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A GREAT BOON.

ASSIDUOUS perseverance along the right lines is certain to bring satisfactory results, the Publicity Association has reason to know. As the result of its continuous efforts, with the collaboration and assistance of other public bodies, the Association has convinced the Railway of the necessity for a through Pullman service to Charlottetown, for at least the summer months. Whether it be continued beyond that will depend upon the patronage the new service receives. As announced in yesterday's Guardian, in June there will be inaugurated a through Pullman service from Vancouver to Charlottetown; from Boston to Charlottetown; and from New York to Charlottetown; transferring at Moncton. The boon this will be to travellers is incalculable, and for it our thanks are due to Sir Henry Thornton, Mr. H. H. Melanson, general traffic manager, and his assistants at Moncton and Charlottetown.

THE WORLD STILL YOUNG.

IF we judge the age of the world by the things accomplished which we of these modern days regard as indispensable, we are still in our early childhood. We got along fairly well without ocean-going steamers until 1838, only 89 years ago. One hundred and two years ago the first railway in the world was built in England. At that time and for ten years afterwards there was not a mile of railway on the American continent. Before the year 1900 there were no trustworthy automobiles although attempts, partly successful, had been made to construct steam road carriages. Until fifty to sixty years ago surgical operations were performed without anaesthetics and without regard to disease germs, with the result that over eighty per cent. proved fatal. The telephone, the Atlantic cable, radio, electric light and power, photography, typewriting, and in short practically everything that is now indispensable in commerce, in industry, in the household has been introduced within the memory of our young and middle-aged readers. If the inventions and discoveries of the past fifty years were eliminated, it would leave a barren world indeed. We have come far in a hundred years, farther than in thousands of years previously. We have been on the earth as a distinct human species for over a million years, but we can trace civilization back only about 7,000 years. Who can guess what another hundred years shall disclose.

CENSORSHIP.

THE National Council of Women suggests that a Board of Censors be appointed to supervise all books published in or imported into Canada with power to suppress. No doubt the aim of this excellent body of Canadian women is pure and high-minded; nor is there any doubt that many of the books and periodicals, especially those entering, deserve suppression, yet the undertaking would be a most difficult one, and if carried out would in all probability end in confusion and disappointment. Literature is many-sided, appeals to many different tastes, judged by many standards. The terms moral, immoral, unimoral, religious and irreligious are variously interpreted and no board of censor would be likely to arrive at a unanimous conclusion regarding them. What applies to books and periodicals would apply equally to moving pictures and the difficulty of approving or disapproving in the former would be just as hard to overcome

in the latter. There is one class of offensive literature which there should be no hesitation about suppressing, and more than once periodicals and books have been barred from Canadian mails. These are the anti-British effusions which come to us from irresponsible sources across the border. There is a certain element in the United States which takes a low delight in "twisting the lion's tail," in indulging in disrespectful comments on British royalty and British institutions. The element is not large, nor is it real Americanism, but there is no room in Canada for its offensive product. These, when detected, are promptly returned to their publishers by the postal authorities and are henceforth banned from Canadian mails. Outside of those on questions of morality there would be infinite difficulty in forming a just judgment except in cases in which impurity is clearly and unmistakably apparent. It is not probable, however, that the well-meant suggestion of the National Council of Women shall receive official recognition, not so much because it is not needed as because of the evident difficulty of carrying it out.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Where is that Bear? "Better now than later" is a good weather maxim. Liberal candidates are busy these days trying to make oil and water mix—or is it whiskey and water? The sinking of the footpath at Kent and Prince makes us wonder whether all the other old wells have been properly filled in. Some people are so given to an argument that if you said "it is now noon," they would retort: "it depends where you are—if you were in Montreal it would be only eleven o'clock." Genuine sacrificial affection can never be wasted. When preferred to enrich the heart of another, if refused, it will return to the heart of the giver like a sweet refreshing rain. But there's an infinite pathos in the tragedy of that other heart. After all, it is the refusing heart that shrivels up and at last turns to stone. The "wet" Liberals are being "authoritatively" assured with all due unctiousness that the amended Prohibition Law will meet all their requirements; while the Prohibitionists are, with even more unctiousness, being "authoritatively" informed that the law will be made drier than ever—with teeth in it. Alas, and alack!

Broadly speaking, freedom is not liberty. Nor will liberty ever be freedom in the full sense of the word. We are not at liberty to do as we please. When our thought and act interfere with the rights and privileges of another we are no longer free. Freedom is always and only the right to obey the expressed will of the majority—and no more. Are the British superstitious? The London Northeastern Railway having just abolished number thirteen on its sleepers, an inquiry indicates that other English railways took such action long ago. Number thirteen was abolished at the Savoy Hotel because so many guests objected to it, and the new Mayfair Hotel rooms run from fourteen upward. The number has been dispensed with by several London clubs. The Royal Mail Steam Packet liners have no thirteens, and the only cabin thirteen on Cunard liners is on the Berengaria.

