bringing into line with woman's new position.

Often glaring instances of the inequality of the marriage laws are brought to light in the Law Courts.

During the last fifty years legislation has progressed inasmuch as women have been given rights equal to those of men, and the Married Women's Property Act of 1882 was, to its extent, a necessary measure; but as Lord Sumner pointed out in 1925, generally speaking, the Act was what its name implies, and was not in any sense a Married Man's Relief Act.

Unfair Privileges

Mr. Justice McCardie, during a recent case, said: "On every point of research I find privileges given to the wife which are wholly denied to the husband, and that upon the husband has fallen one injustice after another.

So great, however, was the confusion of the law that points called for a consideration of legal history, theological influence, ambiguous decision, and obscurely worded legislation.

"The state of the law to-day as to the relations of husband and wife," he added, "seems to me to be fraught with inconsistency and injustice. Wives, however wealthy of purse and independent of character, possess powers and privileges which are wholly

denied to husbands ; husbands are placed under burdens from which wives are free.”

This Great Institution

“ I hope the day is not far distant when the vital and far-reaching relationship of husband and wife will receive the attention of Parliament. When that day comes I trust that the present features of injustice will be removed, that the existing obscurities will be made clear, and that the great institution of marriage will gain a new dignity and a new strength by a wise and beneficent amendment of the law.”

Obviously, when such an upheaval has occurred as that of the new position of woman, laws affecting her, made hundreds, and some, thousands of years ago, must be out of date.

The theory of “ unity of husband and wife ” is, alas, obsolete in law. If each party holds its own views, mental, political, practical, religious, social, how can unity in being exist ? Yet it does not bar such a couple from being happy together, but the legal position of unity falls to the ground. We are evolving through a transitional period from the “ family ” to the “ personal ” epoch of women.

Where is the Equality ?

Broadly speaking, they have been given rights equal to those of men, and at the same time they have been allowed to retain the extraordinary rights and privileges which were theirs during the long centuries when they were erroneously assumed to be weak and subordinate.

If a wife drives a motor-car, and runs over a pedestrian, her husband may have to pay thousands

of pounds in damages, though it was not the husband who had the accident.

In fact, women are given new privileges without corresponding new duties.

Income Tax

Look at the law as it affects a husband's liability in income tax. A poor man with a well-to-do wife may not have applied for separate assessment. If she dies and leaves her property to a third party, he is liable for the arrears, if any exist, in regard to her income tax, even though such a payment may ruin him financially. This has happened many times.

The husband is nearly always at a great disadvantage in law. Recently, a case comes to my recollection of a wife who had agreed to accept a certain sum for maintenance in a Deed of Separation. She had agreed also never to claim any further sum, yet the House of Lords ruled that the covenant might be treated as null and void if the wife subsequently obtained a decree of dissolution against the husband. Such a covenant could not interfere with the Court's discretion to make any order it chose for the wife's future maintenance.

The only Just Course

It seems only just that, where there are no children, financial independence ought to be allowed between husband and wife, where separation or divorce occurs. As the law exists to-day, from the moment the husband signs the marriage register, he undertakes complete responsibility for the wife to the end of their days, children or no children. He may be a physical wreck,

and she may be hale and hearty ; he may be impoverished financially by her extravagance, she may have financial means herself, or she may be well able to earn money, while possibly the husband may not, yet in law he is the responsible party. It is all very out of date in modern conditions and very unjust to the man. " Things have changed " is the title of this book, but where marriage laws are concerned they have certainly changed very little. Of course there are innumerable cases of men behaving badly, but should that bias all marriage laws in woman's favour *ipso facto* without distinction ?

The Attraction of Beauty

Lastly I will cite the personal advantage that a woman has over her husband in a Court of Law. If she is pretty and attractive, a jury is usually influenced tremendously in her favour. This is only human nature, a pretty woman can make rings round a man.

Shall we ever have real justice between the sexes ? Seeing mythologically that Cupid is blind, it might appear that we may not ; so bachelors beware.

CHAPTER V

WOMAN AND HER OCCUPATIONS

Should Wives have a Career ?

To-day many hundreds of thousands of wives follow a distinct career, though married. To-morrow, because competition will be keener on the one hand, and because flat-dwelling and communal kitchens will be almost universal on the other, wives will very generally have a career, and idleness will be looked upon with disapproval.

The rearing of a family will always be regarded as a career, but there will still be some good mothers who nevertheless follow occupations beyond the precincts of the home. There is much work in this world that is done better by women than by men, and this work should be done by women.

When Idleness Began

The idleness of women only began in the nineteenth century to any great extent. Previous to that, women had their work in the home, and in industrial centres, in home industries.

The prosperity of the nineteenth century produced the idle wife, and we are told that Satan found work for idle hands to do.

The Woman's Suffrage between 1907 and 1914

really started womankind helter-skelter to adopt professions and independence.

The War period furthered the tide and to-day there is scarcely a business or profession that has not women in it. I have not heard of a woman horse-slaughterer, but I know of a gentle kindly girl who visits cattle slaughter-houses and demonstrates the use of a humane killer for sheep and cattle.

They do Everything Now

Besides all the obvious professions and trades, we have women auctioneers, police, taxi-drivers, street cleaners, surveyors, company managing Directors, Cabinet Ministers, barbers, dentists, printers, surgeons master-mariners, butchers—in fact I believe I have seen it stated that there is not a business which has not some woman practising in it. Of course there are many businesses which are run by women infinitely better than they can ever be run by men. This being so, the question remains simply whether or no a wife wishes to regard her married state as a profession, and whether the husband wishes it.

Being married certainly can be a whole-time job, especially where there is no servant employed, or where the husband wants his friends to be entertained, or where there are children, but many mothers find they are better employed in a way other than looking after children. In these specialized days there are specialists in the rearing of children and it does not follow that the most perfect natural mother is also the best one to rear her children. Why should she be ?

What One Does Best

It does seem that a great many women, perfect wives, are yet wasting their time looking after a home when they have some special ability to be working elsewhere.

If a wife can make, we will say, £500 a year in some profession at which she excels, and can employ another woman at less than a quarter that sum to run her home efficiently, why in the name of common sense should she not do it? Two jobs are done efficiently, two souls are adequately employed and the wife is putting, say, an extra £400 a year to the couple's income.

On the other hand there is the question of the idle wife and the inequality of the day's work that eventuates.

The Rift in the Saxophone

How frequently does the husband leave home at 8 a.m. and get back again at 7 o'clock at night after a hard day's work, while his wife and helpmate (*sic*) may have had an hour's shopping in the morning and perhaps an hour's mending in the afternoon, and *voilà*, is as fresh as a daisy to meet the tired husband when he comes home. She wants to be amused, she must be amused, and if the husband is too genuinely tired to undertake this task, sure enough there is some irresponsible bachelor round the corner ready to do it. This unequal state, day after day, does not make for marital joy, it is apt to get on a man's nerves. It is most certainly one of the chief causes of marital discontent, and the idle wife is also apt to get nervy too.

An Elementary Duty

It is the solemn duty of every man and woman to work. It is moreover the duty of all individuals to do the highest work they are capable of. Many women are best suited to domesticity, cooking, home management, cleaning, mending and so forth. By all means let them do this work if it is their bent, but telling someone else to do it and doing no more than criticizing is not doing a day's work oneself. I refer particularly to the young woman for whose hands Satan is said to be particularly ready to find occupation, and from our knowledge of Satan we can guess what occupation he will put her way.

Wife and the Child

Of course the wife who is bringing up children may be fully occupied, and occupied in the best possible manner, if she is rearing her own children.

There are however many couples who have no children, and there are many mothers who, having borne their children, are better occupied following a profession for which they are specially adapted and where their services are particularly valuable.

Efficient nurses and governesses can always be obtained, and there is generally plenty of choice for the wife, following her own career, to make in these departments.

When Woman Proposes

When women are financing their own lives, I think they will come to propose marriage as a matter of course. Why not? Whether as the proposer or the

accepter, woman has just as much to say about it as man, and generally her choice is keener because of of her better psychological understanding.

I was at a luncheon party the other day when two of the women present described how they had proposed to their husbands. How, why, when and where, were all described with a *finesse* of detail that an analytical writer might envy. Looked at with common sense, the reason why women did not propose was because the man had, until the present generation, to finance everything, present and future. Therefore proposing (the acceptance being a matter of increased finance) was his job. There is no reason to-day why a woman with her own independence should not make her own choice.

Perfectly Reasonable

I know that in a great many instances to-day women do propose marriage, and there should be nothing unchivalrous about a man pointing out his own failings, which might go to making a marriage unpropitious. Certain it is that a woman without an independence of her own can hardly propose, be it Leap or any other old year.

That Long Engagement

When women have their own occupations, the long wearying waiting, that unnatural state called a long engagement, that precedes so many marriages, will be eliminated. People have to live, so why not marry at once when they decide to cross the Rubicon.

Of course, people do sometimes break off engagements when they find each other out before marriage,

and to this extent the extended engagement is valuable.

But so consummate is the acting of most couples during this hectic state of probation that they seldom find each other out till after, when all reserve is banished ; the gloves are off, they look at each other fearlessly, and think in their hearts " Well, what about it ? "

The Lover's Catechism

Let us be frank. When will couples be wise and confess to each other their inmost thoughts, their secret faults, their cherished failings ? It would be so much more sensible ; it would be more honest too.

Think of it, no disillusions !

Do you snore ? Well, confess it ; are your teeth false ? (In the States, not to have disclosed this is ground for divorce.) Is your temper abominable ? Are you an incorrigible snob ? Do you get laid low with dyspepsia ? Are slippers and the fireside your preferred condition after dinner ? Are you unclean in your habits ? Are you mean ? Much virtue in a " heart-to-heart " beforehand and the Divorce Court congestion would be largely reduced.

CHAPTER VI

CHILDREN, MARRIAGE AND CHIVALRY

Are Children Necessary to a Successful Marriage ?

Marriage is a companionship. It may be the means to the rearing of a family also, but the childless marriage can be considered equally successful to that which produces a family ; while physiological disability should be treated as a bar to the rearing of children, it should not be treated as a bar to the blessed companionship of marital union.

Thus there will always be many successful childless marriages.

Birth Control

To-day the questions of birth-control, having children or not having them, are being discussed freely amongst people before as well as after marriage. The subject is one of common interest; it is no longer taboo amongst any people of mature age.

There are three important points which must be observed when discussing this question. Firstly, the population is in any case increasing rapidly, secondly, the volume of unemployment is advancing, it is to-day about two millions, and the mechanizing of labour is reducing the amount of work available to such an

extent that periods of enforced idleness are likely to come within the next few years.

The Cult of Parentship

Thirdly, the cult of father and motherhood is not universal, and there are many valuable and excellent citizens whose worth to the community is greater without children than with. Granted that these may be exceptions, they nevertheless exist, and there is much evidence around in proof of this. We must therefore regard the childless marriage as perfectly successful. I would go further than this and say that there are many cases where a childless marriage is happy and successful which, were children born as a result of it, would be a disastrous marriage.

If the parents on neither side are fortunate enough to be making enough money to make the rearing of children "in the state of life into which it has pleased God to call them" practicable, then children are better avoided.

The State's Burden

It is idle to say that the means will come ; there are some estimable people, perhaps very few, who have not the ability or the grit to make a fair headway in life. These people should not add to their responsibilities or they may be taking on what the State must finish. Yet I would not deny them marital companionship.

Again, the breeding of the unfit, a subject on which we have heard much discussion, is definitely wrong ; but there again, are the unfit, already handicapped, to be deprived of marriage ?

Yet again, there are many marriages that might have been perfectly successful had one child only been born, that became perfect hells to all concerned because a bevy of infants appeared.

Marriage may be made in heaven, but children are born on earth.

Women Bear the Children

And lastly I would remind readers of the delicate woman, unable safely to risk the bearing of children. Surely she must be protected, and that protection must not take the form of sentencing her to spinsterhood for life. Such a woman may, in spite of her delicacy, make some man a perfect wife, and perfect wives are few and far between.

Birth-control is to-day an accepted science, there are three public societies devoted to its furtherance, and a *Birth Control News* published regularly.

Its practice has saved many lives and much unnecessary suffering, and I believe that its teaching makes for a better and healthier race all round.

A Ridiculous Argument

One often hears it said that the presence of children holds a marriage together, and this is used as an argument for having children, but it is the most ridiculous reason that could be raised.

The fact is, the presence of children *does* hold a couple together, inasmuch as honourable people wish to play the game; and separation, where there are children, is fraught with much more difficulty than where there are not. But it is arrant nonsense to

argue therefore that a couple are necessarily happy because children hold them together.

Married couples are only happy when they are held together by love, comradeship and respect. If the presence of children is holding them together, then they are probably very unhappy, if happiness or its opposite is a quality of which they are really capable. Therefore I do not think married couples should bring children into the world with any other reason than that they are healthy and want children, they can well afford them financially, and that their children are likely to be happy and an honour to the race. I think it can be clearly shown that marriage and children need not, indeed should not, always go together.

