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OUR HOPE

Easter is the season of hope. All nature gives promise of the harvest to come. In religion and philosophy Easter is the promise of a realization of better days, greater happiness and the fulfillment of man's fondest hopes of a millennium.

At the present time more consideration is being given to the study of the Bible and religious literature than appears on the surface. In days past the Bible and religious literature were read largely in the sense of a superstitious formula.

But in order to taste its full flavour, it is not enough to be content with those outstanding passages to which, as we suggest, the ordinary reader tends to confine his attention.

And the voice of the bridegroom and the bride shall be heard no more in thee; And no craftsmen of whatever craft shall be found any more in thee.

And the voice of the millstone shall be heard no more in thee; And the light of the Lamp shall shine no more in thee. Rejoice over her, thou Heaven, and ye Saints, and ye Apostles, and ye Prophets.

of good times over bad times; having that faith the world, grossly material though it has been in its consideration of values, shall fail not.

ATHABASKA

The Conservative gain of the Liberal seat of Athabaska, Alberta is deservedly taken as a vote of confidence in the Bennett Government. For weeks and weeks the Liberal Opposition in the House of Commons has been holding up the estimates and preventing the Dominion Government proceeding with its important and arduous duties in connection with the Western situation.

THE BUDGET DEBATE

The Budget debate has now been in progress in the Legislature since March 15. Nine Conservative and eight Opposition members have spoken, exclusive of Hon. Mr. MacPhee who spoke for a few minutes on Wednesday night and will resume when the House meets after the Easter adjournment.

A considerable part of the time of the Opposition speakers has been taken up with defending the actions and policies of the late Liberal Government. Very little Opposition attention has been directed to the most important matter before the House, namely the present financial situation.

These facts, taken in conjunction with the revelation of the bank overdraft of a million and a quarter dollars and of the increased debt of over a million dollars piled up during the four years of Liberal rule, are surely significant. They go far to substantiate, if substantiation were needed, the truth of the Conservative charges of extravagance and mismanagement on the part of the Lea Government and to endorse the policy enunciated by Premier Stewart of urgently required retrenchment and economy.

Comprehensive summaries of the Legislative proceedings have been published daily in The Guardian, and readers of this newspaper are in a position to form an unbiased opinion of the merits of the arguments, pro and con, that have been advanced in debate.

OUR BUCKLER

Emerson, we are told, considered his books pleasant companions but not counsellors—hardly intimates, companions, however, who remain still faithful whatever befalls.

A good book is a friend; the best of friends, That cannot be estranged or take offence. However neglected, but returns at will

With the old friendship. The testimony in favor of books as shields and bucklers in times of adversity is almost illimitable. Books, we are told, are the best solitary companions in the world; cheering and soothing companions in solitude, illness and affliction. He that loveth a book will never want a faithful friend; they wind into the heart; they are sweet un-reproaching companions to the miserably; and when all that is wordly turns to dross around us, these only retain their value.

When friends grow cold, books only continue the unaltered countenance of happier days, which never deceived hope nor deserted sorrow; for they nourish youth; delight old age; adorn prosperity; afford refuge and solace in adversity; forming our delight at home; anything but hindrances abroad; they are our nightly associates, our indoor and outdoor companions. Every reader who holds a book in his hands is free of the inmost minds of men, past and present; their lives both within and without the pale of their uttered thoughts are unveiled to him; he needs no introduction to the greatest. He may hear Burke perorate at Westminster, Johnson dogmatize in Fleet Street, Socrates argue, Rabelais laugh, Augustine confess, Swift scoff, Pepys gossip, Donne preach, Carlyle scold, Ruskin lecture, Taylor pray, Scott yarn, Herrick sing, Whitman sound his barbaric yawn, Shelley beat in the void his luminous wings in vain.

MORE OFFICES

Parliament, suggests an exchange, should not be overruled by the persistent campaign which is being carried on against the nationalization of radio broadcasting throughout the Dominion. Some of the opposition to nationalization is doubtless sincere and above board. It is, nevertheless, obvious that the most active agencies in favor of continued private ownership are wholly selfish in their point of view, and some are financed from across the international border.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A New York night watchman has come forward to claim that he is the son of George Eastman's brother. But as it appears that Mr. Eastman had no brother, the night-watchman might try to pass himself off as the Lindbergh baby.

