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ENCOURAGING LITERATURE

In recent years much tangible encouragement has been given to literature in the way of prizes in cash for essays, poems and other efforts along this line. Also may publishers be offering good prices for meritorious fiction, special articles on subjects of general interest. Unfortunately Canada has done little in this respect and very much of our literary product finds its way to the larger magazines and the more liberal publishing houses in Great Britain and the United States.

Time was when men wrote for the unquenchable love of writing, write as the Apostle Paul preached under compulsion of his message, as he himself explained it "Woe is unto me if I preach not this gospel." The real poets and essayists and humorists and historians wrote as the birds sing, as the waters flow, as the boy whistles—because they could not help it. Many a poet, many a world famed writer sang and wrote themselves into poverty forsaking all else to follow, at any cost, the genius that dominated their lives. It is doubtful if "the price" will be the means of bringing out such literary product as has been produced in all ages without any thought of remuneration.

That some form of encouragement should be held out to men and women of literary bent, will be freely admitted but just in what form or by whom is the problem. It is worth noting in this connection that the University of Michigan last year invited Dr. Robert Bridges, the English poet laureate, to sojourn for a year at Ann Arbor. Dr. Bridges accepted the invitation but, with characteristic modesty, he managed to keep almost entirely out of the limelight during his term of residence. His presence seems to have had a pleasing effect, however, for the university has now elected a poet laureate of its own. It has created a life fellowship for Robert Frost, who is probably the best known, though not the most aggressive and pushing writer of verse in the United States.

Mr. Frost is not expected to lecture, to teach or to read essays. He is simply to remain in residence at Ann Arbor and to write poetry. The Nation, commenting on this unusual way of treating a poet, expresses the fear that the university may, in spite of itself, become a taskmistress, in which case its kindly intentions will go for nothing. "Ann Arbor's business henceforth," it says, "is to let Mr. Frost alone—to dine him very seldom, give him no work to do, make no complaint when he is not productive, and above all, refrain from suggestions as to the kind of poetry he is to write." This is about the way the British people have learned to treat Dr. Bridges.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mr. L. E. Prowse, ex-M. P. accompanied his son Will to the Father and Son Banquet, while Councillor T. W. L. Prowse accompanied his boy Lem, Jr.

If Captain Welsh was a farmer surely then so is Mr. Donald MacKinnon, for he farms at North River all the year round—not summer only as the Captain did at Kepoch.

So the United States is going to follow Mr. Gardner's advice. The Senate has approved the Naval Construction Bill, which authorizes a programme expected to cost \$110,000,000.

The City Patriot's insult to the farmers is on a par with that of the late Sir Richard Cartwright's silver paid to civil spies and notorious insult to the Highlanders.

which cost him his seat in parliament for several years. Nemesis will be remiss unless it overtakes and punishes the Patriot's brazen transgression.

The Ladies Aid of the Y. M. C. A. know the secret of making five small loaves and three fishes serve the multitude in an emergency. They provided for 125 guests at the Father and Son Banquet and 225 turned up. But the Ladies had enough and to spare though they themselves had to feed off the fragments.

One must marvel at the wonderful men the Charlottetown Conservatives must be and how surprisingly simple and unsophisticated in their countrymen are to be so easily manipulated and turned from their purpose when it comes to selecting candidates. That is, if we are to believe the doctrine preached by the Patriot in this enlightened twentieth century.

Some good people in the generosity of their hearts think the Guardian has overlooked the children of the Orphanages in its appeal for alms. Do not fear, little flock of gentle knockers, Father Maurice and Uncle Dud informed the Guardian their charges would be well looked after by Santa Claus himself, and asked that the Guardian should help to get alms for the other less fortunately situated little ones.

Are told the average farmer out West quite satisfied with this year's crop. It was only two-thirds of last year's but the price is so much higher that the farmers have a bigger margin of profit. Complains about the harvest extortionists is that as a rule they do not remain long enough in one place to make good for themselves or the farmer. They keep moving on from place to place with the consequence that at the end of the season they have practically nothing to take home.

Brilliant critics do not often make successful leaders and administrators. Premier Mackenzie was one of the most able, versatile and caustic critics that ever led a party in Canada, but as Premier he proved a disappointing failure. A politician must have the quality of a gentleman as well as a critic to be able to lead successfully; he must know everybody whether he does so or not, he must outstretch the glad hand before it is sought, he must even be on the outlook to encourage and bring to the front deserving back benchers or humble followers and to put new hope into the hearts of those who have apparently failed. Such was Sir John A. Macdonald the beloved, such was Sir Wilfrid Laurier the most courteous and diplomatic of statesmen.