Shall Chivalry Continue ?

And this brings me to the last subject that I sent round to my brilliant contributors for their elucidation, the question of chivalry and its treatment in the new order of things. What is chivalry? Surely it is kindness and consideration for those who need it, and women, where the bearing of children is concerned, need this chivalry of consideration very genuinely.

There is no gainsaying the fact that the sexes are in competition to-day in a sense that never has been the case before.

But competition does not mean antagonism. This being the case, the tender, almost reverential chivalry of past ages must naturally resolve itself into a comradeship nevertheless gentle, but more practical than reverential.

“ Sports ”

Women are “ sports ” to-day ; they do not look for their “ rights ” as formerly, because rights of the proper kind have been given to them freely, where they have not themselves appropriated them. There is a chivalry that is beautiful. I saw it the other evening in a tube train, when a bright young person offered her seat to an obviously tired old gentleman, an offer that he courteously accepted. This was practical kindness. The girl was obviously fresh, young and healthy, the old gentleman was visibly in need of a seat. To the girl standing was nothing, to the old gentleman it was dolorous.

It might, however, be asked, “ What is chivalry ? ” Offering your seat to a flapper in the tube or ’bus is one type of chivalry, but the kindly consideration of one woman for a weaker sister is another.

It Isn't a Matter of Sex

Chivalry is not necessarily something that the masculine sex offers the feminine. Charity and chivalry are sister virtues, and they will both continue, I hope, so long as man lives upon this plane. As our evolution and outlook advance, so shall we ever show more consideration—which is another word for chivalry—indeed this is the keystone of the philosophy which envelops every religion.

In my travels about the world, I have remarked that the standards of chivalry vary in every country. Were I to have practised any kind of chivalry towards a lady in the streets of Constantinople a few years ago, my attitude would certainly have been mistaken.

Indeed, in Hyde Park o' nights, I believe one must be very careful if one's chivalry is likely to get too emphatic.

Being Introduced

In dear old stodgy England one of the first precepts that is impressed upon every boy as he grows up is that he must never speak to anybody without being introduced. You may be face to face with people daily, in the train, on the platform, in the restaurant, in the street, but if you have not been introduced, you must treat them as blocks of stone, not fellow beings in a sympathetic world. As to women, to speak to a man without an introduction is tantamount to taking the direct road to Hell.

Watch what happens when a woman has dropped, say, her handkerchief. She continues her walk. A man, an Englishman, sees the loss and hurries to pick it up to restore it to its owner. But here comes a complex. If he runs after the woman, he lays himself open to a breach, a most serious breach of etiquette; if he doesn't run after her, he holds in his hand the property of another, and he feels guilty, for he knows to whom it belongs. What does he do? If he is a public school-boy and a gentleman, he follows the woman with faltering steps, ever growing more scarlet at his approaching action. Then, with a furtive stammering exclamation, hoping she will realize his intention before hurrying on with her head in the air, he restores her her wretched property, and with all haste runs shamedfacedly in the other direction, praying that no one has seen the incident, certainly not one of his friends.

This matter of being introduced is most important in England.

What Does It Guarantee ?

An introduction is somehow supposed to convey with it a guarantee of good faith, good morals, good everything. Of course it can do nothing of the sort. Every murderer has had scores of introductions in his life.

We are all fellow wayfarers on this planet. Why should introductions be necessary? I can understand that before one takes an employee into one's service a testimonial is necessary; before entering a business transaction, references may be very advisable.

Before giving one's daughter away in marriage, searching knowledge of the family antecedents of the bridegroom are to be desired, but why it is *infra dig.* for Mr. X to speak to Miss Z, provided such course is not distasteful to her, I cannot for the life of me understand. We do know that many thousands of people go through life in comparative loneliness, that women frequently marry the wrong man because Mr. Right might never be introduced. But we know also that friendships between A and B develop upon knowledge, and not because A and B have been introduced.

If this fetish of introductions were abolished and men and women could honourably talk to one another whenever they wished, I am inclined to think it would make for much happiness in life where happiness may now be absent.

CHAPTER VII

LIVING A CENTURY

Lastly, " things have changed " with regard to the expectancy of life. " Too old at sixty " is a cruel mistake. If people have it rammed down their throat that they will be old at sixty, they certainly will be ; but if the subconscious thought of living a century is encouraged, they have a far greater chance of retaining their vigour to a really useful old age.

Many of the world's greatest men and women have done their best work in comparative old age. Titian was painting his finest pictures at a hundred, Gladstone reached fame after sixty, and was in active harness till eighty-two. King Christian of Denmark was a great ruler at eighty-six. Lord Strathcona, too, was still active and doing valuable work at ninety-four. Sir Charles Tupper, M.D., a great Canadian physician and Prime Minister, died at ninety, and Clemenceau, whose great name is fresh in everybody's memory, lived in the keenest activity to eighty-eight.

Methuselah

Without citing the Biblical ages of several hundred years, which some doubt, going back to more recent date, Archimedes discovered his sun-mirrors at seventy-five, and Theophrastus was lecturing at over a hundred.

Solon, Pythagoras, Diogenes, Zeno and Democritus lived to between ninety and ninety-five. Cato learned Greek at eighty, Verdi was writing his greatest operas when over eighty. Michael Angelo was producing famous pictures at ninety.

The English Life Tables published in 1864 stated that there were then living three hundred and eighty-four men and women over a hundred years old.

In 1870, according to French statistics, there were 62,503 people over a hundred in the whole of Europe, and in 1890 the United States census gave 3,981 people as being over a hundred.

Sunny Jamaica

It appears that Jamaica is one of the healthiest spots on earth, for the coloured people living there reach prodigious ages, in the case of Joseph Bon, a hundred-and-forty-five, Robert Linch one-hundred-and-sixty, Rebecca Trury one-hundred-and-forty, and Catherine Wyatt one-hundred-and-forty-eight.

The case of Robert Tylor, a postmaster, was brought before Queen Victoria at the age of one-hundred-and-thirty-four, and the Queen presented him with her portrait "as a souvenir of having reached an age without precedent within the memory of man".

In Los Angeles appeared an authentic case of a man named Manuel del Valle reaching the age of one-hundred-and-fifty-seven. The birth certificate was signed by the Mayor of his native town in 1745. He was very slightly built, ate sparingly, and never drank alcohol or smoked.

One of Europe's celebrated centenarians because of his culture was Luigi Cornaro, a Venetian nobleman.

At eighty-three, in perfect health, he wrote his famous essay, "Discoria della Vita Sobria", which was published in Padua in 1558. He wrote three others during the next twelve years, his object being to show that with increasing age and diminished powers a corresponding decrease in the quantity of food must be taken in order to maintain perfect health. He died peaceably sitting in his chair at a hundred. Baron Waldeck, a well-known Parisian, lived to a hundred and seven, and M. Michau, one time librarian of the town of Olivet, lived to one-hundred-and-six.

Victor Hugo	lived to	80	Thiers	lived to	80
Tennyson	" "	83	Dufaure	" "	83
Longfellow	" "	75	Wallon	" "	93
Emerson	" "	79	Tolstoi	" "	85
Chateaubriand	" "	80	Manzoni	" "	89

Thomas Parr was England's most wonderful old man, he lived to one-hundred-and fifty-two, and would not have died then but for over-eating at a banquet given in his honour.

A Century for All

All these instances are given to show that there is no inherent reason why we should not all reach a century of life at least. If in the animal world life appears to extend to five times the period of growth, as pointed out earlier in this book, there is every reason to suppose that mankind can do the same. Thus, man achieving his full stature at twenty-five should live to one hundred and twenty-five. This is greatly

in excess of what is generally reached, and the reason that man dies so generally between sixty and seventy is twofold. Firstly, the dictum of the Psalmist that three score years and ten was man's allotted span. This has had a powerful sub-conscious effect on humanity, and mankind thinks in terms of "death at seventy". The thought becomes father to the fact. Secondly, human beings live so contrary to Nature that they shorten their lives in consequence.

Only now is the world beginning to take stock of physical living, and realize the enormous value of sunshine, natural foods, fresh air, adequate sleep, proper exercise.

Forget the Fetish

When Mankind gets over the fetish of "seventy years" as being a natural length of life, and lives according to Nature, the century will be much nearer achievement, and eventually the one-hundred-and-twenty-five, which I have indicated as being Nature's intention.

The chances of long life are increasing every year. In France, for instance, the deaths per thousand fell from twenty-eight in 1800 to twenty-two in 1888. In England to-day is 17.6 per 1,000.

				<i>per 1,000</i>
Norway	...	...	...	17.02
Sweden	...	...	...	16.3
Denmark	...	...	...	19.7
Russian (pre-war)	35.7
Greece	20.8
Groatia and Slavonia	38.7

THINGS HAVE CHANGED

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As is generally known, women live longer than men, the reasons being that women have a more protected life ; they (till this generation) didn't smoke and drink, and their lives were more moral than those of men.

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Once the hundredth year is passed women have five times more chance of surviving than men.

This Chemical Laboratory

Now, the human system is a wonderful chemical laboratory, it is a perfect furnace in which every four seconds a supply of oxygen is breathed in and a smaller quantity of carbonic acid gas is breathed out. This oxygen supply is essential to health. The food we take into our stomach enters by way of the veins to the system and is carried to every part of the body, becoming either valuable means of nourishment or, on the other hand, poison, according to the amount of oxygen with which it is united.

Nitrogenous food, meat, fish, white of egg is, with sufficient oxygen, turned into urea, which is promptly

eliminated by the kidneys, leaving no refuse behind. But if the supply of oxygen is insufficient, it is not oxidized completely, and remains in the transitory stage of uric acid, which is much less soluble in the blood, and which, on the slightest cooling of any part of the body through which this super-saturated solution of uric acid is passing, will deposit the crystals in the muscle fibres, or in the sheath of the nerves. This is rheumatism in the muscles, or neuritis in the nerves.

The Advantage of Cereals

Cereal food such as wheats, oats, rice, corn, maize, barley, contain very little nitrogenous matter, so that they are completely used up and no refuse is left.

As one grows older one must not only eat less, but less meat, and rely on fruit, vegetables, and cereals more.

The Value of Sunlight

Sunlight has come to be valued at its real worth to-day, and wonderful are the cures that it effects. But the sunlight therapeutic clinics, while being invaluable in smoke-laden London in the winter, are not to be compared with the real sunlight combined with oxygen as provided by Nature in our summer months.

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In Alberta, Canada, they get eighteen hours of sunlight daily for half the year, and much winter sunlight also. There people of eighty often look no more than sixty.

This sunlight affects the animals and plant-life tremendously, and seed planted produces a prodigious harvest in a hundred days. No wonder Canada is called the world's granary.

Sun versus Society

It is very evident that people have still much to learn on the curative value of sunlight, and when this is learned there will be fewer sunblinds about or fears of fading carpets. How many people could quite easily pass their old age in the South of France or at least the South of England, where the hours of sunshine are much greater than in London, but who prefer to stay in London's greyness because of the social advantages.

Influenza, pneumonia, bronchitis, pleurisy bring death to tens of thousands of old people every winter in England who might weather the winter in safety in a sunnier clime. If, as the years mount up, people will eat less and continue to take an amount of outdoor exercise and have an interest in life, which, if not actual work, is an active occupation (the word hobby sounds too desultory), then life in perfect health can be looked forward to, well towards the century, but we must think in terms of a hundred years before we can hope to attain it. The thought comes first. And I am not visualizing a crotchety, decrepit old age, but a hundred years of active, upright, whole-hearted living, with a graceful peaceful

decline towards the end in full possession of the God-given faculties that have served us through life. Think what a hundred years of good health and activity mean, and you will verily agree that while things have changed very much already, twenty-five per cent. added to the length of life will change things very much more.

CHAPTER VIII

THEIR OPINIONS

Now we come to the interesting and, in many cases, brilliant replies to my *questionnaire* from fifty of our younger celebrities.

The religion of the future, the bellicose attitude of mankind, the position of marriage as a social and domestic institution, woman's situation from the economic view-point, the safeguarding of offspring and the social bearing towards woman as a protected, revered and privileged being, these are all questions on which we have many opinions.

It will be seen that those expressed by my associates in these pages vary very largely, and it will be observed also that the holding of radical opinion on one question does not necessarily preclude the possession of conservative views on another.

Originality First

Taking the views expressed as a whole, I think it will be agreed that they are frankly encouraging as being wholesome, well-balanced and considerate in their attitude towards life and the future. They are certainly freed from convention, so called orthodoxy and the limiting of the past, and they show constructive thought and far-seeing imagination. This last trait is the most essential if we are ever to advance ;

nothing can be done by conservative thought. "Safety First" was the most deplorable motto for a political party of the twentieth century. Since we cannot go back to the Garden of Eden, we must go forward and ever forward.

MR. BEVERLEY NICHOLS.

1. *What will be the religion of the future?*

I should say that it would be a religion of health. We shall regard bodily pain as a sin, and bodily health as a virtue. The tremendous interest in dieting, exercise, and sunlight all point this way. The dietitians of to-day are the minor prophets of to-morrow.

