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IDEALS IN EDUCATION

It is good for us on occasions to get away from material and petty things and to turn our minds to what after all is really worth while in life. Most of us are so necessarily, or unnecessarily as the case may be, chasing the almighty dollar that we are apt to forget we have a duty to perform—not a part to play or act merely as playactors do—in the continuation and advance of civilization. The admirable lecture by Principal Robertson, LL. D., at the Caledonian Club the other night before the large and appreciative audience the strides made in the development of human ... and also what devolves upon the present generation to continue the all-important work for the benefit of posterity. The true aim ... in life ... not the ... wealth and ... a proper ... generation ... "show me my duty and enable me to do it. If my duty is to endure a life of poverty ... not ... when it will be asked ... "what pleasure and profit ... thou in this world" but what ... thou accomplish therein."

This in essence what Dr. Robertson dwelt upon in bringing before his audience the ideals of education ... which Scotland before and since Carlyle's time has ever kept in view, the spiritual, moral and intellectual rather than the grossly material.

The "Seat of Chelsea" ... constantly ... into people's ears that victory is not to be reckoned in ... the consciousness of well-doing endeavor to act or proclaim the truth. Some people never learn this lesson and are constantly striving after seeming victory ... in reality the worst possible defeat ... both mental and moral.

GRAND JURY'S REPORT

The report of the Grand Jury on Falconwood Hospital and the Queen's County Jail is a model which future Grand Juries may well be guided by. In addition to the formal inspection of these institutions the jurors gave careful and intelligent consideration to the purpose for which these institutions had been built and gave some valuable suggestions with a view to the better carrying out of the purpose. The condition of Falconwood Hospital, its patients and its general management are reported as very satisfactory. This is one of the oldest of our public institutions and, unfortunately, our largest. It is a ward of the whole province and the desire of the whole province is that its unfortunate inmates be given the best care that specialized skill can give them. To the credit of our people this has been the unvarying history of the institution. Necessarily it is one of our most expensive institutions but so long as the main purpose is carried out no complaint will be heard regarding any reasonable expenditure. It is to be regretted that the Grand Jury found it necessary to recommend that additional room be provided. We have no doubt that the recommendation of the Grand Jury will receive the attention of the government.

With reference to the Queen's County Jail recommendations are made in good faith and with good intentions but, regrettably, no recommendations and no remedy can prove effective in remedying an irremediable bungle and the Queen's County Jail is such a heritage from a former Liberal administration. Built at the entrance to the city on one of our most public highways and beside one of the best residential sections of the city, a jail wall and the secure enclosure are required to give prisoners such exercise as is necessary for their health and such, also, as shall make their incarceration something more than a not undesirable loafing, would be an eyesore and a disgrace to the city.

When a few years ago our jails were practically empty the hope was indulged that one jail might suffice for the whole province. This idea under present circumstances might be given consideration. We are but a small community and our criminal population is not large in any case; our jails should provide the exercise and the punishment recommended by the Grand Jury and so far as Queen's County Jail is concerned that is impossible.

As to the suggestion that we ... unite with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in the matter of a Reformatory for delinquent ... ward boys there may be different ... of opinion. The Children's Aid Society has interested itself in the question and has had some experience with institutions of this kind in our neighboring provinces, the experiences were not entirely satisfactory. The consensus of opinion appears to be that a reform institution here to be of the best service should be within reach of parents or relatives or friends of the delinquents whose benefit is sought.

The matter of a reformatory has long been under consideration and it is generally recognized that the want of it is one of the great obstacles in the way of law-enforcement among the young in our city. Stipendiary Magistrate Martin has for years greatly interested himself in the matter and has done much personally to save delinquent boys and girls. Young offenders whom it would be criminal to treat as criminals are brought before him and under the law as we have no institution for their accommodation he has no other alternative than liberation on suspended sentence except imprisonment in the common jail with old offenders which would only mean to degrade and probably ruin the boy. We have no doubt the Jury's recommendation will be given consideration by the government.

DIVULGING GOV'T SECRETS

It is and has been always considered a grave offence for a member of a government to disclose anything regarding the internal working of that body. The rule of governments is that they must stand or fall together and on all occasions present a united front to the opposition.

The Bell aggregation differs in this as it differs from most precedents in the administration of government. In yesterday's Patriot the esteemed editor of which is an honored member of the dishonored combination publishes abroad, so far as its circulation goes, the allegation that the Commissioner of Public Works or some other body, perhaps the Premier, is responsible for the bungling of the Election Act. Yesterday's Patriot says, inter alia:

"Attorney General Johnston informs the Patriot that an amendment to the Election Act was prepared at the last session of the legislature to meet the provisions of the new Road Act introduced by the Commissioner of Public Works so that the franchise qualification should be continued to meet the provisions of the new Road Act. It is not the Attorney General's duty to introduce all legislation".

