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Morning Maxim

All your achievements in business, politics and sport, may help you to live, but the esteem, confidence and affection you have collected around you help you to die.

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A POET'S DEATH

In the death this week of Dr. Robert Norwood, preacher, lecturer and poet, America has lost one of its most distinguished cultural leaders. The fact that Dr. Norwood was a native of the Maritime Provinces and had friends and acquaintances here, adds interest to the sketch of his career which appeared in yesterday's Guardian.

Dr. Norwood's first volume of verse, entitled "His Lady of the Sonnets," appeared in 1915. From the sonnet sequence in this volume the verse in today's Poet's Corner has been chosen. It reveals the poet in that mood of joyous communion with nature which was characteristic also of Lampman and Carman. Many of the sonnets in this volume are love poems, "brilliant, beautiful and rare," as one critic has said. Others strike a note of sympathy for the "kindred company" of the lonely and miserable.

It was by Christian sympathy that Dr. Norwood sought to interpret the characters in his later dramatic poems, such as "Dives in Torment," and "The Witch of Endor." His philosophy of life found noble expression in such lines as these, in which Dives is represented as lamenting his wasted opportunities:

"Hell is for him who hath never found God Hid in the bramble that burns by the way; Findeth Him not in the stone and the clod; Heareth Him not at the cool of the day. Hell is for him who hath never found Man God and my Brother, I failing to find, Failed to find me; so my days were a span Void of the triumph of Spirit and Mind."

MORE FARM FIGURES

An analysis of the livestock figures gathered at the 1931 census has been made over a ten year period by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. They show that the greatest increase has been in poultry production. While the total number of farms keeping poultry has declined since 1921 except in the western provinces, every province shows a substantial increase in total poultry production. In Prince Edward Island the increase for the decade is 11.10 per cent. This represents the smallest increase of any Province, a fact of which our producers should take note. Wider markets for Canadian poultry are anticipated as a result of the Imperial Conference agreements, and this Province, with such an excellent organization as the Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association in operation, should not be content to lag behind in this important agricultural development.

During the decade under review there has been a general decrease in the number of horses, due probably to the increase in the use of automobiles and tractors. Cows in calf or in milk show a decrease in the Maritime Provinces in each of the Prairie Provinces there has been both a greater numerical and percentage increase in these animals than in any province east of the Great Lakes. The greatest percentage of increase in the ten years was made by British Columbia. There were in Canada 130,047 farms reporting 3,622,474 sheep in 1931 as compared with 160,697 farms reporting 3,200,467 sheep in 1921. The Opposition could not claim

NOTES BY THE WAY

It is a tradition that children find school odious and welcome such catastrophes as fires, epidemics and tornadoes which create unexpected periods of idleness. But the tradition, isn't nearly as true now as it used to be. Schools are conducted differently than they used to be. The birch rod has become merely a tradition. More effort is taken to awaken the child's interest. He is likely to get a clearer notion of what it is all about and to discover that business of acquiring knowledge can actually be a good deal of fun.

For business, for pleasure, for hundreds of things the automobile has brought prosperity, health and happiness to many; and yet, so wildly is it operated that it wipes out more people than do modern weapons used in war. Other devices have lifted drudgery off men and women and have given them leisure. But in all too many cases these men and women do not know what to do with leisure and it results in boredom and mischief instead of happiness. Economically and sociologically one of the first steps that should be taken is to adjust man's capacity to use and enjoy the fruits of invention to the undeniable progress of the age.

"The British Empire," says the Trinidad Guardian, "by uniting on a tariff policy is possibly making the world's best contribution to freer trade. If the Ottawa Conference does nothing more than make the United States realize that the old one sided arrangement is ended for ever, it will have helped the West Indies. A system by which the United States floods the West Indies with her manufactured goods, and refuses to buy our sugar in return, can no longer be a policy endorsed by reasonable men."

Canada is represented by forty-one different lines of Canadian food products at the Bristol, England, annual exhibition which opened in that city September 1 for a period of fourteen days. Information received by the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa indicates that the Bristol exhibition is being better patronized this year by Canadian firms than in former years. In addition to displays of Canadian food products, Canadian pipe tobacco and cigarettes, Canadian timber and Canadian silver fox pelts are also being exhibited. Coincident with the holding of the exhibition, the Canadian government exhibition commission has arranged for a number of the leading grocery stores in that city to make special window displays of Canadian food products.

The New York State Waterways Association have held a meeting and condemned the waterway project as "economically impracticable and unnecessary." This is, of course from the New York point of view. They think it "impracticable" because President Hoover proposes to shoulder off upon the State power proposition so large a share of the cost of the channel that it will be economically impossible for this water power to compete with steam power. Governor Roosevelt has already raised the same point, and there will undoubtedly be a fight over it between the Federal Government and the State Government—unless Roosevelt is elected President. But we Canadians have nothing to do with this. We do not care who pays for the channel, so long as we do not.

