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ALMOST.

How many men and women have almost achieved success! How many have almost escaped disaster! Had it not rained the night before the Battle of Waterloo, rendering the roads impassable for the early morning artillery attack planned by Napoleon he would probably have won the battle.

Instances innumerable might be cited to show how occurrences apparently trifling and commonplace, have diverted the course of world events and turned a new leaf in history.

In the affairs of men and women, as well as nations, distinction and obscurity, happiness and misery, wealth and poverty, not infrequently have their origin in apparent accidents.

Who can say that the rainfall before the battle of Waterloo, the arrival of Blucher at the last minute, the failure of the three German armies to meet, as planned at the Marne, were accidents?

our ends Rough hew them as we will." In our human weakness we regret the almost achieved success and the "if" which, to our limited vision prevented it, yet we cannot see what lies beyond the goal.

To the pathetic plaint: "If Thou hadst been here my brother had not died"; came the reply, "that thou shouldst see the glory of God." Beyond the accident and the almost there are infinite possibilities.

KING AND PRINCE

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ed, his gratitude has not been pronouncedly emphatic. Indeed, there is no province in Canada that has been so studiously and persistently ignored as Prince Edward Island.

It is currently understood that, previous to the general election, when invitations to Mr. King were coming in slowly and with suspicious strings attached, he made overtures to Prince County for nomination.

Neither is Britain nor the British Empire "down and out." From time to time in past centuries the end has been predicted but it has not come.

The proposed program is simple. Mr. A. E. McLean could be given a Government position which would vacate his seat, Mr. King would slip in by acclamation or otherwise and take his seat at the head of the board as if nothing had happened.

EDITORIAL NOTES. A curious hush has fallen over the political situation in Canada. The Liberal press, when it peeps out at all, declares it hears the roar of the prosperity wave now approaching Canada and occasionally undertakes to prove the absolute right of the Liberal party to hold on to office.

Even in America, in the cities of the United States and Canada there are overcrowded districts and slums in which the laws of health, morals and the decencies of family life are impossible.

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Notes By The Way

Col. George Harvey, a former American Ambassador in London wrote an article which appeared in the North American Review not long ago, an admirable article in which some of the serious problems with which the British nation is now confronted were set forth.

Col. Harvey had not said that, but he had said that: "Great Britain has the longest and hardest path ahead that she has ever known. It is high time that Americans should be appraised of the real situation, and far better for England and far better for America. No one country has ever had so huge a stake in another as the United States has today in Great Britain."

That Americans should consider their debt to Britain for proving the fidelity of the Anglo-Saxon race to the fulfillment of all just obligations; that this proof of fidelity is something not measurable in dollars and cents and is yet of priceless value—that is the tenor of Col. Harvey's argument.

And Great Britain has been doing much to insure the welfare of her home people since the war. Take the work of the Housing Committee, carried on under the direction of the Ministry of Health, for instance.

While our Liberal contemporaries are discussing "the unpopularity of Mr. Meighen" they have nothing at all to say about the increasing popularity of the Premier King. Why is this?

Senator David, good old protectionist Liberal that he is, would have both King and Meighen retired. It would no doubt be some satisfaction to Mr. King when his party rejects him.

VELVET AND RHINESTONES. Black velvet and diamonds as an evening costume may not be always possible, but so far as effect goes black velvet and rhinestones are of all distinctive.

We are prone to complain of Canada's troubles and burdens, but in many respects they are small compared with those of the Mother Country.

That Body of Ours

By James W. Barton, M.D. THE MAN OF THE FUTURE.

One of our scientists has been speculating upon the type of man who is going to inhabit this earth thousands of years from now.

These statements of course set us to thinking about our bodies, and the wonderful way they have adapted themselves to the changing ways of living. It is not many years ago since walking, and the use of horses, was our only means of transportation.

Now, what is going to happen? Of course, no one really knows, but certainly with the strong heart, the large lungs, the very long intestine, the heavy muscles covering our body, all you and I can do about it is to try to put all into use.

Your birth-day is the turquoise, which means prosperity. Your flower is holy. Your lucky color is pink.

DECEMBER 12.—You are sympathetic, kind, helpful and generous. You are proud and self-confident and capable of accomplishing most of the things you attempt.

DECEMBER 13.—You don't fear anything, and you decide and act quickly and impulsively. You have many friends, and will always help them in any way possible.

Miss Elizabeth Kier of Malpeque returned home Thursday after a very pleasant few days visiting in the city.

A wide circle of friends were at the station Tuesday morning to bid good-bye to Rev. G. C. Taylor, whose departure for Montreal is so much regretted.

