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**Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers**

December 2, 1927.

**A GOOD THING IN A GOOD PLACE:**—Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Blessed art thou, O Lord; teach me thy statutes. Psalm 119:11,12.

**PRAYER:**—"Teach me to love Thy sacred word. And view my Saviour there."

**THE ANVIL OF GOD'S WORD:**—Last eve I stood before a blacksmith's door. And heard the anvil ring its Vesper chime. Then, looking in, I saw upon the floor Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had," said I.

"To wear and batter all these hammers, sir," he answered; then, with twinkling eye, "The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

And so the Bible, anvil of God's Word, For ages skeptic blows have beat upon;

And though the noise of Paine, Voltaire, was heard, The anvil is unworn—the hammers gone.

Apprentice blows of ignorance, forsooth, May awe with sound, and blinding sparks, health whirled; The Master hoids, and turns the iron, His truth, And shapes it as He will, to bless the world.

—L. B. Calk.

**The 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.

**PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Sir,—It has been truly remarked that "Prince Edward Island enjoys a rather invidious distinction of being the only Canadian Province without a permanent Department of Health." Another "invidious distinction" lies in the official statement that of all the Provinces of Canada, "Prince Edward Island has the highest death rate." In view of the fact that the climate of Prince Edward Island is "salubrious" and its people naturally healthy there is evidently something wrong—something to be righted.

I am, Sir, etc.

**AN ISLANDER**

**CONDITIONS STILL BAD**

Sir,—The continuous editorial misrepresentation and abuse of the *Guardian* by its evening contemporary is a certain sign that the *Guardian's* reasonable representations concerning the failure of the Saunders Government to perform its pre-election promises to the people are strongly affecting public opinion. Nothing has yet been done to make the Prohibitory Liquor Law "more workable." A fall session of the Legislature has not been held. Nothing whatever has been done towards the improvement of conditions in respect to drunkenness. Drunken men are seen on our streets every day and night. The illegal sale of liquor is as prevalent as ever it was in recent years, and the organ of the Saunders government devotes columns of space to the *Guardian*, because these facts are published by it, and the duty of the government is set forth.

I note that the *Guardian* pays no attention to the Patriot's diatribes. In a sense they are an advertisement for the *Guardian*. They show that the *Guardian* is doing its duty to the public.

I am, Sir, etc.

**OBSERVER**

**CHILD WELFARE**

Sir,—In "The Canadian Child Welfare News" for November it is remarked that "The Island (this Island) has child welfare problems of considerable proportion and need." Interested groups of most representative citizens are aware of the needs and perceive clearly what measures are required for alleviation. But a fairly comfortable and widely scattered rural population takes a deal of convincing that the conditions which actually exist do exist. The Island, at heart, however is warm, generous and public-spirited, and one concludes with comfort that, if a clear statement of existing needs and a clearly outlined programme of the means to meet these needs are placed forcibly before the population of the Island, there will be a predominant public opinion behind the creation of proper services to meet those needs. But the needs will have to be clearly shown and the ultimate economy or proper provision therefore be strongly emphasized. General dissemination of the specialized knowledge of the few into the minds of the many is the essential prelude to more effective child welfare measures in the Island today.

It is also pointed out that "Prince Edward Island" makes absolutely no provision for municipal or provincial financial aid in carrying out legally assigned responsibilities in regard to the care and maintenance of neglected and dependent children.

This is a matter which evidently requires attention on the part of our Provincial Government.

I am, Sir, etc.

**ONE INTERESTED**  
Nov. 30th, 1927.

**CRYING NEEDS**

Sir,—The Government is certainly bound to look carefully after the public money, and to reduce the public debt, to the extent that it can be while paying due regard to the improvement of the public property and the necessities of the public service. Everyone is, of course glad that the government will have

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rising early and continuing late at half sister, Mrs. Thomas Campbell. Others engage in it in a social, Middleton; also numerous relatives and festive manner. But both are in her home parish and in the equally forgetful of God.

Violation of agrarian law spoils land, but violation of physiological law spoils men. The prophet's word against the land is fulfilled. The on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 6th last, honey is now comparatively desolate. But what is that compared to the ruin of men? The prophet sees an endless procession on its way to hell. The harmless silken lords of the first stages of inebriety have grown to size of cart ropes. These drunken wretches are in a measure oblivious to the fact that they have degraded themselves to the level of dumb driven beasts.

In the height of their drunken audacity they challenge the Almighty. "Let him come on with his judgments. We would like to see of what manner they are." Their moral senses are so blunted that what is evil is good to them and what is good evil darkness light and bitter is sweet. In that degenerate day the tankard is measure of the hero. Such is the perversion of justice that the gully is sure of acquittal if only he can furnish the bribe.

The foe of God against the drunkard is not a matter of caprice. It is woven into the physical nature of men. The sources of retribution are not external but internal. Every inebriate carries the fire of his own hell in his very person. The prophet talks by the book. He is true to the science of physiology when he depicts the imperceptible growth of the alcoholic habit. The cord becomes a cart-rop. How soon the tippler finds himself in the treadmill of an uncontrollable passion! Henceforth the drunkard consists in his power to drink and since wine gives place to fiery concoctions. Then comes complete perversion of moral ideas. . . . There is a hint to modern temperance lecturers in this Old Testament temperance address. Reformers are sometimes themselves intemperate in speech of the drunkard's staggering imitation of the drunken speech may have the opposite effect to that which is desired. . . . Isaiah is the model temperance orator. His style is always elevated and elevating. He is the conscious ambassador of God. His great heart is stirred to its depths. He stands across the downward trend of a nation and with the self-oblivion of a noble nature uses every worthy argument to stay its course. . . . Lyman Beecher was a Prophet-Isaiah style of a temperance reformer. He was first in a noble line of temperance apostles. . . . The need of the hour is more of like social intellectual and ecclesiastical grade.