There is every prospect, says The Toronto Globe, that even as headstrong a man as de Valera will be able to interpret the significance of the movement among the farmers and other ratepayers of the country over whose councils he presides. Ireland is essentially an agricultural country, and if the Government has not the support of the farmers its tenure of office will be brief. And there are in the public life of the Free State wise and patriotic Irishmen who will not hesitate to impress upon the President the folly of his stubborn stand on Ireland's relationship to the rest of the Empire. When chickens come home to roost many views are changed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Commenting on the resignation of "some Liberal members" of Great Britain's National Government as a protest against the Ottawa agreements, the Toronto Globe, leading Canadian Liberal newspaper, remarks dryly: "It is not recorded that they have something better to offer."

That Body of Ours



By James W. Barton, M.D. THE HEART RATE WHEN ASLEEP

Some of the symptoms of which many individuals complain — rapid breathing and rapid heart beat — are really not due to any real ailment but to nervousness, anxiety, or some other emotion.

As you know any, in fact nearly all ailments increase the heart rate even when the temperature does not rise. This is the reason that an increased heart rate always makes the patient nervous, and of course the increase is always noted by the physician.

As rheumatism is the cause or forerunner of most cases of heart disease, the pulse rate in children afflicted with rheumatism is naturally closely watched.

D. B. Schlesinger, London, calls attention to the fact that study of the pulse rate when the youngster is awake is not sufficient to establish the presence of active heart disease in children suffering from rheumatism, who have no rise in temperature. Normally the sleeping pulse rate is about 10 beats slower than when the youngster is awake.

However even if the temperature does not rise but the heart when the patient is asleep is as fast as when he is awake it would point to active heart disease.

Another important point is that if the heart rate is above normal rate when the patient is asleep it is strong evidence of heart disease even although the rate when awake is considerably faster than when asleep.

The thought then is that if the heart rate is much above normal, although the temperature is normal, the reason therefore should be investigated. The simplest method, as above mentioned, is to take the pulse rate when the patient is sleeping quietly. If the rate comes down about 10 beats to the minute there need be no worry about the heart.

It would be wise in all cases of rapid heart beat to get the pulse rate when the patient is asleep, because even if he is resting quietly his thoughts or anxiety about his condition can raise the heart rate. It is only when he is asleep that the true condition of the heart can be learned.

Lawrence Again

(Providence Journal)

The war produced for Great Britain one wonder-worker who performed amazingly for his country — to such effect indeed, that he became almost a mythological character, and, as such, a perpetual source of troublesome rumor. To still the fantastic rumors the British press is compelled at intervals — perhaps two or three times a year — to hunt up Private Shaw of the British Air Force as a mechanic, and announce to the world that he is still busily engaged in the routine work of his humble position. And so the other day the standard alibi of Private Shaw was again given publicity.

Here is modern mythology of a curious sort. The saga of "Lawrence of Arabia" has been admirably presented to the world, and in civilized countries it is appreciated at its full value. But in the Near East and in several other regions it long since took on the character of a legend. Here and there that legend has been cunningly built up and distorted into the pattern of a bogey to serve the purposes of political chicanery. Let popular unrest develop in Hedjaz, Afghanistan or almost any area between Damascus and Teheran, and the story immediately starts that the miraculous Lawrence is on the spot working his magic on the natives. And then to avert international complications England has to show that Private Shaw is still pursuing the humdrum duties of an aircraft mechanic.

This has happened so often that the routine has become automatic, and now the alibi for Shaw sometimes precede the rumors about Lawrence. And so it is that Private Shaw has again been officially located. He is still living obscurely in a small cottage at Southampton, and of late his chief occupation has been the testing of several new speed boats. His spare time he spends in meditation and reading, or in speeding about on a high-

English As Spoken

(Exchange)

Philologists are inclined to believe that the radio and talking pictures will gradually bring about a uniformity in pronunciation in the United States and one may wonder what is to be the fate of Canada, since we are subject to the same influences. Even today an Englishman finds it difficult or impossible to distinguish between a Canadian and American voice and what is even more disconcerting, an inhabitant of the Southern States finds the same difficulty in distinguishing us lingually from his Northern compatriots. So far as he is concerned, we are all Yankees, although he will sometimes add that the Canadians have a hint of a Scottish burr.

It has been said frequently that the educated people of Dublin speak English most correctly. Anyone who has heard Mr. Cosgrave, the former president of Ireland, or Mr. George Bernard Shaw on the radio will agree that their manner of speaking is assuredly not ours. On the other hand at Hollywood, where they are attempting to reach a happy medium which will be satisfactory to all English-speaking people, it was recently said that the educated people of the Maritime Provinces most nearly approximated such an accent. They could not distinguish between Ontario and across the border. In accepting this compliment, let us bear in mind that the carefully trained were indicated and not those who would say "toone" for tune and certainly not those who say "hed" for had.

