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THE P. E. ISLAND HOSPITAL.

The annual contributions to the Prince Edward Island Hospital are due on the first day of November. We say DUE advisedly. This is not a charity or a gift, it is a debt, a debt which everybody owes and is willing to pay as his or her share of the burden which Christianity and civilization demand that we bear one for another.

As stated in the announcement elsewhere in this issue by Mr. W. K. Rogers, Chairman of Trustees, the Hospital "has been given free and unencumbered to the people of Prince Edward Island for the noble purpose of saving life and relieving suffering." There is scarcely a school district in the province whose sick have not been cared for in this institution; there is not a school district from which any day some one may be sent to undergo an operation or treatment to save his or her life. The obligation to support the hospital is as far reaching and as binding as the Christian injunction. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

It is pointed out in the appeal of the Trustees that "the rates paid by patients are not sufficient to make the Hospital self sustaining." It would be a lasting disgrace to this province if they were. The fees are not sufficient; patients who can pay do so; those who cannot are received and treated with as much care, with as much skill, with as much kindness and patience as the wealthiest. If the Hospital were a commercial enterprise it would receive only those who could afford to pay and pay well; the poor and the needy would find no place in it. It is because it is not a commercial undertaking, because it is the highest expression of human sympathy and of Christian duty that the annual contribution is being asked for, and it is because we believe in the Christian benevolence of our people that we expect this year's contributions will be larger than ever before.

This appeal is being made to the people of Queens and Kings Counties and Charlottetown, Prince County having its own Hospital to maintain. We trust country and city alike will remember their obligation and respond as generously as this splendid institution deserves.

PUBLIC OPINION.

We in the calm commercial air on this side of the Atlantic are amazed at the madness that has seized public opinion over in Europe. Among the illiterate people of Russia the spread of Bolshevism is perhaps not so much to be wondered at, but in Great Britain we had not expected it. In Scotland, the land of Knox, and Burns and Carlyle, the land of churches and of universities; in England the source and spring of English literature and culture; in poetic and industrious Wales—all now seething with red propaganda and almost if not quite rebellion. Why is it, whence comes it? Degeneracy, a falling away from the ideals of only a generation ago, it undoubtedly is. And we wonder why.

The explanation is not far to seek. Public opinion is formed through association, through organization, through leadership. Over a million miners in various groups have formed themselves into unions, these unions into a larger union. One doctrine has been persistently preached to them, the rights and the claims of the laboring classes; the oppression of the capitalists. Much of this was well founded. The laboring classes have had their grievances; the capitalists had imposed upon them, but one side of the question only had been dinned into their ears and the remedy, domination, was also insisted upon. This became the prevailing public opinion and today we find them practically in open rebellion with the prospect of starvation and want and even of bloodshed before them. What is in store for them, what the settlement will be it were useless to predict but the fall within a few short years is a revelation and a warning to the world.

What are we doing to mould public opinion? Are the springs from which it is derived here pure and wholesome or are we letting it form itself on the streets, in schools that are not schools? We have our clubs, our organizations, our places of amusement. Public opinion is being formed in these. Of what kind is it? Are we dwelling on the frivolous only or are we looking to the future of our children and of our country. Our places of amusement are crowded, our lecture halls, our literary societies, our mutual improvement societies, where are they?

It has been said that the quality of public opinion in any community may be fairly diagnosed by noting the attendance at its places of amusement and at its more serious meetings. Of the latter, unfortunately, we have few outside the regular church services. We trust that when the opportunity offers we may measure up to the high standard which we have a right to expect in a cultured city. One of these opportunities will be afforded Monday night when Major A. A. Bartlett will deliver a lecture on Venice the Beautiful, a city he visited some time ago and which he is well capable of describing. Let us see to it that this rare opportunity to hear about and to see one of the most beautiful cities in the world is taken advantage of. It will be an education and will help to create a wholesome thirst for the things that matter.

