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MAKING TRADE

Even in a self-sustaining country like ours we cannot achieve a reasonable measure of prosperity without drawing upon outside sources for business. The tourist business has for many years been a source of considerable revenue to this province, a revenue which, with reasonable cultivation could be greatly increased.

Good roads, comfortable hotels and publicity, broadcast publicity that would reach the congested centres in our own dominion and in the United States, together with the natural climatic and seaside attractions we have would bring thousands of tourists to this province where now only hundreds come. Our good roads still further improved and properly designated to guide strangers; our hotels properly advertised abroad and kept up to the reasonable requirements of travelers; our country boosted and its natural advantages published broadcast; these are among the principal drawing cards for tourist trade and they are things that all should unite in realizing. There are scores of towns and villages in the maritime provinces that have grown rich on tourist trade, towns that have fewer climatic or recreational advantages than this province. A united effort on the part of all—merchants, hotelkeepers, citizens should pull together in an effort to make the province the leading summer resort of the maritime provinces.

EDUCATION OR MONEY, WHICH?

A young man, in one of our larger Canadian cities, writing to a boy chum in this city recently remarked "A fellow is nobody here unless he is educated or has money." This is a concise summing up of conditions to be found in other cities than the one referred to. To find one's self adrift in a strange city without education and without money may well be the beginning of a tragedy. With education, a practical education, that is, there is ample opportunity in any city or in any country to earn a livelihood. But the real tragedy in the human affairs of today is that money counts where education does not. The world blindly follows the successful man and his success is measured by what he has, not by what he is. This is a fault of our education, not the education of our schools and colleges as much as of the home and of society generally. Society has, by common consent, placed the seal of its approval upon the man who has made money. Few questions are asked as to how he made it and black indeed must be the social sins and deep indeed the ignorance that will find no pardon under the cloak of material wealth.

This is one of the misfortunes of modern progressiveness. Education, refinement, character, service are the real wealth of the world, the things worth while; wealth can be acquired, and often is, without these or either of these, but as long as wealth remains the standard of success, so long will education, refinement, character and service take a secondary place and be fashioned for the sole purpose of making money. The goal set before the child as he begins his education is not to be educated in the true sense of the word but to enable him to make money. In this we are setting up wrong ideals. To live right, to render service, to make the world the better for our having lived in it is the only aim worth striving for. This secured, all other things worth while shall be added.

THE NATIONAL LANGUAGE

An ancient legend, probably referring to the downfall of some prehistoric nation, records that "the whole earth was of one language and of one speech. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower whose top may reach unto heaven. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one and they have all one language. . . . (In modern parlance they are all tarred with the one stick.) Go to, let us go down and there confound their language that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them."

The shores of time, historic and prehistoric, are strewn with the wreckage of nations that had flourished and fallen. Of those whose records fall within the realm

of authentic history it may be as truly said as of the nation above referred to, that they were of one language; Babylon, of the language of effeminacy and licentiousness; Syria, whose origin is lost in the mists of antiquity, whose earliest recorded history tells of Abraham, David, Solomon; it too had one language, the language of discord, of political factions, of divided interests among the various states of which it was composed. Persia, Rome, Spain—each had its one language, the language of some special vice and some special weakness. And in each case dissolution, dismemberment, fall.

We are today in the midst of a world tragedy. We see a nation whose language for a century has been the language of selfishness, arrogance, pride, devolving finally into greed for world domination. That nation is now in the throes of dissolution.

We of the Entente nations are the instrument by which this wreck is being consummated. Other nations have similarly been instruments of destruction and subsequently have fallen because they in the course of time acquired one language, the language of some national vice. We have our vices as other nations have had theirs, but as a nation we have not yielded to a common vice although we have doubtless revelled in them all. As individuals, rather than as a nation, we are cultivating such vices as selfishness and partizanship and perhaps others. Let us see to it that these or any of them do not become a characteristic of us as a people or as a nation. Once we become victims of a common vice our loom as a nation is as surely sealed as was that of the nations that have been scattered.

