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APPRECIATING HANDEL MUSIC

It says a great deal for a community when it maintains in its midst an organization devoted to one or other of the Arts. It says a great deal more for Charlottetown that it cordially supports one devoted to at least two of the Arts. Literature and Music, viz the Caledonian Club. By its annual concerts, by its annual series of lectures, the Caledonian Club helps to keep alive the love of Letters and Music in our midst. The Charlottetown Orchestral Society, too, is in no small measure indebted for its continued existence to the hospitality of the Caledonian Club which places its rooms at the Society's disposal; and in return the Society gives its invaluable services to the Burns Concerts.

On Thursday next the fourth of the series will be given when Rev. F.H. Littlejohns will lecture on Handel; and an excellent programme of Handel music both vocal and instrumental, will be given by the lecturer, Professor and Mrs. Fletcher and Miss Lillian MacKenzie by way of illustration. This will be something of a higher, but not less delightful, class of programme than filled four theatres recently, for the Fiddlers' contest, and there is reason to believe from its demand for tickets, that the music loving people of the city will fill the Caledonian Club rooms for the occasion.

THE OLD PATHS

Now that we are getting back to the old time fiddling and old time dancing may we not hope that we shall still further follow the injunction "Ask for the old paths and walk therein." We have wandered away from many old paths within the memory of many still living, paths which were perfectly safe and which led unerringly to happiness and right living.

The home life of a generation or so ago was one of the "old paths" and one which wielded a whole, and some influence in the community ground that it would reduce the and in the nation. Many have wondered away from it. It is a common saying today that we have no home life. It is not strictly true, although, unfortunately, there is much truth in it. There are still real homes which are "the salt of the earth," homes in which

there is family singing, family dancing, family conferences, the elevating counsel of wise parents, filial devotion, enjoyment and content. Such homes are not as common as they have been. The modern pace has carried many of them away as with a flood. The singing is done elsewhere than in the home; the dancing is done in the public dance hall. The spirit of content, born of the old home life, has given place to feverish restlessness and the insatiable thirst for new pleasures which are characteristic of modern life. The public dance hall is a potent factor in the modern drift. Here the good and the bad mingle unclassified, in unacquainted and promiscuous confusion. In the home life there is discrimination and classification. Friends mingle together, there is selection; the undesirables of society are not present. This is the vital difference between home entertainment and public entertainment and it is in the latter that the mass of the drift to criminality and immorality originates.

And there are other old paths which are not as commonly traveled as they have been. There are the various forms of mutual intellectual improvement organizations of former days which were to be found in almost every community. There has, however, in the past few years been a notable return to these. In Charlottetown a lecture series organized some six years ago has developed into a most creditable and elevating series of weekly lectures which attract large audiences.

Our sister towns of Summerside, Kensington, Montague and Georgetown have also done good work along similar lines as have also several rural communities. Summerside has an excellent public library and, we understand, is preparing for a literary course next winter. These are encouraging instances of a definite return to the old paths and we hope to see, in the not too distant future, at least as much interest taken in the intellectual side of life as is now devoted to the card table and other time-killing and health wasting amusements, all of which are helpful and necessary in their time and place but which are by no means all or even the greater part, of life.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Another week gone. Thirteen carloads of American eggs came into Montreal on Easter week to supply a demand that could easily have been filled from Canadian poultry houses.

Several parallels with the present late Spring may be found in the history of the past twenty years. Another parallel is expected, namely, the bumper crop, which in the past has invariably followed "But consider Mr. Kennedy's mental processes," says "The Ottawa Journal." "He admits that 90 Conservative ballots were switched from the Conservative candidate. He acknowledges that it was in consequence of that theft that he finds himself in parliament. But that apparently does not bother him."