Well, well, this is a fine kettle of fish! The Bell aggregation are out casting blame at one another for the united bungling. It was Israel Tarte who, after leaving the first Laurier government, declared "We used to fight like blazes!" Evidently the Bell aggregation is running them a close second, and meantime the country's interests are being sacrificed.

THE BOARD OF TRADE

The report of the annual meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade, as published in the Guardian of Thursday last, will give our readers an idea of the possibilities as well as the continuous activities of that body. The retiring President, Mr. A. A. Pomeroy, in his excellent and exhaustive address gave a resume of the year's work. All will recognize the influence that can be wielded by a united body of business men not only on the "Powers that be" federal and provincial but on the community at large. The Board of Trade reflects ... business co-operation which when acting in the interest of the province or the Dominion cannot fail of beneficial results.

The local Boards of Trade are worthy of every possible encouragement in their respective localities and every man whether in commercial, industrial, agricultural or fishing business should be a member as the interests of all are embodied in the work of the Board.

The Charlottetown Board of Trade is fortunate in starting out on a new year ... having as its President Mr. E. H. Beer, who has had wide experience in the special work of the Board having for several years held the offices of secretary and vice-president. That he will ably carry on the work so ably performed by his predecessor Mr. Pomeroy is assured.

Of special interest to the province is the Associated Boards of Trade, made up as it is of elected representatives of the various boards in the province. This body, which held a meeting in Charlottetown this week at which many important matters were dealt with as reported elsewhere, unite the whole province in one Board of Trade and should be a power for good in unitedly agreeing upon and insisting upon such rights as we are justly entitled to from our federal and provincial parliaments.

BANK OF COMMERCE

Elsewhere in this issue appears the address of Sir John Aird, Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at the annual meeting of the shareholders a few days ago. Sir John emphasizes the necessity of buying Canadian made goods and the avoidance wherever possible of unnecessary buying from foreign countries particularly from the United States. In this connection he gives some most interesting figures. The extravagance of Canadian purchases is indicated by the fact that during the twelve months ending September, 1921, we had worked up an adverse balance of trade with our American neighbors of $80,000,000. Through more economic buying this adverse balance was converted during the twelve months succeeding this date, to a favorable balance of $85,000,000. These figures are almost startling and show what extravagant and unnecessary buying may bring us to—witness the deterioration of the value of the Canadian dollar—and what careful economic buying can do to build up our country.

Such addresses are an education in themselves and we commend their careful perusal to our readers.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

From the collection of the late Mr. W. S. Louson

TELL HER SO

Amid the cares of married life,
In spite of toil and business strife,
If you value your sweet wife,
Tell her so!

When days are dark and deeply blue,
She has her troubles same as you,
Show her that your love is true,
Tell her so!

There was a time when you thought it bliss
To get the favor of one kiss,
A dozen now won't come amiss.
Tell her so!

Don't act as if she'd passed her prime,
As though to please her was a crime,
If e'er you loved her, now's the time:
Tell her so!

She'll return for each caress
A hundredfold of tenderness!
Hearts like hers are made to bless!
Tell her so!

Never let her heart grow cold,
Richer beauties will unfold;
She is worth her weight in gold.
Tell her so!

—Detroit Free Press.

Happenings Of The Week

TWILIGHT.

Twilight it is, and the far woods are dim, and the rooks cry and call.
Down in the valley the lamps, and the mist, and a star over all.
There, by the ricks, where they thresh, is the drone at an end;
Twilight it is, and I travel the road with my friend.

I think of the friends who are dead, who were dear long ago in the past;
Beautiful friends who are dead, though I know that death cannot last;
Friends with the beautiful eyes that the dust has defiled;
Beautiful souls who were gentle when I was a child.

—John Masefield.

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Not more than 2,000 invitations will be issued for Princess Mary's wedding. At Buckingham Palace the ceremonial department is overwhelmed with requests for admission to the ceremony, but a great number of disappointments are inevitable. Only those who have already been presented to the King and Queen will receive the Royal command to attend the wedding.

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Viscount Lascelles, who has been suffering from influenza, is now better but will have to take exceptional care of his health from now on.

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Short sleeves and a long skirt are the outstanding features of Princess Mary's magnificent wedding gown, the design for which the King and Queen have given their approval. This radical departure from prevailing fashions is due to the insistence of the Queen that the Princess follow her example. A gorgeous court train four yards long will be in striking contrast to the simple tulle veil which will be arranged off the bride's face to fall in graceful fullness over the back of the gown to the hem of her dress.

