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POWER OF EXAMPLE.

Since the Scottish Gathering of last Wednesday, with its athletic stunts, its bag-pipes, its dancing, etc., the youth of the city have been busily imitating the most striking performances of that eventful day. On almost every vacant lot and particularly on the available public squares vaulting bars have been erected and boys of all ages, shod and unshod and in as scanty attire as the city regulations or the restraints of home will permit, are vaulting with more or less success and often with many mishaps.

One or two enthusiasts, in one instance at least, essayed a pipe-band, the "pipes" crudely constructed of sticks fastened together with twine and decorated with paper ribbons. The music produced including the "drone" was entirely vocal with no answering echo from the sticks, and with little similarity to the hallowed music of Scotland, but it may have been none the less prophetic of music yet to be. Many drums also are in evidence and the performance, as close an imitation as possible of that of the modern drum major, is inspiring if not musical. Jumping, long and broad, racing and the other undertakings which enter into ordinary and extraordinary athletics, are also being vigorously practised by the boys.

So are athletes and musicians made; so also are our captains of industry, our professionals, our orators, for in the youthful community we find them all in training. The child doctor treating imaginary wounds; the child merchant buying and selling goods represented by stones and broken crockery; the child preacher haranguing a congregation of one or two, all are in training and all following the example of a boy's hero, worthy or unworthy.

Out of all the groups will come those who find their places. By a process of elimination the group of jumpers and vaulters will be reduced to those who find that they can jump and vault; those who cannot will find a more congenial occupation. The embryo merchant, doctor, preacher will stick to his chosen calling while those who played in these roles and found them not to their liking will seek and probably find the place in which they will best fit. Happy are those who discover in time their unfitness for the calling of their childish selection and happy would it be for the world if more of them made the discovery in time. While all boys can jump, vault, run, play wooden bagpipes, practise medicine, preach or orate, they cannot all

follow these successfully into adult life. The majority of them find this out for themselves, many of them never find it out and to their own hurt and the hurt of the world they occupy a place which they cannot fill.

Here also comes in the power of example, the influence of the hero whose example was followed and most of all the guidance of parents and teachers. Fitness and love for the undertaking is the essential to success, the opposite the precursor of inevitable failure.

GLAD TO GET BACK

The holiday season is now practically over. Men who snatched a week or two from their busy-toll and turned themselves loose mentally and physically in the abandon of seaside enjoyment; women who for a week or two tried to forget household or business or social duties in a change of scene and environment, are called back to the duties which wearied them and in the great majority of cases are glad to get back.

Necessity as well as inclination is involved in the call back. Few there are who can afford to play more than a few weeks or at most a few months. Business demands their personal attention. Few also there are who would willingly prolong the period of idleness. Men and women who are mentally and physically healthy cannot long remain in idleness; work is a necessity not alone of eating and drinking and wearing and housing but of living. "Labor," said the poet, "though the primal cause has been softened into mercy." "Want of occupation is not rest; a mind quite vacant is a mind distressed."

It is well to get back to the old hum-drum of life, to the hum-drum that wearied us, that strained our nerves to the point of breaking; well to take up again the burden that had become too heavy to carry and it can be borne all the more easily because of the relaxation of mental and physical faculties during the holidays. Rest and recreation were sweet and wholesome but they in turn became wearisome and finally unbearable. From the busiest and weariest man or woman who laid down their work with a sigh of gratitude to the school child who threw books and school bags into the air from very joyousness, all are glad to get back and take up again the burden that wearied them.

The holidays are over; nothing lasts; work also, by turns wearisome and enjoyable, will also be over. Happy he or she who can so alternate work and play as to make the whole chapter healthful, useful and helpful.

Current Comment

A present or a future election is the question of absorbing interest in Canada today, and the pros and cons are in lively discussion. The Grain Growers of the West, who now have a nominal hold of twenty or more members, are keen for distribution which they expect will materially increase their following, and are to a man pronounced against any election until these things are righted in another session. The Liberals of Quebec, more particularly those of the rank and file, have an exceptionally warm feeling towards another sessional indemnity of \$4,000 and are most anxious that this little quota of balm will not be taken from them, and wherever they have spoken it has been decidedly in favor of another session. Of course there are a few exceptions to this. A small number of their leaders, such for instance as Mr. Ernest Lapointe and Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, have no fears as to their individual reelection and are not worrying over the possibilities of a prospective defeat. Mr. Lemieux particularly, is keen for a re-sitting before the polls as the only

escape from that scrape into which he worked himself in connection with his rash charges, and which would die a neutral death before a new parliament. For this reason he above all others is sincere in the clamouring for an appeal to the people. It is his only hope of political salvation.