"Blood money"—the money obtained by securing the conviction of murderers or other malefactors was formerly looked upon as doubly cursed, cursed by the cause of its being offered and cursed by the betrayal of the accused. These old time sentiments have lost their hold upon American civilians who not only hurry on the track of an accused but glory in the "blood money" their detective cuteness brings them. We are pleased to see that Attorney-General Nickle frowns upon paying civilians for securing convictions. He announces that under the O. T. A. any civilian who accepts remuneration for obtaining a conviction is liable to a fine of \$500, or six months in jail; and any police officer or official paying for such civilian services is liable to similar sentence. A free people must have their freedom protected, and British Justice demands that no man's liberty shall be endangered for thirty pieces of silver.

Notes By The Way

Senator George Gerald King of Chipman, N. B., celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday on Thursday last in health and vigor. He enjoys many distinctions. His public career has a number of notable features. He was elected to the House of Commons in 1878, sat there almost continuously till 1896 when he was appointed to the Senate. He was the first Senator appointed by the Laurier Government. He has two sons holding legislative seats, one of whom, Hon. Dr. J. H. King, is Minister of Public Works in the Federal Government, and the other, George H. King, is M. L. A. for Queen's County in the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick. Senator King is still in active business life as the head of a large mercantile and lumbering firm. He is also the sole survivor of the band of Liberal members who in 1879 voted against the National Policy on its introduction by Sir John Macdonald.

Hon. John Yeo, Senator, who is regrettably reported to be in failing health, is slightly younger than Senator King but has been in public life for a longer period. He sat in the Legislative Assembly of his province from 1858 to 1891, when he was elected to the House of Commons, where he held his seat until his appointment to the Senate in 1898. He has thus sat in the Legislative Assembly of this province for 33 years, in the House of Commons seven years and in the Senate for 26 years, in all a total of 66 years continuously since his first election. He has been favored with length of days, a goodly measure of wealth and the confidence of his electors for an unexampled period—a combination of fortune's gifts much desired by many public men and very rarely attainable.

It is announced that Parliament is expected to meet on January 29. As there is much necessary business to be transacted and several controversial questions in the offing which must call forth protracted discussion if introduced, it can hardly be hoped that the session will be a short one. The country has learned to expect a session of four or five months and is not likely to be surprised with a short one in 1925. Four months from the first of February would take to the end of May and five to the end of June.

A feature of the King's Speech at the opening of the British Parliament was that foreshadowing the restoration of the preference proposals rejected by the Labor Parliament less than a year ago. The scheme will give a free market to the overseas Dominions for a number of their products including raw apples, honey, dried fruits (apples, pears and peaches) canned salmon, canned lobster and cray fish, with duties upon like products from foreign countries. Apparently the preference on Canadian motor cars which was abolished three or four months ago is not to be restored. No intimation is made that the Dominions will be expected to reciprocate by increasing their preference to the Mother Country, but any diminution of existing favor would induce surprise.

In Toronto some Presbyterian churches are taking precautions as strict as those in parliamentary elections for their voting on Church Union. To this end there is a call for regulation ballot boxes, and The Globe tells that one Presbyterian elder was seen walking away from the City Hall with such a box under his arm. And requests have been received by the City Clerk from several churches for the loan of ballot boxes. Here another difficulty has arisen, for the boxes will be wanted for the civic elections within a few days and if loaned might not be returned in time. It is to be hoped that as once happened in apostolic days, the Town Clerk may be able "to appease the people." Otherwise there may be another deluge of letters to the newspapers from parsons, elders and laymen on the new and vital topic of ballot boxes.

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The Public Forum

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PRINCIPAL'S FRASER'S BELIEF

Sir,—Principal D. J. Fraser, President of the Presbyterian Church Association, has declared that he is neither a "Modernist" nor a "Fundamentalist." He complains bitterly of being classified as a "Modernist," and says that those who thus classify him are "guilty of an unjust and unbrotherly act." What kind of an act does Dr. Fraser regard that of the authors of the notorious "Kew Beach Pamphlet," issued under the name of the Presbyterian Church Association, of which he is President? That pamphlet contained a most scurrilous attack upon the Methodist brethren. It declared that the Methodist Church was "apostate" and applied other unjust and unbrotherly epithets to the doctrinal views of Methodists. This pamphlet was circulated with the full knowledge of the leaders of anti-unionism and for verification of its charges readers were referred to the anti-unionism and for verification of its charges readers were referred to the anti-unionism headquarters, St. Andrew's Church, King Street, Toronto. Similar attacks have been made by anti-unionist speakers and letter writers upon leading Presbyterian ministers, and no word of admonition or correction came from the chief leaders of anti-unionism. It is significant that his present protest is published in self-defence, mercy, Dr. Fraser speaks of the "present acrimonious debate" and "this distressing controversy." The acrimony was injected into the debate by those who started it, by his own followers who published the "Lauderston" pamphlet against the Methodist Church. "The distressing controversy" was started

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RECENT RAILWAY ACCIDENT

Dear Sir,—I am certain that it is not your intention to publish statements that can be considered at variance with the facts. For that reason you will be interested in the attached copy of letter that I have addressed to Mr. James Maxwell Murphy of Charlottetown.