Notes by the Way

PREMIER BAXTER has placed before the Legislature of New Brunswick a resolution asking leave to introduce a bill which he and his Government have prepared for dealing with the liquor traffic, and the evils resulting therefrom. There is no election now pending in that Province as there was in Ontario when the great change was made there by the votes of the people. The fate of the Baxter Government is not therefore immediately at stake as was the case in Ontario.

Before this question was brought into the Legislature the Baxter Government was supported by 36 in a House containing 47 members. On the first division that has since occurred on the resolution nine of their former supporters voted with the solid Liberal Opposition against the proposed change, and the vote stood 27 for and 20 against the principle of the new measure, the nine Conservatives who boasted having pledged themselves to their constituents at the last election to continue their support of Prohibition.

As explained by Premier Baxter the forthcoming bill will provide a Commission of three members, the Chief Commissioner to hold office for ten years, and be only removable by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature. The Commission will have very large powers and very heavy penalties are provided by fine and imprisonment for all who violate the Liquor Law. All sales of liquor for beverage purposes must be made from the Government stores and only to persons apparently over 21 years of age and holding permits to purchase. The sale of liquor will be made only in packages bearing the stamp of the Government stores and may only be consumed by the purchaser in his residence, or in the guest room of a bona fide guest at an hotel.

An important provision is that equal penalties are set down for both the purchaser and the seller in any case of the illegal sale and purchase of liquor and the penalties are from two to six months imprisonment, and a fine of \$200 to \$500. Heavier penalties are provided for the bootlegger and his customers where more than \$10 is involved in the transaction. In such cases they each become liable to from six to twelve months imprisonment and to fines of \$500 to \$5,000. Other details of the bill were supplied in The Guardian of yesterday.

Immigration from the British Isles to Canada is sadly disappointing, according to a statement made by Col. Dennis of the Department of Colonization and Development of the Canadian Pacific Railway, speaking at a luncheon in London. "There is a Dominion and Provincial organization in Canada," he said, "capable of handling fifty millions, yet we have only nine millions. We have to look to Great Britain and continental Europe for our increase, yet the percentage we receive from Britain is lamentably small."

A vote of \$185,000 for a grain elevator at Halifax has passed the House of Commons, but what is the use of an elevator without grain? In such case it is only a bill of expense, as has been the case in past years. But little grain has hitherto passed through that great Atlantic port, while many millions of Canadian wheat have been diverted to Portland, Boston and other United States ports. Saint John has fared somewhat better than Halifax, but neither of these has handled a quarter of the grain they should have had. Hereafter with both these harbors in commission it is to be hoped that they may receive better treatment.

After the finest month of March in many years, April has just now given us a touch of old-time March weather—a case of "winter lingering in the lap of spring." The Georgian Bay Canal Bill, which has been a bone of contention between rival financial interests and has occupied much time in parliamentary discussion, has at length been very properly killed.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon. WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "John has got my ring." Omit "got." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: strategic. Pronounce strate-jik, as in "ask," e as in "let" or as in "me," and accent second syllable, not the first. OFTEN MISPELLED: agreeing; eel. SYNONYMS: abandon, desert, life.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

GETTING AHEAD OF PNEUMONIA

The millions of people who died during the flu epidemic in 1918 and 1919, in the vast majority of cases really died from pneumonia. It can be safely said that more people die of pneumonia than of any other infectious disease, and unfortunately these victims are usually in the prime of life. The Rockefeller Institute tell us that the day may come when pneumonia will be as rare as yellow fever or the plague. Already the organism that causes about one fourth of all the cases has been discovered, and a serum has been developed which is very effective in the treatment of pneumonia, particularly if treatment is started early. Before giving this serum it is of course necessary to find whether or not the patient has that type of pneumonia.

During the flu epidemic it was stated that flu attacked hardest and most frequently, the strongest young men and women of the community, instead of the weaker ones.

Was this true? More of the strong ones died, but not because they were strong. They report that "of all the persons who have pneumonia, the ones who walk into the hospital after going about with the disease for several days are more seriously sick, and most of them die."

The army physicians report is the same. It was the rugged fellow who refused to go sick for a number of days, who finally arrived at the hospital with much of the reserve power of the heart already expended.

What is the suggestion? If you get a "cold" take care of yourself, and if a day or two at home in bed shows no improvement, then call your family doctor.

If you get a cold and wet, change your clothes, or else keep moving to keep your circulation active.