The reason why this religion is not yet "established" is because we are still in the grip of fear. If we could cease to muddle through the present world in the hope of having a good time in the next, we should make the world a better place.

In all seriousness I believe that future preachers will take as their most popular text—"Eat More Fruit."

2. *Can war be outlawed?*

We can and will outlaw war. But we can only do so by teaching children its essential obscenity and beastliness. Children should be told that toy soldiers are as dangerous as an open fire, and that uniforms are only worn with any honour or utility by policemen and lift-attendants. If this is extreme, it is not as extreme as the teaching of the old-fashioned blood-thirsty parents, who fill their children's heads with poisonous rot about honour and patriotism.

If you can show me the essential goodness of a young man lying in the mud with his entrails hanging out, then I will be able to show you the essential goodness of war.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

I have never been able to see the least connection between marriage and love. It seems so very obvious that the one basis of a successful marriage is that neither of the parties concerned should love one another. After all, marriage means living together, and wives are not the only people we have to live with. I have to live with my secretary, and my cook, and, in a minor degree, with lots of other people, and life would be quite intolerable if I were always palpitating with emotion about them.

We expect too much from life, which is the reason why we talk such nonsense about marriage and love, We want to eat our cake and have it, to worship an ideal goddess and sleep with her at the same time. It is all very regrettable.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

I should have thought not. But, if they must, let them keep as far away from anything connected with their husband's business as possible. Two authors in a house would turn that house into Bedlam. And don't quote the Brownings at me, because I have heterodox opinions about those two bores.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

Yes. They may be more of a curse than a blessing, but at least they nullify the sense of futility which marriage must otherwise have.

6. *Shall chivalry continue?*

Chivalry will always continue in one way or another, but the form of it will certainly be greatly changed.

A great many ridiculous conceptions of it will go by the board. Thus it will no longer be considered "Chivalrous" for rheumatic old men to offer their seats to bouncing girls in the underground.

The chivalry that I am waiting for, and believe that I may see before I die, will extend to the poor and the weak, and especially the ugly.

The ugly woman is the one who should be treated with honour and respect. The pretty ones can look after themselves.

Mr. ALDOUS HUXLEY.

1. *What will be the religion of the future?*

I hope it will be a kind of improved Greek paganism. But I expect that, so long as the present industrial dispensation lasts, it will be what it is now, only more so—that is to say, either non-existent, or degenerately Christian with that soft, sentimental religiosity so typical of "modernist" theory and practice.

2. *Can war be outlawed?*

Of course it can be, if a sufficient number of sufficiently influential people desire it to be outlawed. Whether in fact they will desire it, at any rate in our time, is quite another question.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved?*

It depends on what you mean by "love" and on the childlessness or otherwise of the marriage. Where

there are children it seems to me undesirable that marriages should be lightly dissolved even when "love" (using the word in its romantic and passionate sense) is "dead".

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

There is no "should" or "shouldn't". Where there is economic necessity wives will always have careers; equally where there is ambition. Where there is no economic necessity and no ambition, wives will obviously prefer not to "have a career", i.e. do boring and tiresome work.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

It depends on the people who are married. In most cases the answer is, obviously, yes.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Chivalry will probably die out for a time while the new "masculinism", which is arising in reaction to the feminism of the last twenty years, persists in its acute and militant form. If and when, later on, an economic and social equilibrium between the sexes is established, some new kind of chivalry (not the same as the mediaeval chivalry, the mouldering remains of which survive to-day) will characterise the new relations between men and women.

MR. EVELYN WAUGH.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

Christianity (probably Roman Catholicism).

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

No !

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

No. Why on earth should it be ?

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

No. Not because they are *wives*, but because they are women and therefore incompetent.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

Yes, dozens of them.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

I don't understand. (a) *Will* it in fact continue, or *shall* it continue ? (b) I don't know what chivalry is. Good manners ? Superstitious respect for women ? Boy-scoutism ? Anyway, I think it is high time it stopped, whatever it is.

MISS ETHEL MANNIN.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

Roman Catholicism will in my opinion be the predominating religion of the future.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

I fear it cannot, not in our civilization.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

It depends ; the children's best welfare should be the first consideration, but if there are no children,

then there appears no reason why marriage should not be dissolved, if both husband and wife wish for such dissolution.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Yes, if there are no children to consider, or if the career does not take them out of the home.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

One cannot generalize, it depends on the individuals.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

I really cannot tell.

MISS STORM JAMESON.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

I hope that it may be towards the humanist ideal. This involves the individual in a dual obligation—to himself to refrain from conduct which conflicts with his belief in the essential fineness of man, and to others to adopt towards them the Periclean attitude: "We have no black looks or angry words for our neighbour if he enjoys himself in his own way." Authority is of the essence of any religion; the authority of the religion of the future will, I trust, be self-imposed.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

If I did not believe that it could, I should die of despair. I must believe that it will—because otherwise there is no hope for the world, since war, by

becoming progressively more "scientific", will destroy civilization. What form of civilization will emerge—after another Dark Age—from the ruins I don't know, but if it, in its turn, is menaced by war it also will crash. What a prospect! I prefer to believe that the habit of war can be erased.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved?*

Why not? provided that any children of the marriage are amply provided for. If the parties to the marriage feel no obligation to each other it is not possible to induce it in them by holding them to the terms of a legal contract. At the same time, I deprecate strongly the vulgar theory that love is the only essential to marriage. Many other things—respect, liking—are at least as essential. Marriage is a state, not a slot-machine into which we can put a penny and extract happiness.

4. *Should wives have a career?*

Why not? if she thinks she can do two women's work there is no reason why a wife should not have a career. Society, however, is still organized on the Victorian assumption that every woman will run her separate house and at least supervise the upbringing of her young children. This means that unless she is rich (able to live in the most expensive of service flats—the less expensive are intolerable, and not fit homes for children) a woman must, when she marries, add all the old domestic cares to the demands made on her by her career. It is not "fair", but it is the fact.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

I don't know. Surely it depends on the marriage. If neither wife nor husband care for children it is at least unlikely that a child will help their marriage. Doubtless there is a sense in which it would be true to say that no marriage can be complete without the experience of parenthood. But even this cannot be true of every marriage. There must be many marriages in which the relationship is complete without the pleasures and annoyances of children.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

What do you mean by chivalry? By chivalry I understand a social ideal based on reciprocal duties—the duty of the individual “to abstain from the little acts of churlishness which, though they leave no mark, yet cause annoyance to whoso notes them” (Pericles). If this ideal of chivalry perishes from the world so much the worse for the world. If you mean the outward forms of civility—why, I hope they will continue. They are the grace notes of life.

Mr. OLIVER BALDWIN, M.P.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

Either capitalism or non-churchified Christianity; but, if the latter, it will come through what is now called spiritualism. This will be of a Christ, non-divine, but beautiful and gracious in his thoughts and ways.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

If the ruling classes are in power, No, for there would be nothing to gain by outlawing war. If the masses are in power, yes, for we have a world to win.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

Love has relatively so little to do with marriage, but so much to do with companionship that the question is of no spiritual importance. It may have some importance socially.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

It depends entirely on the wife.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

This depends on the parents.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

If you like. It doesn't much matter anyway, at least no more than a cushion relieves the jar of travel through life.

THE MARQUIS OF DONEGAL.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

Just as " fire and brimstone ", " original sin ", and other doctrines have come to be regarded by thinking people as man-made in a less civilized age, so in the future religion will be divested of the many man-made superstitions which still abound. Orthodox religion relies on superstition at present because the masses

are only beginning to think things out for themselves. The fundamental truths of the teaching of Christ and the other great religious leaders can be adapted to the mentality of any age. So they will be, but the cant and trimmings with which generations of priesthood have enveloped them cannot remain in the face of general enlightenment. We will cease to argue the pros and cons of the Virgin Birth, the Resurrection and the Miracles, and the rightness or wrongness of the doctrines of St. Paul. Such questions will not be important, and the religion of the future will consist only of the fundamental truths and ideals underlying all the great religions of the world.

2. *Can war be outlawed?*

There is no hope of the abolition of war until the nations of the world cease to be "war-minded". One might have thought that people would have learned their lesson in the last war. Unfortunately they have not, and the "brass-band and glory" side of war is still allowed to take root in the minds of children instead of war conjuring up in the minds of everyone a vision of legs and arms torn from their sockets in a sea of muck, devastation and abomination. Until that picture is inculcated ad nauseam, drummed in, and hammered in to the brain of every citizen to the exclusion of any sentimental mitigation, there is no hope. Conferences about disarmament are sheer waste of money and time. The money should be spent on educating the public in the horror and utter unthinkable-ness of war. If and when this is done, war will be impossible.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved?*

Mutual consent should be the usual ground for divorce even when there are children. The family is becoming less and less important or practical in modern life, and the children of the future will automatically adapt themselves. The alternative of children brought up in an atmosphere of discord and hatred is, to my mind, worse than separating them from one of the parents.

If love dies, presumably "mutual consent" would apply. If passion dies, there often no desire to dissolve marriage. Adultery as the only permissible ground for divorce is ridiculous. The law, in fact, has the effect of making one of the parties immoral in order that a couple who wish to separate may do so.

4. *Should wives have a career?*

This depends entirely on the circumstances in which the couple find themselves. In the case of a young couple who decide that they cannot afford to have children at first, it is advisable that the wife should find work and help with the family finances. Many marriages go wrong because the wife has nothing to keep her out of mischief while the husband is away at work. The theory that a woman's sole interest in life should be the family is a fine ideal practicable only in a more restful age. It is incompatible both with the outlook and emancipation of modern woman and the struggling age in which we live.

Arguments about women earning "pin-money" and taking work from men are mere newspaper controversies,

and in no way affect the economic side of the question from the community's point of view.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage?*

Most decidedly not, especially among the educated classes. This fallacy probably originated when the world was underpopulated, and it was desirable that enormous families should be raised. The theory that a couple are not doing their duty to the State if they are childless still subsists as a slogan in spite of the fact that most people realize that over-population was the main cause of the last war. The breaking down of this fetish is the first step towards scientific, controlled and organized breeding, which must eventually take the place of the present chaos. A system whereby the village idiot has ten children and the rector or squire none cannot continue in the light of increasing common sense.

6. *Shall chivalry continue?*

Yes. Just as in nature, according to Darwin, organs which are useless disappear until they reach a point where they cease to be a nuisance—i.e. the eustachian tubes and teats in the male—so customs subsist as long as they are compatible with efficiency. The emancipation of women will develop, but that cannot alter the respective natures of the sexes. Woman will always be the weaker vessel, and as such will be treated chivalrously by the male. Wherever chivalry finds itself in direct opposition to progress, if such cases arise, it will disappear.

MR. CECIL BEATON.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

If it were not for the fact that most people are very uncourageous and that there is safety in numbers, I should think that everyone of the future would have their own religion and their own moral creed and code, but perhaps there would be such panic in moments of misfortune that there would be agonizing remorse at their own standards having become too lax. If it were not for the fact that it is something for nice sociable people to do on Sundays I do not think there would be much hymn-singing en masse or community praying.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

That men have to cut their way through barbed wire deserts under a rain of machine-gun fire is incredibly barbaric in what we consider to be a highly civilized age, and many more steps should be taken towards prohibiting war. When a child battles with its playmate it is given a sharp rap over the knuckles by the governess and told not to be a naughty boy again. One cannot help but face the fact that there is such a thing as the fighting instinct, and the naughty brat ruins the market for the others, but it should be made as ineffectual as possible by having any dangerous weapons taken away from it. It is not much use our talking about a smaller number of ships and guns—all ships and guns should be scrapped.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

If both the loves die, then certainly call it " a day " and part friends. The trouble is, generally the love dies only in one of the persons, and it will be agony for the doting one for a time if the marriage is dissolved, though there is every chance of his or her soon forgetting their unrequited passion. But it is better that there should be this one bad break than that one person's whole life should be made an intolerable agony by having to " rub along " with some unduly doting mate, whose love it is impossible to reciprocate.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Why, certainly, not every man is made to be a brick-layer, a bandmaster or a barrister ; why, then, should every woman merely be made to be a wife ? To be a thoroughly dutiful and good wife is a whole-time job, and a very good job it is, but if a woman wants to be a police-woman or a scientist she has every right to be so, and to hire someone else in to do what she considers to be the dirty work.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

No, not at all. Why should they be—the squawking little brats ? They are no more necessary than a pet dog or cat to have about the house, and very likely not as satisfactory and well-behaved. Many married couples would have a comparatively easy life if they were relieved of their offspring, who generally give much more anxiety and bother than they are worth.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Yes, being polite is a case of being considerate to others, and tit for tat—you are paid back with the same coin—so it is wise to be considerate. Chivalry has been very unfashionable lately, but it is now returning to vogue simply because people find the other inconvenient, unsatisfactory and intolerable in every way.