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A description of the gown has been furnished by Reville, Europe's most famous dressmaker, who has achieved an artistic triumph in his handling of the famous English point lace which was worn by Queen Mary and Victoria, and also by the latter's mother, the Duchess of Kent at their weddings.

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The lace will be worn over specially woven ivory-colored satin. The elbow length sleeves will also be of the same lace. It will also fall from beneath the arm in deep cascades to the skirt hem, giving a graceful and pleasing effect.

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The gown is cut with a moderated "V" in front, with the lace draped over the shoulders at the back in the shape of a priest's cope. The court train is of silver cloth on one side with white satin on the reverse. It will be heavily embroidered with deep silver border, in designs emblematic of the chosen flowers of the British Empire—the Scotch Thistle, the Irish Shamrock, the Maple Leaf of Canada, the Wattle Flower of Australia, the White Rose of York, the Lotus of India and the Fern of New Zealand.

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The Prince of Wales shot his first tiger while on a hunt in Napel Terai. The animal measured nine feet six inches from nose to tail.

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The most unique gift which has thus far been received by Princess Mary has been a small diadem of the George the Third Period. The gift, which was from her fiance, has five large sapphires set with brilliants. She has also selected a bracelet set with emeralds and diamonds, another with sapphires and diamonds, and numerous antique snuff boxes.

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Miss Dora Mathieson, daughter of the Chief Justice and Mrs. Mathieson who is leaving on Monday for Montreal where she will enter the Royal Victoria Hospital Training School for nurses is being entertained by her many friends among whom she is a great favorite.

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Among the young hostesses this week was Miss Lorna Weeks who entertained a bevy of young people to afternoon tea yesterday.

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The Caledonian Club opened its program for the winter months most auspiciously on Thursday evening when Prof. S. N. Robertson, L. L. D., gave an instructive address on Scottish Ideals in Education. The President, Mr. J. H. Malcom, presided.

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The literary and musical evenings provided by the Club for two winter seasons have been most successful and are again eagerly anticipated as a pleasant change of entertainment from the usual cards and dancing.

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Lady Mary Cambridge will be a bridesmaid at the wedding of Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles. So will Lady May Cambridge, her sister. Lady Mary is called one of the most beautiful women in England.

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Miss Miles who has been on a delightful trip through Canada going as far as Vancouver, arrived in the city last night and will be the welcome visitor of her brother Mr. C. Lorne Miles and Mrs. Miles for several weeks, sailing early in February for her home in London, England.

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Mrs. Frank Clark entertained the weekly Bridge Club very pleasantly last evening.

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Lieut. Col. D. A. McKinnon who has had the honor of being appointed Aide de Camp to His Excellency the Governor General is being heartily congratulated by his friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Woodman have as their guests Hon. F. K. and Mrs. Bell of St. John's Nfld.

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Mrs. Bob Murray of Halifax is spending a few weeks pleasantly with her college friend Miss Blanche Poneroy.

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London is full of starving Russian Princesses. One who is earning her living, and who lives in a little room in a back street of the fashionable West End, is Princess Vera Troubletskoy Woulkoff. The Princess who paints and makes toys out of rags, has been requested by Queen Mary to make several dozen rag dolls, some of them models of the Prince of Wales. They will all be hand-painted. It is reported that the Princess will soon go to America to exhibit her wares. She escaped from the Crimea with the Dowager Empress of Russia.

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It is interesting to note that the Intercolonial Club, Boston, is composed of many Islanders. The President is Mr. Peter B. Gaudet, Vice Pres. Mr. Wm. M. Curtis, Secretary of Directors, Mr. Arch. F. Campbell and Mr. Wendell H. Gordon, executive secretary, are P. E. Islanders, so it will be seen that the Intercolonial Club is one of the principal rendezvous of our Island boys in Boston. The results of the canadian election were shown in Longfellow Hall and greatly appreciated. On old year's night, Dec. 31st, the club arranged for a celebration in the Club Parlors at which there were dancing and souvenirs. Among those present were the President Mr. Gaudet and the Past President, Mr. R. E. Johnston, both of this Province.

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Mr. J. Stanley Wedlock celebrated his birthday on Thursday, with a stag party at his home greatly enjoyed by all present.

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Miss Elsie Haszard entertained one afternoon this week in honor of her friend, Mrs. Morris of Halifax. Mrs. Morris is being cordially welcomed and is spending some weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Watson.

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Mr. Rennie Laird is leaving within a few days for Maryland, where with his daughter, Miss Leitha, he will spend the winter months.