Railway officials are opposed to the proposed blanket freight rate for the Maritime Provinces, on the one influence in the community ground that it would reduce the railway revenue. Would it reduce the revenue as much as the present common saying today that we have no home life. It is not strictly true, although, unfortunately, there is much truth in it. There are still real homes which are "the salt of the earth," homes in which

Notes by the Way

A new story about the buried treasure of the private Captain Kidd is to the effect that it formed the foundation of the fortune of the Astor family in New York. This is denied by descendants of the famous John Jacob Astor who maintain that his great fortune was first begun in the fur trade and largely increased by investments in real estate which rose in value very rapidly. This has long been accepted as the fact, and there is as yet no sufficient reason to doubt it.

The new story is in brief that the treasure was concealed by Kidd in a pit dug in the rock on the shore of Deer Island; that the iron chest containing gold, silver and jewels was discovered by a fisherman who had little idea of its value and sold it to Astor for \$5,000 and that in the same year Astor's bank account in London showed deposits of \$1,400,000, which was an amount far in excess of possible profits of the fur trade at that or any other time.

William Kidd is commonly spoken of as an American pirate, but was believed to have been born in Greenock, Scotland, the son of a Presbyterian minister. He at first figured as a hunter of pirates and was given command of a ship of 30 guns by a private London company to capture these marauders of the sea. In January, 1697 he reached Madagascar, but turned pirate himself. After a two years cruise he returned to the West Indies and later to Boston. There he was rested and sent to England where he was tried for piracy and murder, found guilty of the latter charge and was hanged on May 21, 1701.

An authentic account tells that "Kidd had buried a store of treasure on Gardiner's Island, off Long Island, N.Y., which was recovered, but that other treasure buried by him had not been found." So widespread was the ill-fame of Captain Kidd that although he was hanged two and a quarter centuries ago the search for his murderously acquired gold and jewels has been continued down to the present day. All along the Atlantic coast from the Gulf of Mexico to Labrador the treasure hunt has been carried on but without reliable account of any success.

Captain Kidd was reported to have made a full confession before he was hanged, the substance of which was woven into a score of verses in ballad form which we remember to have heard sung as late as 75 years ago. The first stanza began: "My name was William Kidd, As I sailed, as I sailed, And most wickedly I did, As I sailed."

The ballad recited the story of his upbringing by pious parents, the awful wickedness and cruelties he had perpetrated and the justice of his punishment. Deer Island, off the coast of Charlotte County, and what is commonly called the "Isle of Holt," a corruption of the French name Isle Haute, have both been repeatedly searched for Kidd's buried treasure. His reported words "of gold, silver and jewels of High Island in Muddy Bay," accurately describes the latter island which is situated in the Bay of Fundy near the Nova Scotia coast, and opposite to Saint Martin's, N.B.

"High Island, as it may properly be called, was thirty years ago said to be forest covered, with no clearings or dwelling houses, and to have an area of some 600 acres. About that time a curiously shaped stone with mysterious inscription indicating distance and direction, was found on the island, by a party of seekers and carried away by them to New Brunswick. But to their regret the spot indicated by the inscription had been washed away and was in comparatively deep water.

At the railway rate hearing in Moncton, the contention of the C. N. R. officials was against any reduction of rates. It appears that the lines in the Maritimes have been operated at a loss for some years past. If such has been the case has not the deficit been caused by the Canadian wheat being transported over United States railways to Portland, Boston and other American ports instead of over the C. N. R. lines to Saint John and Halifax? No section of the C. N. R. system could earn a surplus in carrying freight if it were deprived of the business which legitimately belongs to it. This appears to be the case with the C. N. R. lines in the Maritime Provinces.

To extract juice from onions, cut a slice from the root end of the onion, draw back the skin and press the onion on a coarse grater, working with a rotary motion.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

SOMETHING ABOUT BACKACHE

Most cases of backache are due to some infection from the teeth, tonsils, or other parts of the body is now admitted, but there is one type that is frequently overlooked. I refer here to both men and women who have accumulated too much flesh, and who are apt to attribute their backache to some special food they are eating, or to some infection.