MODERN LANGUAGES AND BUSINESS

A committee appointed by the British Government for the purpose has made an exhaustive investigation into the teaching of modern languages in Great Britain and in its report published recently has strongly urged the wider teaching of these languages in the place of the classical languages, Latin and Greek. Although pointing to the value of such teaching in the broadening of culture and the development of the higher faculties of imagination and intellectual comprehension, the committee dwells particularly upon the importance of knowledge of contemporary languages from a purely utilitarian standpoint.

After the war there will be intense commercial rivalry. The British Government and British industry are already preparing for this in many ways. The cost of the war must be made up, and one of the ways of making it up is through commercial profit. After-the-war commercial problems are occupying a good deal of the attention of the British Government. The committee reporting on the teaching of languages strongly urges that knowledge of modern languages is a big factor in connection with his commerce. And undoubtedly it is. Before the war, Britain and Germany were rivals for the trade of South America and Germany got the best of it because the Germans went to the trouble of learning to speak Spanish. The Britishers endeavored to blunder along with the use of interpreters. As showing the indifference of British industry to the language factor, the committee points out that British firms doing business in foreign countries in nearly all cases depend in the matter of intercourse with their clients upon foreign clerks and agents.

There is room for a large improvement in the educational systems of Canada in this regard. The study of Greek and Latin undoubtedly is a valuable training for the student's mind, but the same training would be obtained from the study of modern languages and it would have a practical benefit that the other lacks. Canada has been selling her products in war markets for the last four years in larger quantities than she ever sold before. When the war is over she will have to find peace markets. Ability to deal with possible customers in foreign countries in their own language would give her commercial interests a great advantage.

The American preparations for an army of five million are going ahead fast. To raise that number the United States has not to put itself under a greater strain, proportionately, than Canada has been under.

"It was on July 30th, four years ago, that Great Britain made its reply to the impossible proposals of Germany, that England stand aside and let the brute have its way." And that reply was couched in the ringing words of Earl Grey, which ought hereafter to be in the schoolbooks of every nation where our civilization is revered. When you think of England, think of what she did that day—for you and me.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught, is expected in Halifax about August 24th. Prince Arthur is making a tour of Canada and has been received on all sides with loud acclaim. Prince Arthur is the only son of the Duke of Connaught, who is dearly beloved by the people of Canada, and is returning from a mission to Japan where he presented a baton to the Mikado on behalf of the British Government.

Three of Queen Mary's ten bridesmaids twenty-five years ago offered congratulations to Her Majesty on the occasion of her silver wedding anniversary. These were Princess Victoria, Princess Helena Victoria and Princess Patricia of Connaught. Three of the bridesmaids are now the Queens of Spain, Norway and Rumania.

Brigadier General J. H. Elmsley, C. M. G., D. S. O., Royal Canadian Dragoons has been selected to command the troops which are now being mobilized in Canada for service in Siberia. This announcement was made thru the militia department at Ottawa on Tuesday. General Elmsley is at present in England where he and the minister of militia, in consultation with the imperial authorities, are concerting methods of procedure. He is in his 40th year, and is a staff college graduate. He was dangerously wounded in the South African war and has served in India. In the year 1914, General Elmsley proceeded overseas with his regiment, and in due course was appointed to command the Canadian Mounted Rifles.

The Duke of Devonshire purchased this week about 100 acres of land near Ottawa, on the west side of the Blue Sea Lake, which includes a small trout lake, and intends erecting a Summer home on the property in the near future. At present their Excellencies with the members of their family and the Vice Regal staff, are spending the Summer there under canvas having about 12 or 14 tents and a large marquee which is used as a dining room.

A most enjoyable concert was given by the guests at the Gregor Hotel, Brackley Beach on Thursday evening several auto parties going out from the city to assist and enjoy the delightful affair so happily arranged.

Genuine sympathy is being extended to Mrs. A. A. Pomeroy, and family in the death in action on August 7th of her second son Lieut. Ernest Auld. Mrs. Pomeroy's eldest son Lieut. Clyde Auld is also in France attached to the 10th Canadian Siege Battery.

Miss Knox, Principal of Havergal College, who has been spending several weeks in this Province, visiting Brackley Beach and Charlottetown left yesterday on return and will spend two weeks at Metis, Quebec, before returning to Toronto where her college opens in September.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. O. Morson and Miss DeBrisay left yesterday on their annual outing to St. Andrew's By-The-sea.