I am Sir, etc. W. S. THOMPSON, Director of Publicity, Montreal, Dec. 10, 1924.

(Enclosure.)

Mr. James Maxwell Murphy, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Dear Sir,—I had planned to accompany Sir Henry Thornton on his inspection trip through the Maritime Provinces during November, and hoped that at that time to have had an opportunity of having a few minutes' conversation with you regarding a letter which you wrote to the Charlottetown "Guardian" in September last on the subject of the accident at West Devon.

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Your Birthday

DECEMBER 15.—You are quiet and retiring, lovable, and accomplish a great deal without making a noise about it. You are bright, fond of amusement if it does not interfere with anything important, and extremely fond of travel. You learn readily, have a good memory, and are often able to give information to others. Love will never leave you. Your birth-stone is the "turquoise," which means prosperity. Your flower is holly. Your lucky color is pink.

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

THE QUESTION

Dear Mr. Editor,— Is there a Santa Claus or is it only Daddy and Mums making believe? I want to know 'cause my brothers say the fellows in their grades tell them there is no Santa, and that Fathers and Mothers and friends fill our stockings when we go to sleep. Please, Mr. Editor do tell me if Santa Claus is real or only make believe. Your Little Friend, VIRGINIA.

THE ANSWER

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist. And you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childish faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. Nobody sees Santa Claus. But that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men see. "You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. "No Santa Claus? Thank God, he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia—nay, ten times ten thousand years from now—he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood." —THE EDITOR.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE QUIET LIVER

I sometimes think that if the liver could talk as loudly as the stomach when things go wrong, that it would be worth a lot to suffering humanity.

If the throat or nose gets irritated you hear from it, and likewise from the stomach, intestine, and other parts.

But this liver of yours, the largest organ in your body, the most important organ from the building up or tearing down processes of the body, keeps strangely silent when things go wrong.

When you remember that at least one quarter of the blood can usually be found in the liver at any time, you can grasp some idea of its importance.

Of course when you think of all the work it had to do in manufacturing bile, manufacturing sugar, and likewise storing sugar for any future need, then you can realize why it needs so much blood.

But this very efficiency, to our poor human minds, seems to have its dangers. One investigator of the liver has demonstrated that four-fifths of the liver could be removed, before there would be any disturbance noted by the body.

And then what shows? Often only a little yellowish discoloration of the skin. Now what is my thought? That it is possible for your liver to be somewhat sluggish, your bile a little too thick, you are eating too much fat and sugar, and yet are perhaps wondering why you feel sluggish, ambitious, or just a bit off color.

If you are in your teens or under forty, the simple matter of bending your body from side to side, running a few steps in the one spot in your bedroom, to make the diaphragm sink a little lower, will stimulate the circulation in your liver, and prevent congestion.

Cutting down on your fats and starches might also be wise. If you are past middle age, but are not losing any weight or strength, and your color is all right, nothing serious can be the matter. A little bending will not hurt in your either.

Loss of weight, and a yellowish color, would call for examination by your family doctor.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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NEED OF DAILY PRAYER:—Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me; then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the greatest transgression. Psalm 19:13. PRAYER:—Lord, help us to pray without ceasing.

A GREAT POEM

The years slip by but the memory of the wonderful spirit which actuated those who gave their lives will continue to linger when much else is forgotten. Canon Scott has written recently a poem which we venture the opinion will live as one of the best memorials that has yet been created for dead comrades. The poem, which is entitled "The Wardens," reads as follows:— On Vimy Ridge and Paschendaele Our silent armies sleep, Through Summer's sun and Win-

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ter's gale And shared along those fields of death No more for them the dawn of day, The comradeship of doom. Nor sunset on the hill. Their shouts and songs have died away, Yet not in vain they watch and wait, Strong champions of the right. They are the wardens at our gate And guide us through the night. From selfish aim and paltry ease, From slavery of the soul, The men that save the land are those, They point us to the goal.

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