Miss DAPHNE DU MAURIER.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

I think that little by little religion will become a personal matter, having no connection with rule and tradition. The custom and authority of the Church will give way to a world-wide belief in individualism. Man will rebel against the teaching of a creed, and will follow the guidance of his own spirit. He will distinguish between right and wrong, not from the old fear of punishment, but from his own acquired knowledge of what is wisest for himself.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

A nation must thrive at the expense of another. If war proves profitable to the one, how can its ambition be controlled? and it is doubtful if even the most careful mind-training will divest war of its mistaken glamour. The urge to fight is as strong a part of human nature as the urge to love. Watch two children playing with one another, the quick dawn of a quarrel, and the triumph of the strongest. This seed of hate, born in us, is impossible to destroy.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

Physical emotion is an intangible quality. The first years of married life often depend upon it, and its wise control will ensure success for the future. But men and women should not marry unless mutual trust, affection, and comradeship hold as great a value. There is no point in marriage unless two people are indispensable to each other in every way.

If this is not the case, it is better for them to live apart, avoiding all possibility of irritation and distress.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

No woman should marry unless she is willing to place her husband before her personal ambition. Her job is to give him a home, and to look after him. It is practically impossible to do this well if she has her own career at heart. For a happy relationship the husband must be superior. Nothing is more fatal in marriage than the successful wife and the unknown husband. Unfortunately poverty often compels the wife to work, and the home life is therefore neglected.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

There is something wrong with two married people who love one another and don't want children. Poverty and an inability to provide a healthy attractive home is the only reasonable excuse. There can surely be no greater means of binding husband and wife together than the bringing up of something they have created. Their life must naturally become less selfish, less indulgent, but far more interesting. Many childless marriages are successful perhaps, but the chances are

the happiness would be doubled if there were children. From the point of view of the woman, at any rate.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

The modern attitude of equality is hardly compatible with knight-errantry, and when women protest that chivalry exists no more they have only themselves to blame. They must either stand for independence or accept the old standards. They cannot have it both ways. However much they advance, however, they can never overcome their physical disabilities, which will always allow men to claim the position of protector.

Chivalry will not die as long as women continue to bring children into the world.

The Hon. EVAN MORGAN.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

A codified religion imbued with the philosophy of Christ, dogmatic and disciplinary, with a closer alliance with the sentiments of the Early Church than the expositions of Christian Science and Spiritualism exhibit to-day, moving side by side with complete agnosticism.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

No. Competition is too deeply ingrained in human nature for war ever to be eliminated. The spirit of contest is one of the first to demonstrate itself in the child. It would take generations of pacific parents, if such could exist, to produce progeny without this so natural and potent trait.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

No. Either marriage itself should be completely dispensed with, or, given the laws of marriage, they should be promulgated according to the teaching of the Christian Church that those whom God hath joined together cannot and must not be put asunder.

“ Love ” here, I take it, is used in the broadest sense of its meaning, not merely in relationship to carnal desires.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Most certainly, and if possible one widely divergent from that of their husbands so as to allow both an open field, since competition between husband and wife in the same field is apt to make the marriage distressful; but idleness is the curse of humanity, and a career is bound to bring more happiness than no career at all, and gives less time to worry over the trivialities of life.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

No. Indeed there is as much to be said for this question as against. A large number of marriages have undoubtedly been maintained through the parents' mutual love for the children, but, on the other hand, an almost equally large number have been broken by jealousies and family intrigues over the children, especially concerning the question of heirs to inherited property, marriage of the daughters, dowries, etc. It would be just as successful if the married couple have either intellectual or physical hobbies or pursuits in common.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

I consider this most unlikely. As the gentleman who figures in the Honours List to-day, under the title of "Knight", is as widely different from the gentleman who fought the Saracen in Palestine when chivalry was first invented, as much will the gentleman of the future differ in his treatment of the opposite sex from his Victorian forbears.

LORD BERNERS.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

Whatever religion may prevail in the future one thing is certain. It will not be the Religion of the Sensible Man.

A modern religion will have to be made for the Masses. And we all know the sort of things that are turned out for the Masses.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

It may be possible to outlaw war when newspapers have been abolished, as well as "Haute Finance", human nature and that troublesome and frequently misguided attitude of mind known as Patriotism.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

It depends a good deal upon the manner in which love dies. If it relapses into a sort of armed neutrality, then marriage had certainly better be dissolved, for nothing is more unbearable for all concerned.

Dissolution is also advisable if love should awaken in either parties for somebody else and there is unreasonableness within the triangle.

But, as a general rule, when people have been foolish enough to marry, it is better for them to stick to it as long as is humanly possible, love or no love.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Until there is a return to the system of Matriarchy (which may perhaps be more imminent than people imagine) the only official career for a wife is that of pleasing her husband.

As things are at present, if the husband has a career it is not necessary for the wife to have one.

The important thing is that one of them should have some sort of occupation to keep them apart as much as possible.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

This depends upon the children and upon the marriage.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Chivalry can now be practised by both sexes and is called "Good Manners". But it is becoming increasingly rare. It is possible that it may become fashionable again in the future.

Mr. ANTHONY M. LUDOVICI.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

It will be, as usual, some sort of crass superstition for the mob, and for the cultivated it will consist in

the worship of a God whose definition will cover all the problems of the Universe and of Nature not solved by the science of the time. As fast as science elucidates the mysterious, the upholders of God will, as hitherto, have to discover ever fresh mysteries in Life and the Universe to support their deistic thesis, or theism.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

We can ; but only to be rudely awakened by a challenge that no spinsterly smugness will enable us to pass over. The era of territorial, religious and dynastic wars may be over, and the superficial are thus led to believe that war *per se* is a thing of the past. But the not very remote future will bring the worst of all wars—the wars of sex, the wars for food, and the wars for air and living-room. These wars will know no quarter.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

Certainly not ! Mankind has known for millions of years that love dies, and marriage has survived until to-day. This means that marriage serves a public and social purpose, not a sentimental one. The mistake lies not with marriage, but with the Anglo-Saxon sentimentalists and Puritans who insist on regarding marriage as the only source and means of love, and as an institution primarily concerned with love. This is wrong and foolish. Marriage is a necessary social state. Love may or may not come into it. It very rarely does except before the contract is felt as a contract.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Wives have their career in marriage. If women are so foolish as to become wives and then allow themselves to be cheated of their natural sex expression and experience, as if they were merely instruments of man's pleasure, without any definite sex-life of their own, involving the bearing and lactation of children, then by all means let them take up a career in addition to marriage. For if they are foolish enough to marry just to become an instrument to male pleasure they are probably quite fit for the brainless task of typing, filing, stenography, or selling goods across a counter.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

"Successful marriage" in this context is vague ; for seeing that thousands of marriages without children remain free from murder and suicide, it would be absurd to argue that such marriages are not "successful" in the sense of free from disaster. If, however, we mean by "successful" fulfilling its purpose, then obviously such marriages are not successful. But with your modern cowardly doctrine of "Safety First", according to which everything is a success that does not lead to inconvenient consequences, it must be admitted that millions of purposeless and futile marriages are quite "successful".

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Chivalry can continue only if those who practise it are prepared to protect and be responsible for those whom they wish to guide.

Chivalry has no meaning except the willingness to protect and answer for the creature or creatures who look to one for guidance. As, however, modern man, in addition to being inadequately equipped as a guide in life, is also not any too anxious to shoulder responsibility for or to protect anyone except himself, it seems as if chivalry must die out.

MR. REX WHISTLER.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

I cannot say.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

I do not believe that it will ever be possible to outlaw war. Not, at all events, until the seemingly impossible task of abolishing the great national barriers of language and custom has been accomplished.

Even then, with the world as one great Republican State, there would be always present the great power of Poetry and eloquence to stir up conflict. For it seems that martial music and the glamour of arms will always be able to overthrow in a moment pacts and agreements to outlaw war.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

I have no idea, it seems a legal point.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

I think married women should certainly have careers if they are sufficiently gifted or ruthless enough to be successful in them, and if they do not want or

are unable to have children. But surely they cannot have children and go to work too—or, if they do, they can get no pleasure or satisfaction out of either. If the children are always to be in the care of nurses and governesses, why have them? England is already overpopulated.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage?*

This is a subject of which I have no knowledge.

6. *Shall chivalry continue?*

If, amongst other things, chivalry to-day means offering one's seat in the underground to one of a crowd of lewd giggling girls it is dead already so far as I am concerned.

But I suppose that such chivalrous deeds as helping old ladies across the road, saving the cat from the dog, and an occasional dive from the embankment to frustrate a would-be suicide will always be popular—at least, with the old ladies, cats, and suicides.

MR. W. W. WAKEFIELD.

1. *What will be the religion of the future?*

Religions in the past consisted in the main of appeasing idols made of stone, wood or metal. This has developed to worshipping an invisible deity or spirit. It is difficult to conceive development along lines other than those laid down by the Christian religion except perhaps Atheism. This latter can be ruled out unless human nature changes entirely, and that is improbable.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

No. Nations and groups of nations can to a certain extent outlaw war. A time will come, however, in the future, as it has in the past, when a nation or a group of states, owing to its economic condition, overflows its boundaries. There are still large unpopulated spaces in the world, and there are nations now rapidly increasing in population and wealth who in the years to come must seek an outlet. Argument and legal battle cannot settle such questions—war alone can do it.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

No. There may be children, and these should have prior consideration. Husband and wife without love can live happily together. Perhaps by continuing to live together love might be rekindled. Why then dissolve the marriage?

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Yes. A wife who has a husband, house and children to look after has the best and fullest career a woman could have. In many businesses and professions the wife can make the greatest difference to the success or failure of her husband. In these cases she becomes her husband's partner and again she has a career. Invariably, however, for a wife to try and run her home and family and a business as well results in failure for certainly one if not both ventures. She is trying two careers instead of one.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

No. I have known some extremely happy marriages where there have been no children. Although children may not be necessary to a successful marriage, undoubtedly they are an aid. Many a marriage owes its success to the presence of children.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Yes. Without chivalry the essence of life is gone. Life without chivalry is like milk without its cream. Its richness and fulness are lost.

MR. COLIN CLIVE.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

I think the religion of the future will eventually be a *real* interpretation of Christ's teaching ; and orthodox religion as it now exists will vanish. This may take place in the very dim future, but, I'm sure it *will* come to pass. When it does, your second question, " Can we outlaw war ? " will be answered by, to my mind, the only possible solution.

2. *Can War be Outlawed ?*

See above.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

Yes, I think marriage should be dissolved when Love dies. I think it is immoral, disgusting and unnatural to force two people to live together who no

longer love each other. I have far more respect for lovers "living in sin" than for a married couple living a life of hypocrisy and unnaturalness.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

I see no reason why wives shouldn't have a career provided that career doesn't interfere with the upbringing of her children.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

Love, companionship and understanding are the only things necessary to a successful marriage. When these cease to exist no amount of children will make a marriage happy. A couple frequently don't want children, and there must be thousands of children born every year who are not really wanted. No, children are not *necessary* to a happy marriage. But I am only replying strictly to your question, remember—the question of them being necessary to happiness.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Chivalry shall continue. Mankind doesn't change.

The Rev. MAURICE CHILD.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

Liberal Catholicism, which, while true to the historic creeds and appreciative of the psychological value of worship, as the great Churches have developed it, will yet not fear modern knowledge and research, nor shirk the results of criticism, nor be ashamed to

own up to the many cruel blots that stain the escutcheon of the Universal Church. It will scorn ecclesiastical Jingoism and strive to cultivate corporately those virtues which Christianity has always commended to the individual. Prelacy will perish and the clerical collar follow the frock-coat and the wig.

2. *Can war be outlawed?*

Yes, when there is the will, but the international spirit must first be fostered and party politics treated with flippancy. Class selfishness, national pride and hearty ignorance will have to be outlawed first, and the church take as vigorous a line at least as the Pact of Paris. Somebody will have to instruct both masters and boys in our great Public schools in the irrational folly of war and bombast before great progress can be made in England.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved?*

Certainly not, if both parties have solemnly vowed before God and man to remain wedded "till death us do part". Let them substitute "till love dies" if that is the bargain. The Church law is not the same as that of the State, but no one is bound to get married in church, and those who contemplate dissoluble unions had better avoid the altar.

4. *Should wives have a career?*

Of course—as wives, but not in separation from their husband's work save by agreement. Many wives are more fitted for careers than their husbands—and they should have them. It is a matter for mutual arrangement.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

No : much to be desired, but not necessary. There are thousands of instances which prove the contrary. The successful issue of a marriage does not depend on having issue.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Chivalry *will* continue wherever men and women live side by side in the world, but whether chivalry *shall* continue is a problem too grammatical for me.

MR. D. G. A. LOWE.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

The natural yearning of man is for a god whom he may worship. The agnostic, after years of "honest doubt," which scientific research may have provoked, often becomes a convert to theism. The menace to religion comes from the lazy non-thinker, whose worship is usually Mammon ; but even to him this natural yearning often comes.