**ISAIAH TEACHES RIGHT LIVING (The Story)**

Isaiah appears in a new role. Prophet becomes temperance lecturer. He becomes the public rebuker of the iniquities of his day. But there is no change in the style of his message. He does not drop to vulgar familiarity or facetiousness or vulgarity. He maintains his elevated style, even when dealing with drunkards and drunkard-makers.

His exordium cannot be reproduced in translation. It is mellifluous. But the jewels will take nothing from the keenness of the blade. In the prophet's hand this highly tempered, richly traced sword lays wide open the nation's heart with all its wicked thoughts and evil intents.

National opportunity and obligation are pictured under the figure of the vineyard, well located, planted, protected National failure is pictured under the figure of the vineyard producing only wild grapes. Retribution comes in the desolation of the vineyard. And now the listener feels the relentless grip of the iron hand beneath the velvet glove. "The vineyard is the home of Israel." What the Divine Planter expects is judgment and righteousness, not. What he gets is oppression.

This graceful and skillful arraignment of public morals proceeds to specifications under his general charge. He denounces the prevailing rapacity of those who increase their lands foreclosing upon the unfortunate whom they have already charged extortionate rates of interest. With an index finger of steel he points out the ruin involved in the divinely-instituted agrarian law.

The second specification is drunkenness. Greed for money is accompanied by greed for the pleasures of intoxication. Men pursue it as they would a remunerative occupation.

more money to expend in the future than in the past, and everyone hopes that all the money obtained by the government will be judiciously and economically expended. I am one of those who think that the government should, first of all and year by year, place enough money in the Sinking Fund of the Province to retire the bonds of the Province as they become due.

But there are other highly important matters for the government to consider and provide for. One of these is the public health and the care and education of the youth of the Province. The future of our country, will under Providence, depend upon those who are now in the cradle and the school. It is, therefore, of the first importance that these youths shall be healthy and strong and mentally and morally "right." To these ends the government should see that the means for curing the ailments of children and practically promoting the ability of those of both sexes for the careful and satisfactory performance of the duties "into which it shall please God to call them, are provided. Naturally parents in general may be depended upon to do what they can for the benefit of their children. But many parents are ignorant and some are careless and neglectful. Consequently the duty of providing for children who are so neglected and so needy devolves upon the community in which they live, represented by the government. The value to the community of a child's life cannot be estimated. Even the poor child and the neglected child may, if trained and educated, exercise powers of mind and soul capable of conferring inestimable benefits upon the country in which he or she lives.

It is to be hoped, therefore that the discussion held a few evenings ago, before the Children's Aid Society will give an impetus to action upon the part of our Provincial and City governments toward a betterment of conditions as to health and education. In the course of the discussion, it was suggested that a Department of Health and Child Welfare should be added to the good offices of the Provincial Administration. This suggestion ought to be adopted. Its adoption would, of course, add somewhat to the government's expenditure. But if the proposed Department were established in conjunction with a Department of Education, as that of Agriculture is with the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer the additional cost need not be very great. Indeed economical management might effect a reduction of expenditure in this regard while adding much to the ability of the government to provide for the care and education of those children who are neglected by their parents, who are mentally slow, or physically maimed and un- and whose conditions may be improved to the advantage of the community in which they live.

I am, Sir, etc.

**A BYSTANDER**  
Charlottetown, Nov. 30th, 1927.

"There goes the old rascal who swindled me out of \$40,000."  
"How did he do it?"  
"He refused to let me marry his daughter."—Der Brummer (Berlin)

**In Memoriam**

**MRS. PETER D. MCIVER.**

On Thursday evening, Nov. 3rd, 1927, Grim death entered the Prince County Hospital and a still life kind heart of Mrs. Peter D. McIver, at the early age of 40 years, Deceased entered the hospital less than two weeks previous to her early demise, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis, from which her apparent recovery was so speedy, that she expected, in a very few days to return to her happy home in Newton, from where she was sadly missed, and where she was sadly missed, and most eagerly watched for, but the All Seeing Father willed otherwise, and on the above date saw fit to call her suddenly to her Eternal Home, pressing in upon us the fact that death is certain and we know not where, nor when.

The news of her sad and un- timely death was a severe shock to her many loved ones, and to the entire community, where she was a universal favorite.

She possessed all the admirable qualities found in a true Christian wife and mother.

She was as sunshine in her home, ever busy as she was the mother of sixteen children, three of whom (in infancy), yet, in the discharge of her duties, which were manifold, she was patient, kind, pleasant and sociable, her most intimate friends never saw her frown, nor heard her utter a harsh word.

The late Mrs. McIver was formerly Miss Margaret MacKenna, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John MacKenna. Remained childless, her heart broken by the death of her husband, she is survived by thirteen children; six sons, namely: William, Aiden, Justin, Joseph, Cletus and Eugene; and seven daughters, namely: Eileen, Genevieve, Bernadine, Adele, Elda, Faustina, and Teresa; and one brother John in Bedouque, and one

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