The pain is not severe if present at all in the morning, but gets gradually worse during the day as they go about their ordinary duties. A rest of a few minutes or even longer will usually bring some relief. The cause of this backache is that the abdomen is usually heavy and protruding, and it pulls on the joint between the last spinal bone and the triangular shaped bone that fits in between the hip bones. The last spinal bone is pulled forward and this causes a strain or even a sprain of the joint. As there are nerves coming from between these bones these get squeezed and the pain results. As these nerves are the trunk nerves from which all the leg nerves come, the nerves of the legs are often affected, and in addition to the backache there is pain down one or both legs which is called sciatica. Some of these folks have an extremely hollow back anyway, which with a heavy protruding abdomen makes the strain on the muscles even more severe.

In some hospitals these patients lie with a pillow under the abdomen so as to push the abdomen backward and lessen the curve in the back. This gives great relief. Where the pain is not so severe, lifting the abdomen upward and backward give splendid results. However, the wisest course is not to allow yourself to put on too much weight, and if the abdomen is growing large to do the bending and twisting exercises regularly. This will prevent the curve in the back from getting worse. There are some folks who put on excess weight because their glands do not function properly, but most of us put on weight because we eat too much and exercise or work too little.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

THE HIGH PRIEST—"Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the Lord continually." Ex. 28:30.

PRAYER—"We rejoice that we have an High Priest, even Jesus, who hath been touched with the feeling of our infirmities."

GOD LIVES WITH MEN—"And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God." Ex. 29:16.

PRAYER—"Enable us, O Lord, to be conscious of Thy presence with us constantly."

"OPPORTUNITY"—They do me wrong who say I come no more, When once I knock and fail to find you in;

For every day I stand outside your door, And bid you wake, and rise to fight and win.

Wait not for precious chances passed away, Weep not for golden ages on the wane, Each night I burn the records of the day, At sunrise every soul is born again.

Laugh, like a boy, at splendors that have sped To vanished joys be blind, and deaf and dumb, My judgments seal the dead past with its dead, But never bind a moment yet to come.

Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep I lend my arm to all who say "I can!" No smothered outcast ever sank so deep. —Walter Malone.

Your Birthday

APRIL 10.—You are faithful to duty, adaptable to circumstances, loyal to friends, and enthusiastic in your work. You are strong, and surmount difficulties by sheer determination. Beware of listening to gossip and hope always for the best. Your birth-stone is a diamond, which means innocence. Your flower is a daisy. Your lucky colors are red and yellow.

APRIL 11.—You possess a considerable amount of vanity, like to

Happenings of The Week

Recently Dr. Furse, Bishop of St. Albans, sent a postcard to every clergyman in his diocese, on which were the following lines:— Give me a good digestion, Lord. And also something to digest; Give me a healthy body, Lord. And sense to keep it at its best; Give me a healthy mind, good Lord. To keep the pure and good in sight.

Which, seeing sin, is not appalled To find the way to set it right; That does not whimper, whine, or sigh; Don't let me worry overmuch, About the fussy thing called "I"; Give me a sense of humor, Lord; Give me the grace to see a joke; To get some happiness in life. And pass it on to other folk.

The members of the Guild in this city will be interested to know that Her Majesty the Queen and H. R. H. Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles received the Presidents of the Queen Mary London Needlework Guild at a tea given by Lady Mountstephen on March 8. Mrs. G. A. Heather, of Kitchener, Ontario, was among the Presidents who attended.

Mrs. Heartz, wife of the Lieutenant Governor, received last Wednesday afternoon welcoming a great many callers to her lovely home, Edgewater.

Easter Sunday was so bright and fine that all the city churches had exceptionally large congregations. The Easter music was magnificent and the floral decorations never lovelier.

The merchants were all delighted with the Easter purchases this year, and notwithstanding the icy conditions just now many pretty Spring hats and suits made their first appearance last Sunday morning.

Spring itself has not more shades of green than has the wardrobe of the modern woman of fashion today. The newest shade of this color is denominated apple green, so light that it is but a hint removed from cholera morbus yellow. In addition to the greens, the Spring color range includes browns, blues, the dove greys, violet, and winds up with bois de rose.

The G. W. V. A. dance in Prince of Wales College Hall Monday night was attended in large numbers by the younger social set who enjoyed the program to the fullest extent.