The form of theism believed in must vary for centuries to come. History indicates, however, the increasingly pervasive influence of Christianity as providing the only thoroughly satisfying response to the yearning of mankind ; and the testimony of many living saints confirms this view.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

War can be outlawed from the heart ; but not by the pen. No treaty, whatever its sanctions, however sincerely signed, will prevent war of itself—history

and human nature alike demonstrated that—but a “will to peace” may. Wean human nature from its combative instincts, from its greed of power and lust for revenge, and substitute a spirit of friendship: then war may become unthinkable.

War is a cancer, curable, if at all, by eradication, not segregation.

It is, of course, possible that economic causes may operate to this end; but a fresh habit of mind would be more effective.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved?*

Ideally, of course, love, that is to say, true love, never dies. In an imperfect world, among imperfect human beings, love may be sufficiently mutable to wane and even die. If this involves disillusion; if no basis remains for that life-long companionship which a love-marriage connotes; if there result such alteration of thought and feeling that no mutual happiness can be enjoyed, then, perhaps, dissolution of the secular bond should follow. Whether the religious union is dissoluble depends on the creed of the parties; whether any dissolution is desirable if there are children depends on their ages, general environment, the provision that can be made for them, and so forth. An extension of the legal grounds for divorce, which presuppose the death of love, is overdue—to include, for example, insanity.

4. *Should wives have a career?*

The question is chiefly applicable to women who had careers previous to marriage, and to most of whom

the change of status involved also a change of career, namely the management of a home. In most cases the wife finds this career all-sufficient. It claims her whole time and thought, especially if there are children and she is a real helpmate to her husband. On the other hand, to renounce an established career is hard for an independent mind: the cost requires careful weighing. Economic necessity may dictate the continuation of a career; and an exceedingly active and childless wife, with, perhaps, an often absent or busy husband, may need the occupation which her home fails adequately to supply.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage?*

It may be said that children are not necessary to a successful marriage; but they certainly perfect it. The testimony of countless childless but happy couples proves that marriage can be a successful, indeed a wonderful, partnership; but the deepest feelings, *e.g.* the perfect altruism evolved through parenthood, are never experienced. The complete married life is a family life, with its profound experiences of joy and sorrow and its opportunities for self-sacrifice. Moreover, children are educative; they afford a powerful link between their parents, they should mean blessedness.

6. *Shall chivalry continue?*

Chivalry primarily represents the courtesy shown by man to woman; secondarily the respect shown by youth to age, by the strong to the weak. Its decline, which is only too evident to-day, is to be deplored: the responsibility rests largely with woman.

She fails to perceive that by insisting on equality she is stepping down, not up; the assertive nature of her independence stifles reverence and respect. If these qualities vanish, woman's influence will vanish also—the influence to which is due much of the best in literature, music and art.

Let the strong thrust the weak to the wall, let youth ride rough-shod over age, and the era of selfishness and brutality, of the triumph of might over right, will dawn again.

Mr. JOHN STRACHEY, M.P.

1. *What will be the religion of the future?*

I have no idea; there will probably be dozens, but, being an optimist, I do look forward to a time when mankind will be able to bear life without supernatural illusions.

2. *Can war be outlawed?*

Not until Capitalism and social classes have been abolished; class antagonisms and predatory capitalism make all talk of "outlawing" war in present conditions "bunk".

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved?*

I've not the faintest idea.

4. *Should wives have a career?*

The answer to this question depends on whether you are thinking of the interests of the wives or the careers.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

Of course not—but they aren't fatal to it, either.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Yes, as long as women wish to continue to be thought inferior.

MR. CHARLES GRAVES.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

A growing belief in reincarnation as being the only explanation of "As you sow, so shall you reap" and "The sins of the fathers shall descend on the children".

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

Only by the international knowledge that some chemical or other engine of destruction has been invented which would create wholesale and immediate massacre.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

It depends on the pride of the married couple, coupled with the question of whether there are any children of the marriage.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Certainly, and if possible the same kind as their husbands.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

Not unless the property is entailed and the next of kin is unsuitable.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

As long as men wear trousers, it will.

MISS IRIS BARRY.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

In the common sense of the word religion, I prefer to think that there will be none, and that humanity will give up bargaining in good behaviour with unseen and feared bogies. That Christian and Buddhist ethics might well serve the individual in constructing for himself a fine philosophy I should like to believe.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

It certainly could and should be. As all the nations are maintaining armies, manufacturing arms and chemicals, perfecting hostile aircraft and so forth, it looks extremely improbable that it will be.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

Marriage is a social contract, not an emotional one. To begin with, I think marriages founded on mutual convenience, common ambition and friendship, promise far greater success than love-matches. Both, however, necessitate great and constant goodwill on both sides. If it is no longer convenient for the partners to face life together, if they are no longer friends, it is obvious that the simple thing would be for them to register a dissolution of the marriage and to be found free to re-marry after three months.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Certainly if they want to, but otherwise it seems to me that the leisure provided by marriage and the freedom for the woman from the boring necessity of having to earn a living presents an enormous advantage. It also gives her magnificent opportunities for cultivating her tastes, and for indulging graciously in all the social amenities and domestic pastimes.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

Not in the least, especially as their existence creates new problems in the delicate adjustments any two people who live together must necessarily make. One observes, too, how frequently people act as if children had come into the world to gratify them and enhance their (the parents,) self-esteem, whereas actually the children exist for themselves and are only making use of the parents—or life itself is. A genuinely sound marriage partnership, however, can be much enriched with a family.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

It might well be revived. A little more courtesy on the part of both sexes to each other would provide a far more agreeable social spectacle.

Mr. MAURICE LANE-NORCOTT.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

Sin worship, I fancy.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

Don't know. Still, if the army wore silk hats and spats it might keep it down a bit. That would make such a farce of charging. Girls would only laugh at soldiers then, and war would lose its glamour.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

In what ?

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Anyone who has seen wives careering around the shopping centres must realise that they have a career already. What do they want two careers for ?

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

I suppose so—anyway, parents tell me they are when they show me the snapshots. Still, they may be bluffing.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Well, I think that men will continue to raise their hats to ladies, and, unless the ladies are in a great hurry or the men are entire strangers to them, they will bow in return. I think *that* will go on. I would sooner walk than try to get in a bus during the rush hour, or attempt any chivalry on the underground.

LADY DOROTHY MILLS.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

From the present state of scepticism and agnosticism—outcome of centuries of blind dogma and hide-bound shibboleths—I think will gradually arise a new religion

suiting to the more complicated needs of present and future civilization, based on and supported by Science.

2. *Can war be outlawed?*

War, for purposes of defence or progress, is one of the fundamental instincts of humanity, and I do not think can ever be radically outlawed, though probably means will be found to limit its powers of decimation and destruction.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved?*

Marriage is only a sacrament when made one by love, or at anyrate the reasonable affection and esteem of comradeship. Without these, it is an unnatural and degrading state, entailing lasting and unnecessary unhappiness, diminishing the general value to the community of both parties, and therefore better dissolved.

4. *Should wives have a career?*

In general there is no logical reason why a wife should not have a career provided she does not let it interfere unduly with her family duties. But a woman of real genius or compelling ambition would do well to think several times before undertaking a marriage to which she may not be able to do justice without detriment to her career.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage?*

This depends largely on individual temperament. A marriage based on just the cosmic urge or physical attraction needs children to give it significance and

lasting hold. A marriage based on the union of intellect, real mutual sympathy, understanding and common interests can, I think, be complete without children.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

The small, often meaningless courtesies—which are really merely a matter of habit—are tending to disappear now that woman has placed herself on a level with man in material things. But the true chivalry of real man to real woman will last as long as humanity.

PROFESSOR A. M. LOW, D.Sc.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

I should imagine that the practice of Christianity may take the place of its preaching in the very distant and very far future. If the world really believed that any form of after-life depended for eternity upon the happenings in this world, there would be no need for policemen, law courts or politicians. I think that the religion of the future will largely depend upon a knowledge of the workings of the mind and that it will be as indifferent as it now professes to be to things material. Bishops will not bless guns in the future, other than in the midst of uncontrollable laughter.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

I fail to see how laws can be made to abolish nature. Crystals, trees, dogs, and men fight violently. Why should it be imagined that men are so vastly superior

to the animal merely because they have suffered a few minutes civilization? I agree that debate is sometimes useful, for I would not abolish the Christian religion because one man steals one orange from one wheelbarrow. The presence of policemen in our streets answers all questions regarding war, for they are chosen for strong arms rather than for an ability to solve a problem in chess. People snarl when their toes are trodden upon in tramcars, and we can read that prosperity is coming to a district on account of orders placed for submarines and munitions. War cannot cease when so obvious a lack of humour is prevalent. We are proud of military titles, of country, and of tournament display. We shower honours and cash upon war-like inventors. It is the hospital not the Navy which has its Flag Day. Ask if we are ideal and I say—"No."

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved?*

Why connect love with marriage other than in a record of history? Marriage is a legal vehicle for property. I do not think it is just that women should be given the power to rule the country, make their own laws, ape the man and pretend that they are his equal. Why therefore should it be logical to assume that the masculine habitually embraces and supports the feminine? If, as seems obvious, most marriages are maintained for social reasons, it would be more simple and more economical to arrange for dissolution without being dissolute. The speed limit was abolished because it existed in law alone. Is this not a useful precedent in the case of loveless marriage?

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Yes, most certainly. It is grossly unfair to man and woman that the latter should change her name, still more wrong that she should have no interest in life other than the maintenance of clean curtains. The query assumes that the career is available. If this were true no husbands could, or would, object. It is because the average wife is incapable of possessing a career that she begins by being unhappy and finishes by ceasing to be a wife.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

I do not believe children can make a marriage successful. Unless the union is a perfect success there most certainly should be no children. We are proud if the pimple on our nose resembles that of our great-great-grandfather. Why perpetuate a quarrelsome union by producing an attitude of mind which has produced misery in two existing persons ?

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Men should encourage chivalry, for it is merely a demonstration of superiority which becomes more difficult every day. So courteous a recognition of the fact that women can influence the world without the use of brute force should only be afforded to those by whom it is deserved. In other words, chivalry should be abolished.

The Rev. H. G. G. HERKLOTS.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

“ The future ” is a very nebulous term, stretching into infinity. The religion of the ultimate future will, I am convinced, be true Christianity. In the immediate future organized religion in many countries will continue to be neglected, oppressed countries will make a religion of nationalism. In more settled lands many will still make the best faiths they can of self, money, ambition, posterity and the like. There will also be an increase of manufactured religions making small demands on men’s conduct, and a deal of vague native mysticism professed by those to whom has never been clearly presented the fact of Christ.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

The organized powers of the world can do a very great deal to make war less likely. But I do not think that war will be finally outlawed until man has learnt to outlaw or transform his own aggressive instincts and warring passions.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

To answer this question in the affirmative would be to deny all stability to the marital relationship. Marriage is not a matter of love alone. It is a bond that demands hard work on both sides, and it is because often men and women are unwilling to do this hard

work that marriages come to grief. When the first flowering of affection is over, other gifts may follow, not unworthy recompense for its loss. Yet, like Moses, for the hardness of men's hearts I would admit of exceptions.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

This is a purely individual question for each couple to decide. Many wives find that matrimony is for them a full and fit career. But most find the need of outside interests, and for some, though I do not think they are very many, an actual career is the wisest thing.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

The compiler of this book has set his six-hooked paternoster with baits for generalizations. It is impossible to give a direct answer to such a question as this. But I fancy that of successful marriages the majority are those that have issued in a family ; of unsuccessful marriages the majority are childless. Deliberately to plan a childless marriage is to invite difficulty.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Probably we have not yet reached the radii of bad manners. In the next five years we shall be more easy-going, more noisy. But gradually the pendulum of progress will bring about a revival of quieter manners and more courtly ways.

J. A. BOYD-CARPENTER, (President of the Oxford Union).

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

Things very rarely change ; people like to think they have. The religion of the future merely means the future of religion ; and that is a matter of day by day evolution. But presumably there will never be an ecclesiastic so able as by himself to confute " the seven and seventy jarring sects ", and thus bring peace.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

War can be outlawed, by saying it has been done. But it is the inconvenient habit of outlaws not to appreciate either the motives or the efficiency of the " grey guardians of the public morals."

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

If love exists, which, *pace* the novelists, appears to be a matter of controversy, it can be nothing but an inconvenience disturbing the rhythm of life. Therefore, as Lord Melbourne said, " why not leave it alone? "

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

If wives have a career, they are no longer wives. This answer therefore is as ambiguous as a political speech, and is meant to be.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

I shall follow the biblical precedent, and answer questions with questions—What is a successful marriage ? what is success ? what is marriage ?

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

That, like most things, is for women to decide. But they cannot have their pedestal and eat it.