A report prepared by Police Inspector Douglas Marshall showed that no less than 62 organizations in Toronto were linked with the communist party, an illegal society, and Communist papers circulated throughout Canada amounted to 40,000 per month. Premier Henry is reported to have said that he did not think the schools would be closed. Why not? Asks the Montreal Gazette, if Communism is illegal in Canada its teachings should be prohibited. If the authorities are to fight this menace effectively they should begin at the beginning rather than wait until the weed is grown into full flower, and then merely cut off a few of the tops. This will get us nowhere.

Chicago sends out news that four policemen have been shot and thirty excitable citizens seized in a Communist riot. Perhaps the city became bored with its news of lack of funds to pay teachers and other municipal employees and decided to revert to more customary things for a change.

For some time past speculation has been rife in British political circles as to what attitude Lloyd George would take concerning the present policy of the National Government. His re-entry into the arena has been marked by one of those spectacular gestures of which this veteran opportunist is capable. Whatever opinion may be held of the Liberal leader, there can be no question that he is one of the most alert, most astute and most resolute strategians in the political field, and the higher the stakes in the game the better he likes it. He has no fear of blazing indiscretion and, gifted with high spirits and a swift imagination, he little reckes the forces that are arrayed against him, never thinking it worth while to waste his power upon small game. With his Liberal party, or such as he considers endurable in this classification, shrunken almost to his own family circle, this doughty Celtic warrior has now come forth with a ringing challenge of the Government's programme and with a slashing attack upon some of his former associates whom he flays as the recreant vassals of a reactionary administration.

Attention should be called everywhere throughout the country to an important statement made by Hon. H. H. Stevens, minister of trade and commerce, in the House of Commons. As he said, the importance of a favorable balance of trade is being brought home sharply to the Canadian people through the changing value of the Canadian dollar in the United States. The Canadian dollar has suffered in the American market because the balance of our trade with the United States has long been heavily against Canada. Now that this adverse trade balance is being lessened, as a result of the policy of the present Government, the value of the Canadian dollar in the United States is improving. Canada's trade is undergoing a change and the effect of this change upon the Canadian dollar abroad has been to improve its standing.

To win and hold the love and admiration of a child is the easiest thing on earth. Your youngster doesn't ask that you be brilliant, successful, wealthy or clever. The standard that is set for you is so pathetically simple. Wouldn't you feel ashamed if you ever failed to measure up to it?

An Irish lad of Picton, Ontario destitute, and about to be returned to his homeland, found on the street a well-filled purse, the contents of which would have enabled him to surmount his present difficulties; provide him with food and clothing. He had lost in an unequal combat, with adverse circumstances; and defeat of this nature creates in the human mind many queer thoughts. But none of these counted in the mind of this youth.

Following an honorable impulse, he handed the purse to the Mayor, and it has been restored to the owner. Just a case of innate honesty under peculiarly tempting circumstances. But the tragedy of it is that a young man of his character should be in want. In a new world he has been met by misfortune, and is being sent back again. Canada—every country—needs such men. Why should they be sent away, and return home under a cloud.

The Easter Angel

By The Rev. Dr. Dyson Hague, Toronto.

The rays of the first Easter dawn were breaking as the women who came to see the sepulchre found an empty tomb. An angel was sitting upon the stone that he had rolled away. St. Mark says he was a young man. There is a beautiful touch in that detail. God has no old men in heaven. They are all young there. Immortal youth, it has been said, with buoyant energy and fresh power, belongs to these angelic beings. No waste decays their strength. Age cannot wither them. Nor can the children of the resurrection, who are equal unto the angels, tire or age. So on that first Easter morning God sent one of His ever young angels to bring gladness to the captives of doubt, and the dawning of a new day to this dark old world. Strong and beautiful, in a snow-white robe, with the hand of God's invisible power, he rolled away the great stone that kept Christ's sepulchre sealed. With a voice at once sympathetic and consolatory he became the first announcer of the resurrection in the inspiring words: "Dismiss your fears. Jesus, the Crucified One, is not here. He has come back to life. Come and see the place where He lay. Go quickly and tell that He has risen from the dead." (Matt. 28: 6-7, Weymouth Version)

