

An Editorial

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I THINK it was Darwin who said that man was descended from the ape.

Our Bible teaching tells us that Man was created in the image of God and He sent His Son to Palestine to prove it.

Here are two theories which are absolutely at variance and yet each one persists and perhaps have certain facts to prove the case.

Greenkeeping is no different. Experts burst forth in print and prescribe the exact formula for the care of turf grasses because of certain successful experiments at a certain place.

Whereupon the Green committee chairman instructs his greenkeeper to do thus and so. The greenkeeper knows his soil conditions, his climatic conditions, his exposures, his particular problems on every one of the 18 holes of his course. They are not all alike and if he treats them so he is no credit to the profession.

Mr. L. J. Feser of Wayzata, Minn., has been appointed chairman of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER committee and we have talked at length on the problems of economical golf course maintenance. He says we must lay the cards on the table and try to conduct a roundtable discussion in this magazine each month without fear or favor.

King Midas could sit on a heap of gold and hunger. The gold would have supplied the good King with all his wants, had he been in a locality where supplies were plentiful and gold was scarce. Artificial irrigation is essential in sections of Arizona, but drainage is necessary in the swamplands of Florida.

One thing is certain. A greenkeeper is good or bad, depending on what is above his ears.

He who selects that part of expert advice which applies to his particular condition is wise.

The NATIONAL GREENKEEPER will strive to obtain and publish material pertaining to golf course management. We will welcome



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criticism, but we ask that our critics consider locality and conditions that modify any exact formula.

An advocate of a 10-10-10 fertilizer may be right or wrong. A complete fertilizer is necessary in one place; an organic nitrogen does the job in another. We have Buicks, Chevrolets, Plymouths, Fords and many other makes of motor cars for the same reason that we have numerous makes of cutting units.

Greenkeeping is and will be essentially modified by geographical position and brains.