Nor does the Hon. Wm. L. Mackenzie King want an immediate election. True enough he has been clamouring for one with all the affection his ingenuity of language can command, but it is unlikely that the darkness of the final judgment would bring to him greater terrors than the issuing of the writs in compliance with his dramatic demands. It is so well known all over Canada now, that he has no definite opinion upon any public question, and that about everything he says must be taken by opposites and that every move he makes has only the interpretation of a chosen stage performance, displayed for its transient effect. Before him there is nothing but the gloom of impending defeat for his party approach-

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FAIR THOUGHTS AND HAPPY HOURS

By GEORGE MATTHEW ADAMS.

Thoughts mean more to the average person than he realizes. It is our thoughts that are with us always. We cannot escape them. They envelop us as does air. But the great thing about thoughts is that they may be chosen. A person is the expression of what his thoughts are. To be alone with one's thoughts is those thoughts are constructive and happy. Our thoughts are largely influenced by the way we feel and by environment—and yet, we may draw a multitude of thoughts out of their nests—and make them to cheer and inspire—is not matter what the mood we may be in. Fair thoughts make happy hours for any man.

During the loneliness of hours that crowd in upon us to know that our thoughts are able to make us brave and strong is a fine feeling. But a man must have the ability to muster the thoughts that keep him evenly poised and forward acting.

Housed in the great books of the years are the thoughts that have made the world. Think happily of life and its problems—even tho at times it seems a difficult thing to do. Call your most cherished thoughts to you and ask them to "keep you company." They will never fail you if you have kept them clean.

Happenings Of The Week

Lady Byng, wife of our new Governor-General, is likely to be a prominent figure not only in the social circles of the Dominion, but also in literary world, for she is herself a successful novelist, author of two very popular romances, "Barriers" and "Anne of the Marshlands." Both books are of quite recent publication in England; Canadian made editions will be available for Canadian readers at an early date.

These novels have been well received in England and the critics have commented upon the powerful character drawing, the crisp, entertaining style, the witty dialogue, and the clever prolongation of suspense in the plot. "Barriers" is a romance which combines humor, characterization, and entanglement of plot. "Anne of the Marshlands" is an interesting study both of character and locality; the marshlands in which the scenes are laid are the Essex marshes in the neighborhood of which Lord and Lady Byng have their English home.

King George has bestowed a unique honor on his uncle, the Marquis of Milford-Haven (formerly Prince Louis of Battenburg), who visited here some years ago, by promoting him to be admiral of the fleet on the retired list. There is no previous case of such an advancement of an officer to the highest rank in the navy after the officer's retirement. The Marquis, who was First Sea Lord of the Admiralty in 1914, when the world war began, resigned after the fleet had been mobilized and distributed for its war service under his direction.

The Duke of Connaught has had a family party at Bagshot Park, including the Crown Prince of Sweden and his children. The Crown Prince is said to be a devoted father, especially since his children lost their mother, Princess Margaret of Connaught.

Rev. Cuthbert A. Simpson, son of the late Canon Simpson of St. Peter's Cathedral, who has been a student at Oxford for the past two years, was advanced to the priesthood by the Bishop of London on Trinity Sunday, after which he was in charge of the Christ Church mission for five weeks, relieving a nephew of the Bishop of London. After spending some time in charge of a country parish, he will go to Italy for a month's holiday, returning to Oxford in October to complete his Arts course.

Mr. and Mrs. MacCreedy have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Bearlsto and little son of Toronto who have been summering at Souris. With September so near, and the trees already changing the color of their leaves, thoughts naturally drift to the opening of schools and colleges, the return of vacationists, and the making of plans for the winter. This week numerous visitors, after a delightful summer at the different hotels have said regretful farewells and wended their way homeward, the outgoing trains being crowded daily. There are still, however, many visitors in the city and a round of informal gayeties are being held. Dancing of course, takes precedence and guests are entertained invariably at the Country Club, Beech Grove Inn or the Casino, where, with bright music and splendid floors, the hours are all too quickly whilled away.

Miss Florence Norton whose marriage to Mr. George J. Rogers takes place early next week, was the guest of honor at several "showers" this week, at which the valuable and pretty gifts received, were an evidence of the popularity of the young bride-to-be. Mrs. (Dr.) J. S. Jenkins entertained on Monday and Mrs. Mathieson on Thursday afternoon, both occasions bringing together a host of delightful young people, brimming with good wishes for the bride and groom.

Mrs. C. Lomer Miles also gave a bridge and shower in honor of Miss Florence Norton on Wednesday which was a truly delightful affair. The merchants' dinner at Beech Grove Inn on Tuesday was thoroughly enjoyed by the guests present who were simply charmed with the hotel and its appointments.

Miss Jean Aitken who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. G. A. Aitken of Georgetown left Monday on return to Regina, Sask., where she is teaching.

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