MR. ERIC MATURIN.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

I should imagine that any of the present purely orthodox religions will have to go by the board ; the mere creed and dogma and nonsensical " intoning " by the clergy at 90 per cent. of our church services are hopelessly out of date. A religion after the style of Christian Science and one that makes for brighter hymn-tunes and a more *practical* religion will be the religion of the future.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

War can only be outlawed by every nation of the world adopting a universal religion. This suggestion seems like asking for the millennium here and now, but I see no other solution to the problem of universal peace.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

Yes, though I do not profess to know that further complications would not be involved.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Certainly. Why should a woman's talents be hidden under a bushel ?

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

Here again I think it is purely a matter of individual opinion. Finances of the individual parties play such an important part in the proper upbringing and education of children that a lack of sufficient funds for a good education is often a deterrent to bringing children into the world.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Yes.

Miss VIOLET CORDERY.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

Since religion has remained almost the the same with only immaterial alterations for thousands of years, I cannot personally see any reason why there should be any difference in the future.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

I think war can be minimized, to a large extent, by such bodies as the League of Nations, but I very much doubt if war will be entirely outlawed, anyhow in our time. Should science produce some appalling devastating ray, this might have the effect of stopping war altogether.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

I think if love turns to definite dislike, then marriage should be dissolved.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

I do not think married women should have a career, because a career, if successful, means an almost all-time business, and it is difficult to see how a married woman can bring up her children and look after her home, and still be successful, and have the time to follow a career.

If there are not any children to the marriage, then there is no real reason why the married woman should not have a career.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

I imagine that children make a marriage more happy, but are not essential to a successful marriage.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Yes, I think, for all time. Because, even if women eventually become on an exactly equal status to men, which I do not think they will, there will always be, at least I hope so, just that difference.

Mr. RAYMOND MASSEY.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

The complete failure of organized religion to control the moral and spiritual destinies of mankind proves at once the realization that religion must find its expression in the spiritual development of the individual rather than the herd. The question should read, what will the religions of the future be? And there is no answer.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

No. The basic human instincts of self-preservation and self-expression are ingrained in our modern idea of nationalism. As with individuals, so with nations, the final resort to physical violence is the inevitable conclusion in the event of complete disagreement.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

In marriage, as in any contract, the ultimate happiness of the greatest number should be the only consideration. There is nothing more hideous than the enforced association of a man and a woman after love has ceased to bind them together. Divorce should be as easy as possible.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Certainly, many women who enter into the partnership of marriage require a medium of self-expression outside that of a wife and mother. The Victorian idea of the woman's place in the home savours of yashmak and harem.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

Children in the majority of marriages are necessary if complete happiness is to be attained. They are the reason for the marriage institution, and a childless marriage is like a motor without an engine.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

There is nothing in the idea of sex equality which is incompatible with the tradition of chivalry. But

chivalry must work both ways. The woman who exploits her sex in a fair contest with a man is lacking in chivalry, just as much as the man who forces a woman off the pavement.

MR. SEWELL STOKES.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

It is unlikely that any one religion will ever be accepted universally. I think, however, that the absurdly conceited theory of personal immortality will in the course of quite a few generations lose its last adherents, and that the number of believers in creative evolution (more or less as it is expounded by Bernard Shaw in *Back To Methuselah*) will increase.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

Yes, it can be outlawed and will be. We shall realize that it is as illogical for two nations to go to war to settle a quarrel, as it is for two men to fight a duel. As a preliminary precaution against another war in this century I suggest that we pull down the silly little war memorials which have been erected since 1918, and put up in their place really horrible representations of the gruesome realities of war.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

I see no reason why two people should live together when they no longer wish to do so, unless they have young children. Even then it is better for the children

to be brought up with the disadvantage of knowing only one parent, than in a household where they are conscious of a lack of sympathy, perhaps even an antipathy, between their father and mother.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Certainly, if they want to. Personally I would not marry a woman who was to be nothing but my mistress and housekeeper. Of course, child-rearing is a career, but it is a ' blind alley ' job. Nowadays children are soon taken out of their mother's hands, and in the future it is likely that they will be still earlier. And when a woman is too old to have more children, or has not enough money to support any more, her career is finished.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

In most cases they are. A man and a woman need some common interest to keep them together when the last glimmer of passionate love has faded. Children supply their need. Children also keep their parents young. Middle-aged spinsters and bachelors are seldom so advanced as middle-aged parents.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

As the emancipation of women proceeds (it has by no means reached finality yet) chivalry will die out; for its foundation is the theory of man's strength and woman's weakness. I find that many intelligent women already resent the artificial attentions which men pay them, and they have little ruse for that insulting phrase : Women and children first.

MR. GODFREY WINN.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

I frankly do not know. Does anyone—for certain ? If I had to say, which of the many forms of Christianity was likely in the future to increase its number of followers, without hesitation I should answer, The Roman Catholics. They know what they believe and announce it in no uncertain voice. And that is something in a world of ever-changing values. But perhaps Christianity itself will give place to a composite religion, comprising the best points of all the religions. It is an intriguing thought.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

I am afraid not. As long as the human mind is constructed as it is to-day, there will continue to be power-seekers in the world. There will then continue to be strong nations and weak ones, and the strong nations will plan how they may make themselves stronger at the expense of the weaker. And the weaker will band together in mutual self-defence, on the principle that attack is the best part of defence. A league of nations, a world at peace, peace-loving, must always remain—only a dream.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

Certainly not. Many of the most successful marriages are those where the husband and wife are only friends. After all, physical love of its very nature must wither

and die. If, when this happened, marriages were automatically dissolved, the marriage bond would cease to have any meaning or importance. A marriage, on the other hand, based, *not* on love, so much as on affection, mutual respect, and compatibility of temperament, is going to be strong enough to withstand all difficulties and dangers. People seem to forget that marriage is an institution, not merely a safety valve for emotion.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Undoubtedly, wives should have a career, and when I marry, I sincerely hope my wife will have one. For a successful marriage is one where the balance is distributed *absolutely* evenly, where both parties are in harness, and both pull their weight in equal proportions. A husband and wife who have joint careers understand each other's lives, each other's natures, far far better than is the case where the husband goes out into the world and the wife stays at home, shut away from reality by the dull walls of domesticity. I do not want that to happen to my wife.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

Personally, I do not think so ; we live in an age controlled by speed and efficiency, where sentiment has had to give way to science. Most married couples would like to have children ; few can afford to do so, for children, not only from the financial point of view, but also in time and energy, are a tremendous and continuous drain. It is a fallacy that the childless wife is an unhappy and bitter woman. On the con-

trary, the *clever* wife to-day is the one who takes precautions to be childless.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

The modern woman has demanded equal rights and obtained her demands. She must not expect to have her cake *and* eat it. No doubt she did not imagine that she would have to strap-hang in a tube while young men sit with a bland indifferent look on their faces reading their evening paper in comfort. But surely if she desires and is willing to compete with men on equal terms, she must be prepared for the treatment of men, not to receive the politeness of a drawing-room tea-party. Tea-parties are quite out of fashion to-day.

MR. SOMERSET DE CHAIRE.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

I do not know.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

Only by common consent of all peoples, not by international arbitration. If not now, certainly after another one, war will be outlawed by common consent as an alternative to the extinction of mankind. Hitherto man's fighting instinct has been allowed to get the better of his reason, but now we have reached a stage when the development of modern science has rendered war so dangerous that its consequences should appeal to man's reason more forcibly even than the impulses

of his animal nature. Wars of the past, and the Great War in its main aspects, have been affairs chiefly between fighting forces. It will be the development of the sciences of rear attack, raids on centres of population, etc., involving for the first time the lives of non-combatants on a large scale that really will render the next war, if it is not averted, a war to end war, if it does not actually end everything else in the process.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

I do not know.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

No. A woman's femininity is her greatest asset, and she can only lose this if she tries to compete with men in a "career". By imitating men, and the part always played by men hitherto, woman can at best only become a second-rate man. It is far better for her to remain a first-rate woman. Above all, woman's physical destiny is in the house, if the human race is to continue, as it should do, under circumstances of happy childhood.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

Frequently the happiest and most affectionate elderly couples I have known have been childless. It is conversely true that children, by providing a common link, often make a union succeed which would otherwise have ended in sadness or disruption.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

I do not know.

Miss SHEILA KAYE-SMITH.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

The Catholic Religion, which has hitherto survived all changes of the times, and alone has effected a working synthesis of reason and emotion, freedom and order. By this I do not mean that the whole world will become Catholic, but the issues will be clearly defined between the Catholic Religion and No Religion. The intervening shades will disappear.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

Not unless personal and national hatreds, financial and commercial rivalries and jealousies are outlawed first. To reverse the process is to try to abolish the effect without removing the cause.

3. *If love dies should marriage be dissolved ?*

This involves another question—*can* marriage be dissolved? It also demands a definition of love. Some kinds of love can die without affecting the integrity of marriage. The higher types of love are practically indestructible.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

If they are able to make one, certainly.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

Some of the happiest marriages I have known were childless, but the children were not deliberately excluded. That is another matter.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Why not ? When women cease to require it of men, they can shew it to them—and even before.

Mrs. Ruby M. Ayres.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

I haven't the least idea ; and I don't think it matters very much, as decent living people will always live decently and honourably even if there is no recognized religion at all, or any accepted God.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

I should say not, as long as there are ambitious men in the world.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

If the parties wish it ; but generally speaking I think after love has what is called " died," something can be found to take its place ; such things as friendship and comradeship, which are both possible without a very remarkable love, can often bring quiet happiness and contentment.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Of course. If they can combine it with the duties of a wife, and do not get too conceited about their business side of life. A woman's career should add to the happiness of marriage and not spoil it.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

I cannot imagine that they are. I haven't any myself, and am quite happy.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Chivalry will continue because nobody can stop it. Some men will always be chivalrous in spite of adverse up-bringing and circumstance, just as some men will always be the opposite in spite of all the training and education in the world. A chivalrous man is born, not made.

Miss MAY EDGINTON.

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War can be outlawed, and will be ; but it will not cease to exist. It will exist as an outlaw, raiding and killing, without any ethics, political arguments, or diplomatic interventions. War will be waged by

brigands ; or rather, let us say, by brigand nations, if and when such a nation makes itself sufficiently powerful in its own opinion.

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If friendship, liking, and material profit remain from the marriage, there is no need to dissolve it. But if the parties wish it dissolved, then it should be done, with due care and consideration for the welfare of children. Our divorce laws are the worst remnant of priest-ridden ages.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

If necessary, and desired by both parties to a marriage, wives should have a career. If a man objects to it, he should not marry a woman with work apart from her home. The question's simpler than is supposed. It is open to men to marry the hundreds of thousands of purely domestic women, and leave the careerists alone, or vice versa. The trouble is that men, as well as women, like the comforts and security of a double income, while often they consider their own importance minimized.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

No, children are not necessary to a successful marriage. To make some marriages successful children are necessary ; while in other cases they sunder an otherwise loving couple who do not desire them, and have no place for them. Generalizations on this subject have been too sentimental and too sweeping.

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6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Yes ; chivalry of each sex for the other, of the strong for the weak ; and always, towards children. Chivalry is looked upon as exclusively a male virtue, whereas nearly all decent married women practise it to a high degree, in the little things they do and say to save a husband's vanity, hide his weaknesses and maintain his credit before the world at large.

MISS CATHLEEN NESBITT.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

It seems to me very unlikely that there will be any one " religion of the future ". It seems probable that as life on the material plane becomes less of a struggle for existence on the part of the individual, so life on the spiritual plane will become more personal. I doubt if any one religion will ever again become as powerful politically and socially as Mahommedanism and Christianity have been in their time.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

I believe that war can be outlawed to a certain extent just as deliberate cruelty and reckless individual tyranny have been outlawed—but only to the same extent. There will always be war as between nations, but it may become as rare, comparatively speaking, as murder and piracy between individuals.

3. *If love dies should marriage be dissolved ?*

It depends on the meaning you attach to "love". The glamour and passion of the mating season must die—and marriage even without them can continue to be a beautiful relationship. But if one uses the word in the sense one uses it when one speaks of love of friends, or love of children, or even love of country—if one means a feeling that connotes affection, consideration, loyalty and respect—then I believe a marriage without love is a demoralizing relationship, and when *that* love dies the marriage should be dissolved as quickly as possible.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

I think that unless a woman has sufficient talent for matrimony to make that a career in itself she will be happier and make her family happier if she has a career of her own. A woman who has interests outside her own four walls and is financially independent is more likely to make a helpful and understanding wife and mother.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

I don't think children make any difference whatever to the success of a marriage. Children may occasionally keep together people who would otherwise have separated, but they cannot affect the relationship of their parents. A successful marriage depends on harmony of temperament and mutual respect rather than on any outside influence.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

In its finest sense as meaning the consideration of the strong for the weak there will always be chivalry ; but in the sense of a romantic idealization of the female by the male, I imagine it is already as nearly non-existent as can be !

MR. GILBERT FRANKAU.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

Only God knows.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

Of course not.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

All marriages should be instantly dissolvable by mutual consent.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Being a wife *is* a career.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

Are there any successful marriages ?

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Did it ever begin ?