Rev. Dr. Charles R. Freeman, of the United Baptist church, of St. John, formerly of this city, has tendered his resignation to take effect June 1st. He intends spending July and August in Nova Scotia and then will probably go to the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Fairall Fisher and family, the Chateau Apartments, Montreal, have left for Atlantic City, where they will spend next week.

Many friends will be grieved to hear of the death of Mrs. Norwood Lash, of Montreal, which occurred recently from pneumonia while Mrs. Lash visited here last summer and is very kindly remembered.

The St. James' Church Tea and Bazaar was well patronized on Thursday, being an annual event of the Easter week always anticipated with pleasure.

Dickie Miles, who has been having a lovely holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Miles, is leaving Monday on return to Rothsay Boys' School.

"The Song of the Mop" is being heard everywhere, as house-cleaning is holding sway. The snow can't last for ever, and everyone wants to be ready for the "out-door" season so quickly approaching.

Mrs. (Dr.) Ayers, who has been visiting her daughter, Miss Miriam Ayers, a recent graduate of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ings, of Bideford, spent the week-end very pleasantly with the Chief Justice and Mrs. Mathieson.

dress well, and are careful of appearances at all times. You are artistic, think quickly, act slowly, and love deeply. You are tender, kind, and thoughtful, and are dearly loved by your kin and immediate household. Beware of a tendency to find fault, and appreciate your many blessings. Your birth-stone is a diamond, which means innocence. Your flower is a daisy. Your lucky colors are red and yellow.

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.

EVOLUTION THEORY

Sir,—Once in a while one sees attempts to cry down the theory of Evolution. The latest I have seen is a lecture given by a clergyman now resident in C. B. He states that the Evolution Theory is not science. This seems to be a denial of something not assumed. Can anyone deny that the theory is the best that our greatest thinkers in this sphere of science have given us, whereby we may understand to some extent the origin of a plant and animal forms as found on this planet?

He says the theory is "unproven". So also are other great theories of science which we believe. O ye clergy! Don't talk of "unproven" things. Do you not believe that a man and a woman came into this world without earthly parents, that another man had no father, and that several men ended their work in this world without dying, also that the universe is less than six thousand years old! How many of the unreasonable anecdotes mentioned in our Bibles can you "prove"?

The lecturer bids us look at our difficulties from a common-sense standpoint. Is it more sensible to believe that speech came suddenly without practice to the first man whose speech organs were rudely developed, than to believe that it came to be perfected gradually as the proper organs developed through the ages. It is next stated that Evolution is in mortal conflict with a "little book of Moses." Yes! Common sense is also in conflict with any "little book of Moses" which informs us that a man can write a true account of his own death, burial, and mourning ceremonies lasting for weeks. Some deny the Resurrection, the next statement. Considering the contradictions found in the books of the several writers on that event, one is not surprised that the Resurrection suffers as a doctrine. If Evolution demands the key of this fortress of the faith, will not Gravitation also make some demands re Resurrection and Ascension? Is this latter theory also a rival one? There was a time when it was in mortal conflict with some theological dogmas, but I think that most theologians have now succumbed to its teachings. To admit that the nearer the lower animals approach to man, the uglier they become, is no way discredits the Evolution Theory, and it is no argument either way.

The next question is: If we are creatures of Evolution, how were the angels created? Evolution relates to plant and animal life on this planet, and not to the formation of imaginary beings whose creation is not accounted for even by the man who knew all about his funeral. If the new Adam and Eve, reproduced from a single tooth (which was afterwards found to be that of a pig, or a cretin) was a joke upon a credulous scientist I would ask how much more a joke does the supposed Mosaic author play on those of us who believe that a perfectly formed woman was once produced, without the help of any man, from the rib of a "Post-Pleistocene Caperkiskin."

The lecturer then asks why evolutionists object to the question, "Is the monkey our ancestor?" Why? Because they don't teach it. The illusion to the genealogical table of Christ had better been left untouched. We have two tables in the New Testament each different from one another, and both at variance with Old Testament genealogies. According to the New Testament, neither can be the genealogy of Christ.