The American newspapers have not yet finished with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's pronunciation of "world." His "wide worrid" does seem a pathetically wider place than an ordinary wide world, just as "ghost" seems far more ghastly with a redundant "h" which crept into the English language in the early days of printing through the mistake of a Flemish printer. When Mr. Coolidge was president and making many radio addresses, the critics obtained so much amusement with his peculiar nasal New England voice that they had no time for his pronunciation of any one word. Now in the midst of an election campaign, the candidates before the microphone are easy marks. Governor Roosevelt, infinitely the better speaker, makes numerous slips. For Mr. Hoover, the Washington correspondent of the New York Nation offers a glossary so that he may be understood. It includes the following:

- Uhmurrycan American
- Hunderd Hundred
- Co-operatuff Co-operative
- Nacktudd Enacted
- Substys Subsidies
- Noggerated Inaugurated
- Inshittuff Initiative
- Spurt Spirit
- Ruppblucan Republican
- Uhmurguney Emergency
- Maintain Maintain
- Redoose Reduce
- Alwuss Always
- Pursurves Preserves
- Purvent Prevent
- Purgoose Produce
- Constitooshun Constitution
- Distruptuff Destructive

The Poet's Corner

SONNET XXVII

(From the Sonnet Sequence)

Companion of the highroad, hail all hail! Day on his shoulder flame of sunset bears, As he goes marching where the autumn flares A banner to the sky; in russet mail The trees are trooping hither to assail Twilight with spears; a rank of coward cares Creep up, as though to take us unawares, And find their stratagems of none avail. Accept the challenge of the royal hills, And dare adventure as we always dared! Life with red wine his golden chalice fills, And bids us drink to all who forward fare— Those lost, white armies of the host of dream; Those dauntless, singing pilgrims of the Gloom!

—Robert Norwood.

powered motorcycle. To all appearances he has forgotten that he is the famous Lawrence of Arabia and is quite content to work without rank as a mechanic. Everyone calls him "Mr. Shaw". It is one of the most extraordinary cases of deliberately submerged identity ever recorded.

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.

THE ISLE OF MIST

Hail to the clime of the mist and the mountain! O' cataract foaming in bolsters glee! Hail to Cuchullin! proud-peering through cloudland, In red, rocky grandeur, from sea unto sea. Fair Isle of the patriot, the sage and the songster! Thou shrine of the deeds of the noble and brave! Who lived for their kinsmen, who died for their country; Whose ashes repose in a far, foreign grave.

Sir—I have just been reading in the Guardian a pleasing article about the Macleods of Dunvegan, Skye, which brings up to memory the long gone hours of a "day that is gone" when a happy hearted girl, released by school holidays in Glasgow, sailed round the lesser Western Isles of Scotland onward to the Misty Isle of Skye, to be kindly welcomed by the relatives of her late generous father, whose name and whose philanthropy has long been remembered among the descendants of those whom his kindly heart and open purse had benefited in the days when war and consequent want had well nigh desolated the beautiful Isle of his birth.

Through the many years of light and shade elapsed since then I still recall the day when a group of merry young people stood upon the battlements of old Dunvegan Castle and gazed upon the seething foam on the waves of the broad Atlantic with its rocky pillars, standing as sentinels thereby.

How the years flit away! The daughter of the late noble chief, the lovely wife of my cousin Nicol Martin of Glendale, in whose early home, the Manse of Snizort, I spent many happy hours, has long gone to her rest, but her husband is still active in his benevolent work among his less favored fellow men. So long as mental and moral worth endure, the noble deeds of the patriarchs of Skye will never be forgotten.

I am Sir, etc. E. S. ML.

"Monster Of His Own Invention"

(The New Statesman and Nation) John Ruskin must have found occasion for ironical applause if he was listening in to the Presidential address at the British Association. Today the men of science are sad with a more informed sorrow than that which inspired Ruskin's lamentations over man's growing enslavement to the ingenuity of his inventions. Sir Alfred Ewing, looking back "on the sweeping pageant of discovery and invention in which he used to take unlimited delight," is overcome by disillusion. Sentence after sentence in his speech echoed in a more modest way, the denunciations that seemd, to the mid-Victorian, positive scientist, only the hoarse croakings of hopelessness and benighted medievalists; but of what use is that if we starve, through lack of reasonable distribution, in sight of this new wealth? We are promised, by the same capable egotist, leisure that was never dreamed of by our ancestors; but of what avail is leisure if man does not discipline himself to use it with mental and spiritual profit? Himself a great engineer, Sir Alfred turned to the work of the pure scientists, the great physicists; and found a little consolation in praising the industry, patience and skill of the men who are investigating the structure of the atom, and tracking in down the neutron. But it is significant that by now all the more intelligent scientists have realized the truth that man is fighting a war for mastery over the monsters of his own invention.

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