It is ours today to reiterate the message of the young Easter angel. Let panic and dismay be gone. Bury your fears, O trembling hearts, those needless fears of the future, those haunting spectres of the unknown. Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed! Christ does not lie in that garden grave. The sepulchre is vacant. There is no decaying body there. That empty tomb, convincing argument, is eloquent of triumph. Come and see the place. He is risen! Christ is risen from the tomb! As they ran, thrilled with the rapture of a new born hope, so we in the joy and strength of that Easter evangel must tell it out with haste today. Death is dead. Christ has abolished it. Life has triumphed. Hope springs eternal in the Christian breast. No longer is the life beyond a grand perhaps, as the doubting Frenchman said. It is a certainty, a joyous hope inspiring certainty. Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!

And today He lives in ten thousand lives. His life is not a thing of the vanished past. Uncountable millions can say, I live and He lives in me. Vivit vero in me Christus! One Easter morning, on the cliffs of Cornwall an old man was asked how he knew that Christ is risen. "Sir," he replied, "do you see those cottages on the cliffs? Sometimes when I am far out at sea I know that the sun is risen by the light that is reflected from their windows. And I know, Sir, that Christ is risen because I see His light reflected on the faces of my fellows every day and I feel the light of His glory in my own poor life. As soon tell me that the sun is not risen when I see my reflected glory as tell me that my Lord is not risen."

God's springtime is here again. Soon the Easter bells will peal. In ten thousand choirs will voices rise all jubilant with song: Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia! The floods of doubt may lift up their voices of denial. The floods of atheism may lift up their voices of despair. But today the Lord on high, the Living Christ, is mightier than the noise of many waters; yea, than the mighty waves of the sea of death. Let us prove it, O Christians, by our living faith. Let us prove it to others by our resurrection lives. Do we accept the power of His resurrection? Then let us tell it out with voices confident: I believe in the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Because He lives we shall live also. Tears are now falling and death seems not yet dead. But one day doubt will die, all tears be dried, and soon the Day will break and the shadows flee away because He lives! He lives, Who once was dead. He lives, our Everlasting Head!

The Poet's Corner

TO PEACE

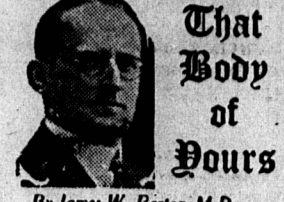
Not smooth the road nor blossom-sweet, That leads to this triumphant day; Ah, there are prints of bleeding feet To mark the way!

Here Sorrow walks and weeps alone;— For loneliness is kin to loss,— And on the path before is thrown A shadowed cross:

(Pa's symbol of a mighty woe:— Of Love beyond our cold surmise; The only guiding-post we know To Paradise).

Th's is the road He set that lifts And winds across the hills of pain, Whereon a white-winged stillness drifts, And hopes remain.

Once more the stone rolls back and we, Who mourn for our beloved dead, Shall in this ageless victory Be comforted. —Lucy Gertrude Clarkin In the March issue of St. Dunstan's Red and White.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Yours

One of the outstanding organizations of great help to medicine is known as the Medical Research Council of Great Britain. It investigates the work of individual research physicians and when it considers that something of real merit has been discovered, and can be used safely with human beings, allows it to be given to the world with its approval.

For some years Mrs. May Mellanby has been making reports to this Council on the influence of foods on the development of the teeth and jaws in dogs and other animals and on the experimental production of diseases of the teeth. She is now making a report on the influence of diet on human teeth, and their resistance to decay.

The Council consider the results of her investigation of 'immeasurable value' for the promotion of public health, and the lessening of pain, and disfigurement of the face. The results in the treatment of children by foods is being announced to the world, as it is now possible to produce teeth of good structure, and teeth that will keep almost entirely free of decay.

Three institutions were investigated in Birmingham, accommodating children from 2 1/2 to 16 years of age, all under the same conditions as to food, air, and lodgings.