The Hon. Mrs. VICTOR BRUCE.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

I do not know.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

Neither can I foretell this.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

I have no opinion to give.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Surely this is largely a matter of individual temperaments ! To some women, even in these advanced days, the children and the home is all the career that they require, but those who find the daily round monotonous and soul destroying should certainly endeavour to interest themselves in something outside the home. If they choose to take up a "career", so much the better, and I think it is as much in the husband's interest as the wife's that she should endeavour to get out of the rut.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

I think it would be a very terrible thing for the world if it did not. In these days a woman does not want to be regarded as completely helpless or unutterably fragile ; in fact, there is even something to be said for the argument that if women go out into the world and do both the work and the play of men,

they must not expect the special consideration accorded to their sex. At the same time, the majority of us try to avoid any suspicion of becoming unsexed, in spite of our new independence, and I must say that I, for one, do greatly appreciate the old-world courtesy of man towards woman.

MR. OWEN NARES.

1. *What will be the religion of the future?*

The religion (?) of the Past. "One's future is nothing more than the shadow of one's past."

2. *Can war be outlawed?*

No—not while human nature remains what it is.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved?*

Yes—if circumstances allow. By circumstances I mean children, decency and regard for others' feelings.

4. *Should wives have a career?*

There's no reason why they shouldn't.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage?*

Yes.

6. *Shall chivalry continue?*

If possible. It's one of the few mitigations of existence.

Miss JEANNE DE CASALIS.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

Eugenics.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

I don't know, but I believe wars will become obsolete.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

Yes. Unless there are children, then it seems to me that a man and a woman should have sufficient intelligence and understanding to be able so to arrange their lives that the "family" structure is respected. I believe in the "home" and the "family life" as the one fundamental and real thing in life.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Why not, if they have the talent ? But they should be sure they have it before they embark on this perilous adventure. Also a man may not earn sufficiently himself and be glad of his wife's aid. Otherwise I deplore the plight of a husband who is burdened with a career-seeking wife. It is usually the end of a happy marriage.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

Not always necessary perhaps, but surely no marriage is complete without them. And certainly a woman is only half a woman who has not had a child.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

It has already ceased to exist. The English woman is an Amazon, and men are not very chivalrous to Amazons. Chivalry is born from the desire of the strong to protect the weak. The English woman is not weak, and does not wish to be protected.

MISS NANCY BEATON.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

People will have their own ideas and rendering of this subject. Whether these ideas conform to the laws laid down by the Scriptures or not will rest upon individual decision and belief.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

No ; although people are beginning to realize its futility, there seems little hope for world-peace when most countries cannot agree for more than six months with their own political party or forms of legislation.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

Why can't two ordinary and natural people spend a very satisfactory and successful life under the same roof, even if the first infatuation (of love) has passed ? If this is found to be impossible, why need there be any qualms and surreptitiousness when " the other man or woman " comes along ? If one of the parties

wants to marry again—then let them do so without any hysteria, scenes with revolvers, and love-letters being read in the Divorce Courts.

4. *Should wives have a career?*

Certainly, if they want to. Most women nowadays have definite careers, and just because they have a husband and a "little love-nest" with chintz curtains at the windows that is no reason for them to stop being private secretaries, hat vendors or flower-shop assistants. It keeps them occupied all day, which is better than their staying at home twiddling their thumbs while needlessly brooding over the inefficient housemaid and how many bananas one can buy for sixpence. If, however, owing to financial circumstances the running of home and children be a whole-time job, it is too late in the day to contemplate any other career.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage?*

No, they are not. Presumably the husband was of one's own choosing, and why cannot one be contented with him only instead of being harassed and put to the extra expense of countless howling and probably hideous little children? If, on the other hand, heirs for estates, etc., are needed—well and good—one will dutifully perform one's duty for family and nation, and welcome "the little one" with the brightest of forced smiles.

6. *Shall chivalry continue?*

Yes—inspired by Hollywood films.

MISS EDNA BEST.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

Bernard Shaw said, "There is only one religion, though there are a hundred versions of it." So far as I can see, Christianity will more than hold its own in the future, as it is gaining in the present. It is the world religion; other faiths appear to be geographical, that is they appeal to the peoples of different countries: Confucianism for China, Buddhism for India, Mohammedanism for parts of Asia, but Christianity for the whole world.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

I fear not. Governments, presumably representing the minds of their peoples, appear to play at disarmament, but it will need a whole-hearted laying down of arms before we can think of war as being outlawed. It will of course come in time, but so will the Millennium.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

Yes. If love really dies, that marriage should be dissolved seems the only sensible course. Love is beautiful, the most beautiful thing on earth, but a legal binding without love is not beautiful at all; it is ugly.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Most decidedly, if such is wanted; why should there not be independence between husband and wife where

careers are concerned? Can you visualize what the world would be like if all the wives in careers of their own suddenly abandoned them? The world would stop. Many millions of wives have careers already. Soon there may be far more wives in careers than out of them.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage?*

Not necessary, but a considerable help. It seems the natural issue to have children, and once there, it seems they are a consummation to the union. I do not like to think of couples being held together by their children, but there are a lot of things one does not like to think of, that nevertheless exist.

6. *Shall chivalry continue?*

Such a question answers itself, if you mean what I mean. All kinds of things are called by all kinds of names, but chivalry is chivalry. We continue to live; love, work, play, think, hope, and we shall continue to be kind, which is another word for chivalry.

Miss SONIA HAMBOURG.

1. *What will be the religion of the future?*

There will be no one religion in the future. Faith will continue to be determined by geography and tradition, and so long as states support some particular form of revealed religion, the majority will

pay lip service to it. In times of stress or distress it will still make an emotive appeal. But the minority, to whom all forms of organized religion are repugnant on rationalistic grounds, will increase, and among them religion is likely to consist of some form of deism.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

Wars are caused by the presence of an unlimited supply of armaments, by the existence of aggressive nationalism and by fierce national economic rivalries. Let there be an organization which can enforce the reduction of armaments and gases to the limits necessary for police protection. Let the press, the politicians and the Church preach pacifism instead of indulging in orgies of national sentiment. Let economically dependent units be so large that business men will desire peace at all cost. And the outlawry of war will then become a reality.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

Divorce by mutual consent would eliminate much unhappiness, and where a marriage is childless and love no longer holds husband and wife together it should most certainly be dissolved. If there are children, marriage ceases to be a purely personal matter. Before separating, parents must take into account the probable effect of their action on the future lives of their children. In some cases, where there is constant friction between husband and wife, it may be better for their marriage to be dissolved than for their children to live in an atmosphere of discord.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

If a married woman wants to work, let her by all means pursue her career. Labour-saving devices have transformed home life, and have done away with the need for her constant presence in the home. The state has taken over the education of her children. If she is capable of good and useful work why should society be deprived of it merely because she has a husband ?

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

In the past, when women were uneducated, children were often the only interests that a husband and wife could share. Society was even more patriarchal than it is now, and marriage without children was likely to prove unsuccessful. Nowadays, women can take a real interest in the affairs of their husbands, and the desire for paternity is less strong since the state has robbed it of so many of its prerogatives. When marriage is based on a feeling of companionship and confidence, the absence of children is no bar to happiness.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

The idea of chivalry is often instinctively confused with the idea of false chivalry. And it is likely that with the growth of greater intellectual equality between the sexes the false chivalry of the flashy but morally worthless young man will play a diminishing part in love making. But as a code of honour, of disinterested and unselfish service on the behalf of the weak or

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oppressed, the chivalrous instinct will continue in the hearts of honourable men and women.

MISS ELLEN WILKINSON, M.P.

1. *What will be the religion of the future?*

Perhaps the science of the future will enable mankind to look beyond the goods which man has created in his own image to the infinite power which somehow must be in the Universe. It would be interesting to know what the men of that day will think of us, each with his private god giving exclusive information of Divine Immutable Laws which by strange coincidence always confirm us in our pet (and varying) prejudices.

2. *Should war be outlawed?*

Can we "outlaw" toothache while leaving bad teeth in the mouth? A world based on Socialist co-operation, instead of competitive greed, is the only world where there will be no more war.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved?*

The women to whom marriage is their sole means of livelihood will see this does not become law. Nor, under present conditions of struggle, do I blame the great Trade Union of Married Women.

4. *Should wives have a career?*

I believe that the only way to save marriage as an institution is to give the woman some degree of

economic independence. But is she to be worked to death to secure that, doing all the housework, bearing and rearing children, and then do a commercial job as well? I believe in family endowment for the mother. The wife without children is no special problem.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage?*

How can I say?

6. *Shall chivalry continue?*

Chivalry is historically another name for the male superiority complex. I hope it will give way to real co-operation between the sexes.

DR. MALCOLM SARGENT.

1. *What will be the religion of the future?*

Christianity for some, Mammon for many.

2. *Can War be outlawed?*

Not by legislation.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved?*

Not if a vow "for better or for worse" has been taken.

4. *Should wives have a career?*

A wife *has* a career.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

Not necessary, but decidedly helpful.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

I hope so—as long as I live.

Miss H. DU COUDRAY.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

There being no hope of novelty the choice must lie between Roman Catholicism and Aimée MacPhersonism.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

Very likely, but not by the League of Nations.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

Yes, if there is room at Monte Carlo for more "surplus" women.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Certainly, if their husbands can afford it.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

They are in any case the only justification for its survival.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Hollywood will see that it does.

MR. COMPTON MACKENZIE.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

Christianity.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

By the grace of God, but never by human signatures.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

What is love ? And who is to decide when it is dead ?

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

If they desire a career, who will stop them ?

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

In 99 per cent. of marriages they are essential.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

I hope so.

MR. KEITH WINTER.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

Civilisation will not endure without some kind of religion, for it is the glue by which society is held together. What the future ingredients of that glue may be seems to me to be profitless speculation—

provided always that the ultimate substance loses nothing of its strength and purity.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

When the right of declaration of war rests with the people—a people grown wise with education and experience, then war will cease. There seems little chance of this evolution being rapidly effected.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

When love dies, friendliness and understanding often remain. In them, more than in love, is that which makes for permanence. When these, too, are dead, then the sooner the marriage is dissolved the better.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Provided that it does not involve the neglect of her children, there is no reason why a married woman should not pursue a career. There is a chance it may keep her from being discontented, and from the husband's point of view it is more economical.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

I haven't the slightest idea.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

If by chivalry is meant the exploitation of their sex by woman at the expense of men, then the sooner it discontinues the better I shall be pleased. It seems to me that the true chivalry, the little kindnesses

exchanged between human beings, will never end, for the reason that these are the things that make life worth living.

Miss ARNOT ROBERTSON.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

Much the same as at present, I imagine. The majority that likes to have its thinking done for it will never dispense with organized religion of some kind, and there will always be that majority. The intellectuals will continue to be optimistic agnostics. But people will apologise for being religious as they now apologise for being superstitious, and there are welcome signs that religion will not be allowed much longer to interfere with legislation concerning divorce, birth control, etc.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

Yes, I think and hope so, by public opinion more than by signing treaties. Helping the world forward to the state when world war is unthinkable seems to me the thing most worth doing, for any intelligent person.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

Of course. Marriage is only what each couple makes of it. Whatever the word sacramental means (and I've never been quite sure, in spite of its free use by those who object to divorce) I am certain it has nothing to do with the enforced intimacy of two people who would be happier apart. Children are better with one

parent, or neither, than with two who do not get on. But the whole question depends on the financial independence of women: until their general earning capacity is improved marriages cannot be dissolved freely by the will of either party, as they should be.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Yes, if possible. Apart from the interest of it, financial independence seems to me the most valuable thing that the next hundred years or so will bring to women: it will give marriage the dignity that is inevitably lacking from a union where the wife is more or less in the position of a licensed parasite. I cannot imagine myself being happy with any man whom I was not in a position to leave if I wanted to do so.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

Not if the pair are intellectual friends. Children interrupt the companionship of husband and wife as nothing else can do if there is not enough money in the menage to relieve the woman of their sole care. Sentimentalists notwithstanding, the desirability of children is entirely a financial consideration. A good marriage remains good without them, a bad one may be held together by their coming, but if it is such a poor partnership that it needs this cement, in nine cases out of ten it would be better dissolved.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

That depends on what is meant by chivalry. The sentimental idealizing of women as adorable mysteries is deplorable. In general they are physically, mentally

and morally (in the widest sense) inferior to men, and always will be. Recognizing this, one hopes that men will continue to treat them with the consideration and courtesy usually extended by the stronger to the weaker in civilized communities. In the rare cases where a woman is a man's equal in anything, let her be treated as such.

LADY DRUMMOND-HAY.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

The Religion of Toleration, humanity, mercy, of kindness to Man and Animals. To me, deliberate unkindness is the most unpardonable of sins. Heaven itself can be no more than a world where kindness reigns.

Faith in the Creator of this marvellous Universe.

Belief that it was not created without a purpose.