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The whist party under the auspices of the Catholic Woman's League in the Pastime club on Thursday evening was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number in attendance.

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Deepest sympathy will be extended to Mrs. G. A. Gane in the death of Mr. Gane which occurred yesterday at their home in Boston.

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Mrs. Fred Nash, of Berwick N. S., is spending a few weeks in Summerside with her sister Mrs. Allan.

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Miss Helen Wakeford is leaving within a few days on a visit to her friend, Mrs. Duff in Halifax.

JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL ON HIS WAY TO OTTAWA

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—Tanekichik Ohta, appointed consul-general at Ottawa by the Japanese Government, is here today on his way to the Canadian capital. He will succeed S. Shimizu, who has been transferred to Peru.

Debs Will Work For Caged Men

There is reason to believe that the future career of Eugene Debs will be of more use to society than his career before he served a penitentiary sentence. He says he will devote his remaining years to the service of men in prison. Eugene Debs thought that he knew most things before he ran foul of Uncle Sam and was sentenced to Atlanta, but perhaps he learned more in prison than ever he learend out of it, probably he would subscribe to the saying of W. T. Stead of the effect that "Until a man has been in prison he does not know what human life means." There have been many efforts of intelligent and influential men after having served a prison sentence trying to bring about reforms for the inmates, but reforms are slow. The great masses of convicts are not influential persons. They have few friends. They have few opportunities to present their grievances. They begin with the assumption that they are liars. Reform moves nowhere with such leaden feet as in the prisons of the world.

Hawthorne's Experience

One of the most interesting books that have been the recent fruit of a prison experience is that of Julian Hawthorne. This son of the famous American novelist was himself a prominent magazine and newspaper writer. He got into trouble by attempted fraud through the mails and was sent to a Federal penitentiary. Hawthorne said that he was well enough treated personally, but that new prisoners were welcomed by the guards just as cruel little boys might welcome a new supply of beetles to torture. Petty tyrannies he found to be the rule, the only thing that the guards found to interest them. They were always discovering some little breach of prison discipline to justify them. They received their information from the sneaks in the institution, who were spies for the sake of having their terms reduced. Hawthorne said that these stool pigeons were almost invariably negroes.

Feared the Yeggs

The best men in the prison were the yeggs and they were the most feared by the warders. They knew that the yeggs were bold enough to kill if persecuted, and as a result they left them alone. But the general principle upon which the guards worked was to "put the fear of God" in the men under their control. Then they would give no trouble. The men were also warned not to attempt to escape because they would be killed. The bed Hawthorne occupied at Atlanta, and which was the same as that used by all the other prisoners, was nothing but a narrow shelf. A raised strip of a few inches along the side would have prevented one falling out of bed, but there was no strip. Though himself a man of good nerves, Hawthorne said that the sighs and groans of those about him kept him awake at nights. He mentions one convict who was greatly attached to a rat and who explained his affection to a visitor by the remark, "He bit a guard."

Grim Federal Prison

The Federal prisons in the United States are much grimmer than the average states institution. They seem to be conducted more by old standards, and the wardens show less initiative. Some state penitentiaries the wardens are permitted to run as they see fit, to discard even the barred windows and permit the prisoners to wander far from their cells. This was notably the case in Sing Sing when Thomas Mott Osborne was warden. Mr. Osborne's ideal prison is one without walls, and with the prisoners doing farm work and other outdoor labor. He would provide them with good food and with inconspicuous clothes. They might play games and read books and attend the movies. His idea is that the state has no moral right to do more than to deprive a man of his liberty, and that his confinement should be made as light and pleasant as is compartible with the safety of the public.

A Bandit's Experience.

Al Jennings, a reformed bandit, who served a long prison term, gave an account of his experiences that were enough to curdle the blood. One gathered that the guards in the prison where he was confined were worse than the ruffians in their charge. Some of the latter were tortured to death. It is to be admitted that convicts are not an easy class to deal with, and that many of them will take advantage of any little relaxation, that may be made in their favor. Sometimes when the honor system is put in force the great majority of convicts may prove worthy ... only to have the privilege withdrawn as a result of its abuse by two or three. Nevertheless a man who is serving a prison term deserves sympathy. We can think of few positions of equal responsibility to that of warden of a large prison, who exerts almost the power of life and death over hundreds of his fellow-men.

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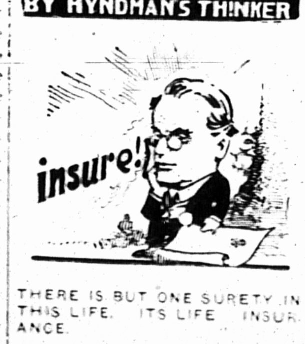

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