The question "What would the best man in the world do," is a silly thing to ask, seeing that none of us know the mind of our brother man. Still further from common sense is the query "What would the best man in the world do?"

Mr. and Mrs. Noel DeBois, of Boston and New York, received a visit to Charlottetown, Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. A. W. Weeks and Miss Lorna Weeks have returned from a ten days' visit to Moncton.

Mrs. Champion, of Alberton, spent the holidays with her daughter at Edghill.

Mr. Neil McLeod, K. C., of Summerside, who is attending the National Educational Conference in Montreal, in speaking on the Study of English, stressed the fact that English is a living language and necessarily complex. Prof. Henry Munroe, Professor of Political Economy at Dalhousie, declared that

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As to our right to the fish within these bounds, the printed evidence of the Commission shows that the Award was based almost entirely on the fact of the Americans taking their catches of mackerel in our territorial waters. The witnesses from this province were unanimous in giving evidence that these waters were depleted by the American fleets.

In view of these facts, why should our share of the Award have been grabbed? The date of our going into Confederation had no more to do with the catch of fish than the movements of the planets. That million dollars of the interest on it belongs to Prince Edward Island as legitimately as the air breathed by Islanders belongs to them; and when our claims are presented at the approaching Conference of the Maritime Provinces the share of the Award due us should be the

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would Jesus do? If as we are told he died, but is now God, or according to others a Son of God. The last remark in the lecture that man was made in the image of God only in a spiritual sense, needs no comment, as the Creationist account does not say so. The Resurrection and Ascension demands re Resurrection and Ascension? Is this latter theory also a rival one? There was a time when it was in mortal conflict with some theological dogmas, but I think that most theologians have now succumbed to its teachings. To admit that the nearer the lower animals approach to man, the uglier they become, is no way discredits the Evolution Theory, and it is no argument either way.

The Halifax Fishery Award

Prince Edward Island Practically Charged One Million Dollars to be Admitted to Confederation Our Share of \$5,000,000 Taken at Ottawa

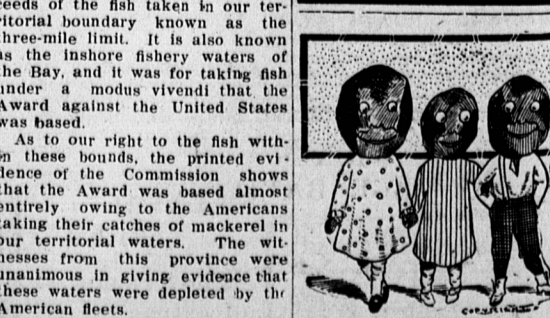
This half-century-old dispute has apparently been lost sight of for many years; but has been revived by the vast areas of territory handed over a few years ago to Ontario, Quebec, Alberta, and Saskatchewan. The matter has been discussed from various standpoints, but finally resolved itself down to an extension of territorial bounds. In those already large provinces, while holding on with a death-like grip to the fruit of our territorial waters in the Bay St. Lawrence.

For the information of young readers let us explain the Award of the Fishery Commission at Halifax back in 1872 was held to appraise the value of the right of the United States to take fish within the three-mile limit of Canadian territory, and the sum awarded amounted to \$5,000,000. It was conceded on all sides that our share of this Award was not less than \$1,000,000. But imagine the amazement of Islanders on learning that our representatives at Ottawa were met at the threshold of the Government there and informed that inasmuch as our Colony was booked to enter Confederation on July 1st, 1873, and the Award had been received from the United States on the same day and date we had forfeited our share and it had passed to the Dominion of Canada, — Newfoundland not having entered the Confederacy received her share. There the matter has stood ever since, notwithstanding the fact that our province has since sent delegation after delegation to Ottawa seeking financial relief from Canada. Thus we see that while the above-named provinces had their already large territories enlarged, we had our already small territory diminished by laying violent hands on the proceeds of the fish taken in our territorial boundary known as the three-mile limit. It is also known as the inshore fishery waters of the Bay, and it was for taking fish under a modus vivendi that the Award against the United States was based.

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