Conviction that Thoughts, Deeds, Acts of souls born on this Sphere, each according to its environment, talents, opportunities and circumstances, determine the development of that Soul and its status in another of the many worlds through which it must pass. I believe that this Life is but one link of a long, long chain of existence.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

Wars will become less frequent as its horrors increase, and human intelligence grows. War cannot be outlawed while Injustice prevails, as long as there are superiors and inferiors, as long as there are racial and colour prejudices.

War there will be until humanity becomes kind, for wars are the product of Thought. The Thought may germinate in one or numerous minds, and then be taken up by the many.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

True love—that physical, intellectual and spiritual blend and harmony—the Marriage made in Heaven and rarest thing on earth—never dies.

Passion dies.

Most marriages are matings, the call of Nature, coloured by what seems to be Love. When a man and a woman live no longer in harmony or can no longer keep their vows of faithfulness and loyalty, that union should be dissolved.

The curse of marriage is its legal “possessiveness”.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

That depends on the man and the woman, their status and condition in life.

A farmer's wife could hardly have a career. Nor could the wife of an industrial worker, who has numerous children. The wife of an intellectual worker, or man of career, is a better pal, a more sympathetic companion, is closer to her husband, and both are happier—if they are really suited one to the other—when she too has a career.

Home-life, physical upbringing, mental and spiritual guidance of children, is a whole-time career in itself for any woman who means to give her children an unshakable and inspiring moral foundation for future life.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

A "successful marriage" is not necessarily a happy marriage. That may only signify that a couple live together through life. In such marriages, children are often a strong bond.

In the East, where I have been much, children, many children, are almost the sole aim and purpose of marriage. And yet in the East, in Agra, India, is the greatest monument on earth of a man's love for a woman—the Taj Mahal.

There are such things as "intellectual children"—the creations of great intellects, inventors, writers, artists, composers, etc. Children are not a necessity to such as these.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Each Age and Land has its own particular conception of Chivalry, varying according to social conditions and tradition.

The Emancipation of women is said to have taken the bloom off Chivalry. But in all my world travel I have observed the greatest chivalry of men towards women in America and Canada. And it is just those countries where women are the most free, advanced and equal with men.

MR. D. B. WYNDHAM LEWIS.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

It seems obvious that there will be two, as now. The present religion of the majority of the English is a sentimental Pantheism.

This postulates, among other things, the dominant importance of English Good Form, English Cricket, and the leading six English Public Schools; with these, a vague kindness towards (1) those we rather like than otherwise, and (2) all dumb animals larger than lice.

So much for one of the two religions of the future. The second will be, as it has been, that logical, coherent, and enduring philosophy presented by the universal Catholic Church of Rome.

2. *Can war be outlawed?*

One of the more engaging imbecilities in a world of fools is the essentially modern impression that war can be outlawed, or even abolished, by the concerted action of a group of amiable thinkers.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved?*

There are of course excellent secular arguments for the indissolubility of marriage, though amid the shrill bleating of the apostles of self-indulgence such arguments can rarely be heard.

The obvious development of the thesis that a dead or dying love—what is love?—should automatically dissolve marriage has been quite recently postulated in Soviet Russia, where at the time of marriage you procure a blank divorce form at the post-office.

In his time, Dr. Johnson said a few foolish things and many wise ones; and among the probably wise we can reasonably count his remark that marriages would be successful, broadly speaking, if they were all arranged by the Lord Chancellor.

The subject is a hot, sticky mess of sentimentality, and the pet preserve of female novelists of both sexes.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

There seems no reason why married women should not devote themselves, within reason, to any career suited to feminine talents. Imperfect acquaintance with history leads many modern feminists to the opinion that careers for women in general are a modern invention. A man may love and cherish a practising female chartered accountant and find as much happiness in her embraces as in those of a practising chorus-girl, given, naturally, that the chartered accountant does not import into home life the *agrémens* of accountancy. Once the point is established that a wife's profession is subordinate to the profession of marriage, itself a highly skilled occupation, there is no reason why a wife should not amuse herself in that way.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

It is no doubt possible for a modern marriage to be a success with children, but one hesitates to say more. Jade, little prize dogs, the paintings of Marie Laurencin, high-powered automobiles, black magic, the Art Theatre, dancing, Lalique glass—these are only a few things which successfully supply a smart modern young wife with interest in life, unaccompanied by any loathsome thickening of the figure or any ensuing vulgarity of childbirth. Children are an obstacle to (1) happy divorce and (2) the renting of service flats in a good neighbourhood. Children are painful to bear and expensive to keep, and when, as

happens, they fall ill, the doctor's bill generally exceeds that of a veterinary surgeon. They interfere with that rush after pleasure outside which is essential to home life. For all these reasons, no doubt, the smartest young wives are not taking them up, but are nevertheless careful, when divorce time comes, to ask the Court for custody of the Peke, for all the feverish pleasure-hunting in the world cannot stifle the natural cravings of a true woman's heart.

6. *Shall chivalry continue?*

Chivalry, in the accepted modern sense of polite and deferential behaviour of men towards women, is a medieval invention, like the flying buttress.

"Even men stood!" said the typist to her friend, trying to convey the state of a tube train during the "rush hour". It is a commonplace that such a change in manners over the space of a few years has been brought about by women themselves. Having entered as equals so many professions reserved to men—and having for the most part made a mediocre enough showing in most of these—they can hardly in justice demand chivalry, a code of manners which presupposes and is established upon their physical and mental inequality.

They do so, nevertheless. Anyone who has ever elbowed a female barrister off a crowded omnibus or away from the boats of a sinking ship will be aware that a look of disapproval is the least he may expect. It may be argued that no true gentleman would hustle or barge a female barrister; to which the obvious reply, and one unanswerable in the face of reality, is that a true gentleman, who has been defined as

one who is perpetually considerate for others at the sacrifice of his own comfort and convenience, would not be on but under the omnibus or the ship, as the case may be, and that by all modern standards, as set forth perpetually by the most successful noblemen in England, the female barrister is lucky to get off without a kick in the ear as well.

Evil as all compromise is, one may be permitted to toy with what is called a "working compromise" in this matter, since the modern woman is demanding the reconciliation of irreconcilables.

Mr. J. JEFFERSON FARJEON.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

If the world progresses, it will be a religion based upon humanity, brotherhood, and an understanding of our human needs. If the world is not to progress, it will be a continuation, in some form, of religion based upon prizes for good folk and punishments for bad folk. Our real prizes and punishments are merely the attitudes towards life which our actions cause us to adopt. What comes after life will remain a matter of conjecture—and of hope.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

Yes, but only in one absolute way. We must outlaw it in our own individual persons. While people are willing to go to war, if urged by external influences, war will always remain a possibility, since we cannot

control external influences. All we can control is that within ourselves. Individual disarmament, not national disarmament, is the solution.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

This is a terribly hard question. What *is* love? Passion nearly always dies, or diminishes, but something else may remain that is of infinite value. If that remains, why dissolve a marriage that is so wonderfully fruitful beyond the realm of passion? If the passion must be satisfied, then comes perhaps the highest test. Love cannot be defined in four small letters.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Of course, they should, if they want a career! Why not? They should follow their natural expression just as anybody else should, and the sin is to interfere with expression. A woman's expression may be to have babies or write books—or both. To fulfil the work of creation we must express all that desires to be created within us—otherwise it dies and decays and poisons us. The same law applies to all. Wives are not “creatures apart”.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

Happy children are the greatest joy in marriage, but a child will not be happy unless it absorbs happiness from its parents. So its parents must begin the happiness between them irrespective of the child. A successful marriage is one in which there is comradeship, understanding, tolerance, and a real, *living*

desire for the welfare of the other. It has nothing whatever to do with the marriage service.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

I don't quite understand this question. Chivalry seems to need defining. On the face of it, chivalry is always good, and therefore should continue. There may be some danger, however, in attaching the term to something which itself is unchivalrous, and which is merely made to appear chivalrous by a camouflaging cloak. I have heard of chivalry to a hunted stag or fox. It is beyond my personal comprehension.

Mr. H. M. HARWOOD.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

Is anyone's opinion on this of any value ? I am sure mine is not. One may perhaps be permitted to hope that, whatever the religion—or religions—of the future may be, they will be more credible and less disastrous than those of the past.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

War can be outlawed in the sense that any outrage against common sense and decency can be—and is—outlawed at present, according to the state of public opinion. It certainly cannot be outlawed by force—nor is it at all desirable—or possible—that the appeal, in the last resort, to force should be ruled out. To exclude the possibility of force is to hand over the

destinies of the world to the tyranny of the merely clever.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

If marriage, as it seems at present, is regarded merely as a convenient method of exploiting one's own desires—obviously the answer is "Yes". If it is to be regarded—as it is essentially in Latin countries—as an integral part of the life of a community—it is a very different question, and one which would be answered very differently according to whether your query were addressed to a Frenchman or an American.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Yes, of course. Anything to distract them from the temptation of managing that of their husbands.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

No, not if by "successful" is meant a complete and satisfactory personal relationship between a man and woman. On the whole it would probably be found that the most striking examples of such "successful" marriages were in more cases than not childless. The existence of children may obviously keep in being a marriage that might otherwise have broken down altogether; but that can hardly be called "success"—and even so is becoming a diminishing factor as cement.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

If by "chivalry" is meant the assumption, still widely held in America, that women, by the mere fact

of femininity, belong to some curiously different and superior clay—and are therefore to be treated—not in accordance with their deserts as human beings, but in accordance with some curious code having no relationship to facts, then by all means perish chivalry! Chivalry may be a fine thing on condition that it is entirely divorced from any sex distinction. As a means of whetting men's appetites by crediting women with qualities that they neither possess—nor desire to possess—it is no more respectable than the efforts of a brothel keeper to make his wares attractive.

Miss ISABEL JEANS.

1. *What will be the religion of the future?*

Some form of superstition—as always.

2. *Can war be outlawed?*

Can a leopard change his spots?

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved?*

Not necessarily. The dissolution of a marriage ought to be a matter of mutual consent.

4. *Should wives have a career?*

Certainly, if they want to have one.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage?*

No.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

I should like it to ; but the ridiculous assumption that women and men are " equal " will almost certainly lead to the extinction of even such traces of it as still survive.

MISS ROSITA FORBES.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

I understand this question to refer only to the religion of the so-called Christian peoples. Among these I think the Roman Church is likely to maintain its strength or even to increase it at the expense of the other Christian sects. Protestantism contains its own seeds of decay, and will probably give place to a mere humanistic and pagan philosophy of life.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

It is improbable that war can ever be outlawed in the sense that an individual could in the past be outlawed, if only because a nation or group of nations which is determined to make war cannot very well be prevented from doing so except by war. I hope, however, that the moral sense of the world will in time be so strongly against war that no nation will dare to incur the consequences of the world's disapproval.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

Certainly not. If I thought that marriage should be dissolved if love died I should say " Never marry when in love ".

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

Women, like men, should have something to do, and if their time is not occupied with children or household duties I think they are better engaged in making a career than in playing bridge and golf or in attending luncheon parties.

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

No. I have known many childless marriages which were successful. I think, however, that where there are children divorce is, and should be, less probable than where there are not ; and if the chief test of the success of a marriage is whether it lasts, children no doubt do help to promote success.

6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Probably not, because it depends fundamentally on the man's belief that the woman is his inferior in most respects except that of chastity. This is a belief which is not likely to survive much longer.

MR. IVOR NOVELLO.

1. *What will be the religion of the future ?*

Tolerance of other religions mixed up with sun-worshipping.

2. *Can war be outlawed ?*

Only until a generation grows up that cannot remember.

3. *If love dies, should marriage be dissolved ?*

If love dies, and there are no children, certainly marriage should be dissolved, but who can tell the difference between death and sleep.

4. *Should wives have a career ?*

If a career is necessary financially, and also adds to contentment of mind, why not ?

5. *Are children necessary to a successful marriage ?*

Perhaps not necessary, but infinitely valuable from every point of view.

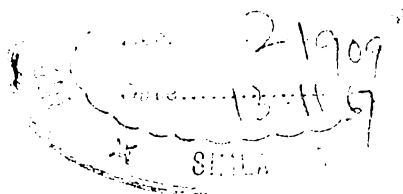
6. *Shall chivalry continue ?*

Individual chivalry, yes ; but the emancipation of woman is bound to reduce outward chivalry *en masse*.

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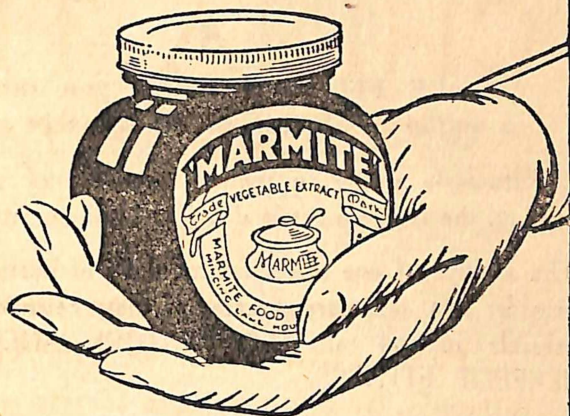


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