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OUR CHILDREN

The children, both of the home and of the street, have always been and no doubt ever shall be a problem in every country.

It is the children of the street, the delinquents, the unfortunates, the derelicts on life's sea that we are concerned with at present.

Good citizens and criminals are products of environment and our schools, our churches, our governments are responsible for the environment.

Mr. W. Clark Hall, the Stipendiary Magistrate of Old Street Police Court in London, England, is reported in a recent English paper to have told "how a criminal was manufactured from a boy of nine and eventually cost the State four thousand pounds."

Mr. Hall said that the boy was sent to prison for six months for stealing a small article. This sentence was followed by five years in a "reformatory."

The sentences imposed, it will be seen, were brutal and belonged to an age fortunately gone by.

The boy or the girl who gets wrong and gets away with it is on the road to criminality. They must be punished, but how? This is the problem for Christian citizenship.

In this province we have nothing for the straying child but the jail or liberty. Christian sentiment has closed the former but has not made any provision for safe liberty.

We are pleased to note in connection with this subject that the annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society of Queens and Kings Counties is to be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the City Court Room.

much yet remains to be done. It is a matter, not for the few who have been grasping with it for many years with little assistance, but for all our people and they can give their help by standing behind the Society with their sympathy and co-operation.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION

The fog which, since the election, has enveloped the Grit machine has at last partially lifted and while the machine itself has been very badly damaged, the relative standing of the candidates is now believed to be fairly intelligible.

From these it may fairly be assumed that Mr. Messervey is elected, thus placing the destinies of the province for the time being in the hands of two Liberals, McLean and Jenkins and two Conservatives, Messervey and McDonald.

As to the general situation there is still considerable doubt. It is assumed by such authorities as the Toronto Globe, once the Liberal Bible, that Mr. Meighen, as leader of the largest group will be asked to form a government.

Nevertheless, with all this against him, it is said that Mr. King would like to hang on and no doubt will, if the Governor General gives his consent, which is extremely improbable.

And yet from our little Island province we are not as those without hope, if Mackenzie King should assume or resume the premiership.

Liberal statesmen of cabinet timber are scarce in the other provinces and it would not do to take them all from Quebec. We have two who would make as good cabinet ministers as any who are likely to be called by Mr. Mackenzie King.

So we may look forward without too much trepidation to another term, probably a short one, under Mackenzie King with two Honourables to our credit. Of course we have had one but evidently his services, while differing in many respects from those of Mr. McLean, were not so highly appreciated.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The mortality rate of Saskatchewan is the lowest of any of the provinces of Canada, and also the lowest for any country in which vital statistics are available.

Even the weather stopped weathering while the Grit Machine was functioning over the returns. Can we go through another election campaign before we have washed our hands of the last one.

Notes By The Way

At this writing the country is waiting for Premier King to make his promised statement. His latest promise was to confer with His Excellency the Governor General and after this conference to make a public statement regarding the political situation.

He may have since changed his mind as to asking the Governor General to dissolve the newly elected House of Commons. There are difficulties in the way of immediate action to that end.

As a matter of fact the late House, dissolved two months ago, is quite as really a Parliament in being as the new House elected on October 29, but not yet organized or constituted.

But this is only one of several series of difficulties. Should Mr. King suggest to the Governor General that he desires to retain office until Parliament meets and thereafter until his Government shall be defeated in that body, His Excellency may remind Mr. King that he is not a member elected to the new House; that he and half the members of his Cabinet being defeated in the election, he has no right either to call Parliament to meet, or to ask for a dissolution.

The one obvious and reasonable thing for Mr. King to do is to tender his resignation. That course he has been advised by many of his own supporters as not only the proper course, but as the most prudent course in the interest of the Liberal party.

These and other intricacies of the present extraordinary situation have no doubt been considered at the conference between Mr. King and the Governor General and must influence the Premier's decision as to the course he shall take.

Until the official declaration takes place a number of seats will remain in doubt and the relative strength of the contending parties cannot be accurately known, and after that a number of recounts will probably make some further changes.

Applying known principles, namely, the possibility of supplying external aid to the body in the creation of its internal defenses against the invading microbe armies—the Dicks immediately sought to manufacture in the laboratory and to put to use the toxin which the germs make in the body they have invaded.