There may also be variety in the fancy knit, the designs of which may be knitted in two or three colors.

Happenings Of The Week

Mrs. Murdoch McKinnon entertained very delightfully at Bridge yesterday afternoon, the rooms being attractively arranged with bronze chrysothemus and greenery.

Dr. and Mrs. Sinclair of Summerside, spent the week end very pleasantly in Charlottetown, their friends being glad to have them for even so short a while.

Miss Bona Mills, who has so many friends here, is to spend the week end with Miss H. D. McCollum. She will be giving a genuine welcome especially among the girls with whom she worked so energetically while a resident in the city.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. H. E. Miller entertained at Bridge for the older married ladies, tea being poured by Mrs. Allan Cosh and Mrs. C. H. B. Longworth.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Prowse are spending the Christmas holiday in Ottawa with their daughter, Mrs. Ritchie. Mr. Prowse's health continues to show improvement, and it is hoped his visit will fully restore him to his usual vigor.

The men will be interested to know that the wearing of dinner jackets at evening functions henceforth will be frowned upon.

The Monday night Bridge Club meet this week at Mrs. H. E. Miller's home.

Mr. B. F. Deacon of Halifax, who is to succeed Mr. Charles Hensley as Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, spent a few days this week in Summerside.

Mrs. W. A. McLellan, West St. John has arrived to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Pendleton, 190 Prince Street.

And since learning the comfort of hand-knitted socks, many a man has never since been able to reconcile himself to any other kind, and when, as occasionally happens, he becomes the possessor of a pair with tassy tops, one of his fond ambitions has been realized.

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.

Sir,—In comparing prices of the mail order with the home stores I think fairness calls for attention to staples required in every house rather than the catch penny odds and ends that are ever on the counters as special trade attractions.

It is notable that in leading staples the mail order house is absolutely helpless to compete with the local merchant. Sensibly he knows this—and does not make the attempt. As for instance nails is a commodity required in every house, shed or barn and by every inhabitant of the land.

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catalogues are very neat and no doubt the goods are fully as good as they look. But how about prices? Some of our island show windows are now bright with these goods in display. I am not a large buyer of these but I have carefully scanned the price tags and felt the weight and quality. I am convinced that if our mail order buyers will do this they will find the prices, not merely as low, but actually below the catalogue prices. When I saw stainless steel knives priced in a special sale catalogue at \$3.25 per half dozen I thought it a veritable bargain, but when I saw the same article in a local dealer's window priced at only \$3, my eyes were opened. And this is true of many of those glittering attractions of the mail order house. Ponder these things over. I am, Sir, etc. FREE LANCE.

BUY AT HOME. Sir,—In your issue of December 5th, the Economic Committee admit that there is a good deal in your contention that the producers pay the taxes but continue, "It must be acknowledged that there are other producers, besides those on the land." Certainly there are, for example the manufacturers, who produce something for the benefit of the other producers. The only thing that the merchant can claim to produce is money, and they do not produce money, they merely accumulate it. The Economic Committee seem to take special pride in the high income taxes paid by merchants, quite forgetting the fact that the income tax is but a small percent of the total income, 100 percent of which was made out of the producer. They contend that less than five thousand farmers in Canada paid income tax last year. Every farmer pays income tax, not however, in a lump sum at the end of the year but indirectly, every time he buys anything. The mail order houses pay income taxes and Shall touch them with His power. We bury them beneath the sod— Their life a transient hour. However brightly shines the sun in youth or manhood's prime, God has, when these few years have run, A fairer, brighter clime; What'er of beauty we have seen, What'er today we see— Are all unworthy when compared With things God has in store— The things which love has long prepared To last for evermore. And so while earth has visions sweet, And music for our ears, Which make life's pulses quicker beat— They vanish with the years. But God—for many things laid up For us—has thee, for me— However sour or sweet the cup. The best is yet to be.

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Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers. December 12, 1925. SELF-PRAISE.—Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger and not thine own lips. Proverbs 27: 2. PRAYER.—O God, Thou Art great and greatly to be praised, but we are nothing save in Thee, and then we are the children of God, and in this we glory. December 13, 1925. GREAT THINGS.—Fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth; for consider how great things He hath done for you. I Samuel 12: 24. PRAYER.—O Lord, Thou art good, and we are grateful. We had faintly understood we had believed to see Thy goodness in the land of the living. THE BEST IS YET TO BE. Whatever our lives may have in store Of earthly joy and peace, These cannot last for evermore— One day they all must cease, Except the finger of our God.

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