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ONLY BEGINNING.

At the lecture by Dr. Seaman, of this city, the other night on the Life and Work of Lord Lister, one of the speakers, Mr. T. W. May, in seconding the usual vote of thanks, remarked incidentally that he had seen Lord Lister and had personally known of his great achievements in medical science.

The point we wish to make is that this great beginner in and founder of modern, life-saving surgery, was a man of our own day.

Many still living saw this beginning. The thought that we have come such a short distance from almost ignorance to what is known today should make us exceedingly humble, exceedingly hopeful also, for we have made much progress since Lister pointed out the way.

And not only in surgery and medicine has progress been made. Many now living can look back in memory to what was practically a primitive world, can look back to a time which was almost dark and beset with dangers and discomforts to which we of today are strangers.

We have come rapidly during the past fifty years, and we are keeping up the pace. Scarcely a day passes that does not record another great step forward. The impossibilities of a generation ago are practical possibilities of today.

With the accumulation of knowledge, speed and more speed is the order. Science has delved deep into Nature's mysteries and "greater things than these shall we see."

The pessimist and the fearful, alarmed by modern speed, predict calamity and disaster because of it. We cannot go too far or too fast, provided we are on the right road, and science, whose quest is truth, can not err.

OUR REFORMS. EVERY now and again we hear or read of a new movement to reform or to abolish some old recognized evil.

Majority is still selfishly seeking its own regardless of the recognized higher aspirations. Public opinion, we are so often told, is the real guide to public conduct.

Civilization is winning slowly, very slowly. Its greatest enemy is the false public expression of opinion which does not exist, in a word, hypocrisy.

HOW WE CHANGE.

An American magazine reads this bit of history to its fellow-countrymen by way of reminder:—

"In 1845, '46, '47, and '48, a crowd of political pirates and robbers—so designated by the Borahs, the pacifists, the professors, the Little Americans of that day—were in control at Washington. They had recognized Texas in 1837 as an independent republic.

"Not satisfied with that, they took up Texas' old quarrels and declared war on Mexico—a war of conquest and aggression purely. The unheating of Uncle Sam's sword was followed by American victories at Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo, the halls of Montezuma, and Chapultepec.

Hostilities ended by Mexico surrendering territory embracing California, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, most of Nevada, and parts of Colorado and Wyoming.

"During this piratical conquest the professors, the Borahs and Wheelers of that day, the Little Americans, smote their high brows in horror, declared the United States was indulging in piracy, and accused Uncle Sam of highway robbery.

"They were right. The war was one of conquest; the seizure of the whole Southwest was piracy. Yet, who would have this undone now? Would the people of California, New Mexico, and the other States vote to return to Mexican rule? Mexicans themselves now rush there for safety and protection.

"The same people quivered with agony when the United States dug the Panama Canal. Who would undig it now? "Our conduct was possibly vicious and depraved, morally—but it was progress. Destiny was at work behind the selfishness of immoral politicians.

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Notes by the Way

THE price of wheat, the staff of life, is of interest to all who produce it and to all who eat it. C. W. Peterson, a Canadian writer gives a historical review of wheat prices from which we glean. From the year 1300 to 1575 wheat sold in the British market all the way from seven cents up to 45 cents per bushel, the average being about 20 cents.

A new record of motor car production in Canada was made in 1926. It showed 205,116 turned out—an increase of 26 per cent over the year before and of 55 per cent over 1924.

In no other Province of Canada are automobiles being made. Some 50,000 passenger cars were exported from Canada during the year and they were very widely distributed about the world.

A published estimate of the production of farm eggs in Canada during last year shows a total of 237,080,399 dozen of the value of \$66,198,285 as compared with 224,778,867 dozen of the value of \$57,950,340 in 1925.

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Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

February 12, 1927. THE EXCELLENCY OF GOD'S NAME: O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

February 13, 1927. PRAYER FOR HUMILIATED NATIONS:—Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail; let the nations be judged in thy sight.

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