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Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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ALL ARE INVITED:—Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths. (Isaiah 2:3)

PRAYER:—"Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come." FAITH Lord, give me faith!—to live from day to day, With tranquil heart to do my simple part, And with my hand in Thine, just go Thy way.

Lord, give me faith! to trust, if not to know; With quiet mind in all things to find, And, child-like, go where Thou wouldst have me go. Lord, give me faith!—to leave it all to Thee, The future is Thy gift, I would not

The Conquest Of Scarlet Fever

In enumerating the truly important events of the current year, one may venture that coming chronicles will not overlook one happening of 1924 which was consummated in the quiet of a Chicago laboratory. This event is the conquest of scarlet fever—after more than ten years' effort.

The victory belongs to two young Chicago scientists, Dr. Geo. Frederick Dick and Dr. Gladys Henry Dick. More than a decade ago they met in the research laboratories of the Rush Medical College in Chicago. They were of the same age; both were consumed with the desire for research. They decided that scarlet fever afforded the most important opportunity.

Their attack on scarlet fever followed a strategy already made familiar by work on other contagious diseases. They sought first of all to discover the microbe which caused scarlet fever—an almost essential preliminary in any effort to prevent or cure a contagious disease.

For many years the Dicks made little headway. Numberless cultures of bacteria were made from the throats, blood, organs, and secretions of scarlet-fever patients. Countless injections of these cultures, with endless variations in technique, were made into guinea-pigs in the hope of producing scarlet fever experimentally.

What follows is a stimulating chapter in the long history of self-sacrifice for the advancement of knowledge. A number of the Dicks' friends volunteered; and among them were some who had lost close relatives, brothers or sisters, from scarlet fever. The volunteers were variously injected or their throats were swabbed with the secretions of scarlet-fever patients. Only the deliberate purpose of producing the disease was in the mind of the Dicks.

The "Dick test" was the first positive advance in the conquest of the scarlet fever. But the grand charge upon him followed at once. Larger amounts of this same toxin injected into persons who were susceptible to scarlet fever, caused the skin test, when applied a few weeks later, to become negative. In other words, they had been made immune.

A half-dozen great names in as many parts of the world are linked with the accretive victory over diphtheria. The work of the Dicks was deliberately undertaken by them in a laboratory dedicated to that purpose, and in the face of reverse, and sacrifices of body and purse, was carried through to a successful conclusion.

By injecting a highly diluted amount of this toxin between the layers of the skin, the Dicks found that a large proportion of persons who had never had the disease showed, within 24 hours, a small area of reddening around the site of the injection.

Thousands of New York school children already have been immunized. The significance of this discovery is that scarlet fever need no longer exist. Its presence in any civilized community hereafter will be as much of a social crime as a case of smallpox.

Your Birthday NOVEMBER 3.—Cultivate cheerfulness, and learn to look before you leap. You will love with great strength, and will demand the same love from your mate. You will travel and make friends abroad. You are generous and kind, and take great pleasure in helping others or adding to their happiness. Your birth-stone is the topaz, which means fidelity. Your flower is the chrysanthemum. Your lucky color is grey. The vail Thy Love has hung twixt it and me. —John Oxenham.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barber, M.D.

A VALUABLE SUGGESTION.

I speak frequently about the advantages of a little exercise to stimulate the lungs, to squeeze the liver. Also of the benefit of bending from side to side to squeeze both the liver and gall bladder, thus hurrying the bile along on its way.

The great benefit of Epsom Salts in cleansing the intestine has been recognized for many years, and lately it has been used to clear the bile from the liver, the bile ducts, and the gall bladder. This is where exercise is not advisable.

In connection with this treatment some French physicians have advised that after taking the salts in the morning on arising, the patient should lie on the right side for ten minutes, and wait half an hour before breakfast. This should be done daily for two weeks or a few months, even.

Now the part of the treatment that is of interest to many sufferers from indigestion, is the lying on the right side for ten minutes. This enables the stomach, usually slow or in a "dropped" position, to syphon its contents into the small intestine in a short time.

Then the waiting for a half hour before a meal means that the stomach will not only be completely emptied, but will also be rested before the meal is eaten.

The trouble with a number of these cases of indigestion, is that there is often some fermenting food in the stomach when they eat another meal, and so delay fermentation, gas formation is only a natural result.

And at these times also it would pay you to act on the advice given above, and given once before, of lying on the right side for ten minutes, about four hours after your previous meal, or at least one hour before your next meal.

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