The method was to add something different or some definite item to the diet of all the children in each institution; in one a ration of cod liver oil (containing vitamins A and D); in a second a corresponding ration of treacle or molasses, in the third a similar amount of olive oil. Both treacle and olive oil contain important food elements without the fat soluble vitamins A and D. Every child was submitted at intervals of six months to a careful inspection of the teeth by the dental surgeon.

After a period of two years it was found that the progress of decay in the permanent teeth had been stopped or retarded in those children receiving the added ration of fat soluble vitamins, as compared with those receiving treacle or olive oil. The increase in decay in those taking the vitamins (cod liver oil) was only one-third of that in the other groups. There was no difference between the children receiving treacle and those receiving olive oil.

The above carries its own lesson. Cod liver oil definitely builds up the teeth, and lessens the amount of decay.

Spinach, milk butter and eggs, all contain goodly quantities of vitamins A and D.

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FALCONWOOD REPORT OF SPECIALIST REGARDING CONDITIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

(Continued)

The following is the report of the Mental Specialists, Drs. W. T. B. Mitchell and Grant Penning of the Canadian National Committee for Mental Hygiene on conditions at Falconwood prior to the disastrous fire and their recommendations thereat.

By-Law 15—The assistant physician "shall make such notes as are required to complete a date the history of each patient, and shall see that daily clinical records and ward notes of all such patients are correctly kept."

DISCUSSION

Records are essential. It is not possible to give proper attention without records. It is necessary to record present findings if they are to be compared with later findings. It is upon records that opinions as to progress and the effectiveness of treatment are based.

At the present time, it might be said that no medical records are kept at the Hospital. There is no record of what is found on the examination of the patients on admission, either physical or mental. There are no records of subsequent examinations, or progress noted. The only medical record is the diagnosis which is kept in a ledger.

In a number of cases who have been admitted and discharged, there is nothing on file, in the way of a medical record, excepting this diagnosis. There is no record of the treatment these patients received, of their physical or mental condition at any time, or of their condition on discharge.

There is no record kept of the arsenical treatments being given. Such courses should be carefully checked, and a record kept of dosage, reactions and progress.

There is no record of dental work, either as to findings at examination or of service given. Clinical charts are kept for acutely ill cases on the female side.

The by-laws place the responsibility for records upon the assistant physician who is as non-existent as are the records. It appears that the keeping of records is the duty of the medical staff rather than of any one person, and as long as there is only one member of the medical staff, the duty falls upon him.

We realize that there is a limit to what one person can do. We believe also that it is a mistake to define, in by-laws, the duties of individual members of a medical staff. The division of duties should be left to the Medical Superintendent who would thus be responsible.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That adequate records be kept of the physical and mental condition of all cases, including progress notes, record of treatment, etc. 2. That a card system of records such as is being introduced by practically every mental hospital in Canada, be used. This consists of cards for admission, re-admission, discharge and death. These cards are kept in duplicate. At the end of the year, one copy will be sent to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for tabulation. In this way, comparable records will be available for tabulation. This work of tabulation, thus the Hospital will avoid the laborious work of tabulation.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

RURAL CHURCHES

Sir,—The machinery of our economic existence as a people is running along in such a way as to influence the social and religious life as well, causing much alarm in many quarters. This is particularly true of rural communities.

From the standpoint of the farmer, the situation is particularly perplexing. So acutely do the conditions touch the tiller of the soil, that, having already ploughed down his topsoil in cutting out expenses, as unduly cut into his revenues, he finds himself at the ultimate end of the proverbial rope, unable to finance the ordinary affairs of an ordinary existence.

With the object of meeting conditions as they arise, the mapping out of an emergency programme would necessitate the grouping up of interests similarly involving combining educational, medical, mechanical, as well as agricultural interests, each of these elements being necessary to the well-being of the others under the most frugal and elementary mode of existence necessary to the maintenance of common civilization.

As agriculturists we have no present use for Banks, as those institutions for the time being have more use for us.

Last but not least comes the necessity of maintaining a healthy spiritual outlook, not necessary on a particular scale, as to finance.

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for all medical work. Orders for treatment and restraint are not given in writing. The night reports are purely perfunctory and record practically no information as to the patients who were disturbed.

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