The United Farmers' Guide is again seeing visions and dreaming dreams. It says,—"There seems to be a great future in the circles of the old party press in P. E. Island with regard to the recent organization meetings of the United Farmers of P. E. I." From this the Guide proceeds to philosophise in extenso. The curious part of it is that no one on this side of Moncton observed this phenomena of murure, nor yet even in Moncton, outside of this romantic fiction maker in the office of the Guide. There was admittedly some attention paid to one R. J. McMillan, claiming to represent the United Farmers of Ontario whose stock in trade consisted chiefly of scandal and slander of all public men and every system of government other than those with which he was associated, and which the decent and self respecting press of the province, regardless of politics, declined to pass unchallenged. In our own columns we had also occasion to call the United Farmers' Guide down with regard to several of its widely exaggerated statements and to which it has been discreet enough not to call into question. Both of these matters are extraneous and apart from any question of reorganization, of which politically there was practically none and which the press only reported in the natural order as they do all other current news of the day. The farmers of P. E. Island know what they are doing, and generally the great mass of them do the right thing.

What we in all seriousness objected to was the misrepresentation of conditions in this province undoubtedly for the purpose of stimulating into some kind of foolhardy courage its similarly weak supporters in other places. Truth is stranger than fiction but the political regulations of the Guide seems to ignore this proverb. If it would take cognizance of the truth that the farmers of P. E. Island are well organized and have been for years that through these organizations they have made rapid strides in the progress of their industry and development of the best interests of the province, they would do well, but when they undertake to interpret a gathering of thirty farmers and not all of these in sympathy with the movement, gathered in as representing the whole province and pose them as the United Farmers of P. E. Island they are certainly drawing the long bow for comfort. Other exaggeration they may continue to publish, but candidly we tell them it will only injure their cause. For instance it permits a correspondent in the same issue to say "I sold my Duchess apples for \$4.00 packed. They sold for \$20.00 in England." Then it admits this statement from another writer,—"If expensive goods are required they can be found in the old Grit and Tory union party which we have had FOR FIFTY YEARS." Slander and falsehood in a single line. And the Guide publishes it. The old line political parties were not without their faults and follies, but their leading organs never descended to these extremes to debauch public opinion.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Trafalgar Day has a new meaning for this Province now that it is being annually celebrated in our schools and acknowledged by citizens generally. Of all the national heroes there is none perhaps who has held so high and so proud a place in the hearts of the people through more than a century of time. It was on October 21, 1805, that the English fleet, led by Nelson in the Victory, met with the French fleet under command of Admiral Villeneuve off Cape Trafalgar. With that famous signal, "England expects every man will do his duty" flying from Admiral Nelson's flagship, the British fleet moved to the attack. An hour after the battle began Lord Nelson fell, mortally wounded, saying to Captain Hardy as he fell, "They have done for me at last, Hardy." That the sight of him so wounded might not discourage the seamen, he ordered that his face be covered and himself covered the decorations on his breast while he was being carried below. Nelson lived to hear of the victory he had accomplished that day when two-thirds of the enemy's fleet was destroyed, and died towards evening. In that immortal victory the foes of England on sea were vanquished and her supremacy of the waves became a firm reality and no idle boast.

All honor is today accorded the men of the sea and Charlottetown is endeavoring to do her part by heartily supporting the new Navy League Home, so recently opened here, and for which a drive is now being promoted.

Thanksgiving passed off quietly here, many citizens leaving the city for the adjoining towns and villages. Thanksgiving services were well attended and all passed a very delightful holiday, the weather being ideal.

Among the visitors being welcomed here this week is Mrs. Catherine Creamer of New York, wife of Dr. Creamer who practiced for many years in this city, and is kindly remembered by many of the older citizens. Mrs. Creamer is being entertained by her friends who are delighted to have her back again.

In the death of Mrs. Catherine MacPherson, who passed away last Sunday, Charlottetown loses a lady of wide charity and kindness of heart. Her memory will always be cherished by her bereaved relatives and friends. Owing to poor train connections her nephew, Rev. Alexander M. Gordon of Kingston, Ont., did not arrive in time for the funeral, but is spending a few days with Mrs. D. R. MacLennan and Miss Catherine MacLennan, at the bereaved home. He will preach in St. James Church on Sunday evening.

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