The idea is not to "coddle" yourself, but to give your heart every chance by resting. If you have some ailment attacking you, and you continue on your feet, then you use up your heart reserve which may be greatly needed if your illness should be prolonged. Don't be ashamed to rest in for a day or two if you are not feeling your usual self.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

April 9, 1927. MAGNIFY THE NAME:—O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. Psalm 34:3.

April 10, 1927. DELIVERANCE FROM FEAR:—I sought the Lord, and he heard my cry, and delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4.

FATHER AND SON

Be more than his dad. Be a chum to the lad; Be a part of his life Every hour of the day; Find time to talk with him, Take time to walk with him, Share in his studies, And share in his play; Take him to places, To ball games and races, Teach him the things That you want him to know; Don't live apart from him, Don't keep your heart from him, Be his best comrade, He's needing you so!

Never neglect him, Though young, still respect him, Hear his opinions With patience and pride; Show him his error, But be not a terror, Grim-visaged and fearful, When he's at your side. Know what his thoughts are, Know what his sports are, It's easy to learn to Be such a father That when troubles gather You'll be the first one For counsel, he'll turn to.

You can inspire him With courage, and fire him Hot with ambition. For deeds that are good; He'll not betray you Nor illy repay you If you have taught him The things that you should Father and son Must in all things be one Partners in trouble And comrades in joy. More than a dad Was the best pal you had; Be such a chum As you knew, to your boy. —Edgar A. Guest.

vacate, relinquish, discard, forsake, renounce. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: ENIGMA; a riddle; anything that puzzles or baffles. "Who has solved the enigma of life?"

Questions of the Day

THE PROMOTION OF TEMPERANCE IN P. E. ISLAND. (W. L. COTTON).

No. 1.—Introductory. The question, How Temperance may be promoted in Prince Edward Island, is now to be considered and discussed by the electors of the Province. Let us hope that it will be considered carefully and conscientiously by men and women alike, and that it will be discussed without resort to personalities and denunciations.

In alcohol then is intermingled the element which effect both good and evil. I know a farmer whose life was saved by the prompt administration of whiskey from a bottle which happened to be in a house that was more than ten miles distant from a doctor, at a time when there were no telephones or any other means of quickly obtaining medical advice. I know another man, suddenly seized by severe illness while travelling in the Northwest who was relieved and enabled to travel comfortably, because a friend in Winnipeg gave him a flask of brandy, the contents of which he occasionally partook;—and there have been hundreds or thousands of such cases in which good has been the effect of the use of alcohol.

On the other hand the evils connected with the traffic in alcoholic liquors are so great—so many persons have been cut down in the prime of life, so many have been impoverished, so many crimes have been committed, such social degradation has resulted from the intemperate use of them, so many and just the evils affecting the public as a result of the growth of the appetite for them—that laws for the control of the traffic in them have been enacted in every country. Such laws are admittedly necessary particularly in Northern climates.

In this Province there have been many changes in the liquor laws. Most of these changes have resulted in the betterment of conditions affecting the public. But there yet remain connected with the traffic the increasing evils of "bootlegging," "moonshine"-making, "non-enforcement" of law, and perjury. It is objected, too, that the prohibition of the use of liquor by those who think that they need it, or that it does them good, and who use it moderately, is an unnecessary and intolerable interference with the liberty of the persons, for which there is no sufficient cause, and that such a prohibition might not be maintained in this free country.

For these and other reasons, Prohibition has been, in nearly every other part of Canada supported, and the question is now to be decided by the electors of this Province. Still favoring prohibition there are many sincerely patriotic men and women—persons who really think and believe that absolute prohibition is the only effective measure by which the public evil resulting from the liquor traffic can be minimized or abolished. On the other hand there are distinguished patriots, such as the Rev. Canon Cofy of Toronto and Premier Ferguson of Ontario, who believe that by Government Control the liquor evil can be minimized and the liberty of moderate and reasonable persons to have liquor in their homes and to take it when they think they need it, maintained.

There is, therefore, no need, no excuse whatever for the use of abusive or derisive words or epithets in the discussion now about to be held throughout this Province. Premier Stewart should be allowed to lead in the struggle for greater temperance, without being denounced as the leader of the "wets" and the "rummies," and the Leader of the Opposition should contend for the maintenance of Prohibition and a reduction in the sale price of liquor without being merely trying to catch "votes in order" that he and his followers may obtain office. There are and will be good men and true men on both sides of the question now about to be submitted to the electors. That it is a question to be seriously considered is admitted by every reasonable individual man and woman; and the persons or party discussing it intemperately and unreasonably will be open to the charge of insincerity and unbelief in the validity of the "wet" uphold.