Lieut. Tom Roger's many friends are looking forward to his early arrival home on a furlough with his parents.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS
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PUTTING AWAY THINGS PAST

"Love thyself last; and oh, such joy shall thrill thee,
As never yet such selfish souls was given,

Whatever thy lot, a perfect peace will find thee,
And earth shall seem the ante-room of heaven."

The last thing for one in bereavement, seeking comfort, is to be idle. Then the grief feeds upon the life itself, and wastes and wears it out. But when in our sorrow we turn away from self miseries of love for others, our hearts find comfort. Thus, and thus only, can we learn to live without one who has been everything to us in the past.

In a great battle, the commanding officer, leading his men in an assault, came upon the body of his own son, lying on the field. His impulse was to stop and give way to his grief, but he dared not do it. His duty was with his command. The issue of the battle depended upon him. So, falling upon the beloved form, he pressed a hot kiss on the dead lips, and then went on with his men, braver and stronger for his grief. We may never let life's tasks drop out of our hands for sorrow, not even for an hour. Our work must be finished before the end of the day, and we have not a moment to lose. When we come to render our account, grief will not excuse us for failure in duty, for tasks omitted, for life's work unfinished.

DR. MILLER

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Rogers, preparatory to joining the Royal Air Force, Lieut. Rogers went overseas before attaining his seventeenth birthday and has been in most of the heavy fighting in France during the past fifteen months in which the Canadians have won much renown. This popular young officer, of whom his comrades speak so highly, is now recuperating from an operation which he underwent in order to enter the Royal Flying Corps and it is sincerely hoped that his safe arrival will soon be chronicled and that his rest so well deserved will be most beneficial.

Mrs. (Col.) Ings and the Misses Olive and Edith Ings, who arrived home last week from England, are being warmly welcomed by their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harrison and family, who have been enjoying an outing in Souris have returned home.

It is now stated that Lord Kitchener's death was directly due to the Czarina, who was a pro-German. The Czar received a message that Kitchener was about to leave for Russia and the Czarina immediately informed the Kaiser, with the result that the Hampshire was sunk in the North Sea.

Mrs. Bearstoe of Toronto left yesterday afternoon to join her mother who is enjoying the sea breezes at Souris. They are guests at the Cox Hotel.

Lieut. Allan Cosh who has been in France for sometime, was among the officers recently on furlough to England where he went to visit Mrs. Cosh and young son, who are expected in Canada in the near future.

Among the pleasing events of the week was a talk on "The Woman Question of Today," kindly given by Miss Knox of Toronto in St. Paul's Parish Hall.

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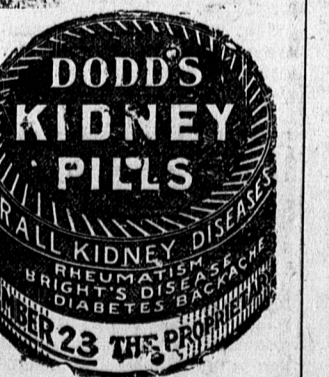
YOUR PROBLEMS SOLVED

BY REV. T. S. LINSCOTT, D. D.
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Dr. Linscott in this column will help you solve our heart problems, religious, natural, social, financial and every other anxious care that perplexes you. If a personal answer is required enclose a five cent stamp. No names will be published; if you prefer, sign your initials only; or use a pseudonym.

BAD SONS:—"Anxious Mother" states that three out of four brothers turned out bad, and she is anxious to train her own little boys right. You can train your boys to be whatever you wish, if you take the right steps. The first essential is that you be what you want them to be. Your boys will unconsciously imitate what you are rather than what you say. The matter of supreme importance is that the father and the mother are what they ought to be. Give your boys the very best possible education and teach them in early life to pray to and depend upon God. The rest will be easy.

"WRITING IN ANGER" is a fitting pseudonym for a man who writes about the wrong doings of a public man. Whatever truth there may be in the accusations which you make, you are in no condition of mind while angry to correctly judge another. An angry man is an insane man. The opinions which he forms while angry will rarely harmonize with the opinions of men in a normal conditions of mind. Put yourself right and then take the matter up with me again.



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