The choir of the Baptist church were the guests of honor at a very delightful banquet last evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed. With Easter so quickly advancing the busy housewife is anxious by hustling the house-cleaning to a finish, getting the spring sewing done, all in readiness for the happy Easter time, with its bright sunshine and the cheery call of the out-of-doors. There has been very little entertaining during the Lenten season, but rumor has it that there is to be a gala array of social functions directly after.

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Happenings of The Week

I'll waste no time on doubts and fears. But do the thing I have to do. Despite all fangs and sorry sneers Until I've put the matter thru And when that's done I'll turn once more To something else that must be done. Assured that when all tasks are o'er Some sort of laurels will be won.

The Marquis of Donegal, whose mother was Miss Twining, of Halifax, has adopted a diplomatic career and is soon leaving to study German in Hanover before taking the Foreign Office examination next May.

A great many citizens called on Mr. McCready last Monday to wish him many happy returns of the day.

Miss Norah Longworth is spending this week in Toronto attending the Haverall Old Girls Re-union. While in Toronto, Miss Longworth is the guest of Haverall College.

Mrs. Thomas White, Grafton St., is convalescing nicely after her operation in the P. E. I. Hospital for appendicitis.

Among the debutantes who are attracting a good deal of notice in the press are Lady Anne Cavendish and Lady Jean Villiers. Lady Anne is devoted to the outdoor life she learned to like in Canada, and rides and plays golf equally well. Lady Jean Villiers is the only daughter of Lord and Lady Clarendon.

Hon. and Mrs. George E. Hughes are leaving this morning on a visit to Boston.

Mrs. A. A. McLean, of Ottawa, formerly of this city, entertained at a reception during the week-end for a number of the sessional visitors.

Miss Ethel Morris, of Granville, left on Wednesday morning for Debec, N.B., where she will visit her brother, Rev. George Morris.

The series of Badminton tournaments held on Thursday evenings by the members of the Club in St. Peter's school-room have proved most delightful and interesting. The members, numbering upwards of twenty, take their supper with them, then play for several hours in keenest competition and many with exceeding skill and gracefulness.

Mr. Donald Hart, of Sackville, who has been teller with the Bank of Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, for the past year has been transferred to Halifax, as Accountant.

Mrs. Harry Brown's many friends are glad to hear that she is somewhat better after her very severe illness.

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FOR THE SCRAP BOOK A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS. Saturday, April 9th. Bacon died, 1626. They say the Lion and the Lizard keep The Courts where Jamahyd gloried and drank deep; And Bahram, that great Hunter— the Wild Ass Stamps o'er his Head, and he lies fast asleep. —Omar Khayyam. Vanitas Vanitatum—Many are the doctors who have knit their brows over their patients and now are dead themselves; many are the astrologers who in their day esteemed themselves renowned in foretelling the death of others, by now they too are dead. Many are the philosophers who have held countless discussions upon death and immortality, and yet themselves have shared the common lot, many the valiant warriors who have slain their thousands and yet have themselves been slain by Death; many are the rulers and kings of the earth, who, in their life, have exercised over others the power of life and death as though they were themselves beyond the hazard of Fate; and yet themselves have, in their turn, felt Death's remorseless power. Nay, even the great cities—Heliopolis, Pompei, Herculaneum—have, so to speak, died utterly. Recall, one by one, the names of thy friends who have died, how many of these, having closed the eyes of their kindred, have in a brief time been buried also. To conclude; keep ever before thee the brevity and vanity of human life and all that is therein; for man in conceived today, and tomorrow will be a mummy or ashes. Pass, therefore, this moment of life in accord with the will of Nature, and depart in peace; even as thou'st the olive, which in its season, fully ripe, drops to the ground, blessing its mother, the tree, which bore it, and giving thanks to the tree which put it forth. died, 1909. —Marcus Aurelius.

BISHOP OF LONDON The Bishop of London has had a triumphant journey through Australia as he had in Canada. The only difference seemed to be that the triumph has heightened with the progress of the trip. He landed in the north of Queensland, fortunately in time to escape one of the worst cyclones of many years. The welcome of Sir Dudley de Chair, State Governor of New South Wales, was probably the voice of the whole Commonwealth. "We regard him," said that official, "as a national character and a great asset of the British Empire. His reply was characteristic. After denying that "Poor Old John Bull is on the decline," or that "The Mother Church of England is going over to Rome," he urged the Anglicans of Australia to copy their spiritual mother in three things: (1) Cultivate love and charity to those who differ from you; (2) Have less party spirit in the Church itself; (3) Throw yourselves into the scheme for migration, within the Empire. He reported from his stop in China that the rich Chinese are not trusting their money to the banks in Russia but are transferring it to Hong Kong, where it will be protected by the British flag.

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