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NECESSITY

Necessity has been called the "mother of invention"; it is more; it is—if not the mother—a very near relative, to effort. We, voluntarily, do much less than most of us imagine. It is the few that are driven to work by the love of work; the many that are driven to it by necessity. Food, raiment and comfort must be provided. Where the means to provide these are not at hand we are compelled to work and out of this compulsion the world's progress and prosperity are developed.

Necessity is a great driver, a great builder, a great developer. The man or the nation that has not known it has not only missed much but, in very many cases, has failed to make good.

Denmark, the greatest dairying and hog-raising country in the world, a country that has outstripped all other nations in agricultural development, was not so long ago one of the poorest countries in Europe, so poor that emigration became almost the only alternative to starvation and was only not resorted to because the people were so poor that they could not raise the means to take them out of the country. Thus, face to face with starvation they set to work; they procured men who knew what was needed to develop what agricultural resources they had, and poor resources they were. They succeeded, and, within a few years, made a name for themselves and captured the world's markets. Instances might be multiplied of men as well as nations who have worked out their salvation out of actual poverty.

In this highly favored province of ours we are practically all, if not rich, at least comparatively well off. Our farms produce sufficient for our needs and a little more; the wolf has never put in an appearance and the future promises to continue to us at least as much as we have had in the past and with this we have learned to be content. This is one of the dangers of continued prosperity, one of the causes that result in stagnation.

It has been said, and with considerable appearance of truth, that one of the main reasons why we have so few industries in Prince Edward Island is that our people are too well off to bother with investments that yield only a small yearly dividend, such as most industries do. If there is a big thing, say, a gold mine, or an oil well, in some unknown western mining camp that promises, according to the promoter, to yield two to five hundred per cent., or even a fox proposition that promises one or two hundred per cent. profit, we become sufficiently interested to put some money in it, but the little things which while yielding from eight to ten per cent. direct, and many times that indirectly in benefit to the province, we are well enough off to get along without.

We need to be pushed. We are not doing enough when we merely provide a living for ourselves and a little legacy for those who follow us. We are not doing enough, unless we are making our country the better for our having lived in it, unless we are adding to the permanent welfare of our country by contributing to its industries and its institutions.

Personal necessity will not drive us to this but a spirit of pure patriotism and altruism must take its place and will take its place if we are true to ourselves and to our country.

CANADA'S WAR EFFORT

Through a regrettable mix-up between reinforcements and recruits in yesterday's Guardian the number of soldiers enlisted in Canada since the beginning of the war was erroneously given. The following statistics, officially confirmed, will be valuable for information and future reference: The total number of enlistments in the Canadian Expeditionary Force from the beginning of the war to 30th June, 1918, including those under the Military Service Act, was 552,601. The number who had actually gone overseas on June 30, 1918, was 383,523.

There were in Canada on that date C.E.F. troops to the number of 61,143 and in addition to these 5,900 embarked, but not yet sailed from Canada.

Of troops who had gone overseas 26,537 were recruited under the Military Service Act.

The total casualties in the Canadian Expeditionary Force up to June 30, 1918, numbered 159,084. Of these 27,040 were

killed in action; 9,280 died of wounds; 113,007 were wounded; 2,257 died of disease; 2,774 were prisoners of war; 4,342 presumed dead and 384 missing.

Of the wounded and sick 30,000 to 40,000 returned to France for further service and about 50,000 returned to Canada.

THE CZECHOSLOVAKS

In the course of an article touching upon the recognition by the British Government of the Czechoslovaks, as a free nation, the New York Times says: The Czechoslovaks are a fighting force, they are arrayed against the enemies of the Allies in Russia, in Italy, and in France. They have a land, a broad belt stretching across the northern part of the Dual Monarchy, including Bohemia, Moravia, and part of Hungary. But their home land is under the control of Austria. Many Czechoslovaks, much against their will, are still numbered as Austrian troops. If they have a Government, it must be their National Council, which has its sittings in Paris; Great Britain recognizes this Council "as the supreme organ of the Czechoslovak national interests and as the present trustee of the future Czechoslovak Government to exercise supreme authority over this allied and belligerent army." We suppose Professor Masaryk must be considered the chief of their State. Manifestly, this people does not exhibit the conditions usually held to be prerequisite to recognition. But if the Czechoslovaks do not possess the Government and the territory of a nation, they have the soul of a nation, which, in the circumstances of this war and, considering their noble behaviour, constitutes a high and serious title to recognition. France and Italy recognized them some time ago. Our own Government might with great propriety concur in the action of its partners in the war. It could, in that way, make compensation for what we must regard as the serious mistake of delaying too long the dispatch of troops for the relief and encouragement of the brave men of that nationality—we may now speak of them as having a nationality—fighting for the cause of the Allies in Siberia and who, with proper support, might change the whole eastern front of the war and give the Russian people the help they need to re-establish a Government.

The acceptance of any terms of peace which do not recognize their aspirations to freedom and accord to them at least the opportunity to win their independence is not to be expected of the Czechoslovaks. There are 10,000,000 of them, and they may be counted among the small nations that desire deliverance from German control and tyranny, not less German in quality and effect even though it come from Vienna.

AN AMERICAN TRIBUTE

We owe England a cheer for this. The old girl is game. She has, in the nautical phrase of one of her own favorite sons—and ours—laid a point closer to the wind for us than a man could expect of his own married wife. She has stood by at every crisis from the start. Her destroyer fleet took the sea before ours was ready and battled the submarine at a time when it seemed that monster might dispute our passage. She sent us coal last winter when thousands of tons of ships were tied up in our own harbors for want of fuel. Let's not forget it, England's been a good neighbor and a good ally right through the time when most of the flowers were being sent down to the footlights were marked for her co-star, La Belle France. Let's not forget that she never failed to join her voice to ours in acclaiming that wonderful people—and kept right on doing hard, practical, handy jobs for us.—Kansas City Star.

A TRIBUTE TO CANADA

Writing in the August issue of the World's Work, Mr. Thomas Gregory, after analyzing the systems of all the warring nations, concludes "Canada has come nearer to working out a complete and unified scheme for the care of the war cripple than has any of the other countries engaged in fighting Germany. . . . Canada's conclusions as to the war cripple, therefore, should be the best lamp-post for our guidance."

NOTES

"Through the end of the tunnel into the broad daylight of God's sun again," Mr. Lloyd George calls it in his speech to his fellow Welshmen. He sees "peace, real peace," ahead. The Boston Transcript prints the timely warning:—"Let us not see peace too near. We may be through the tunnel, but there is a considerable strip of the line in front of us, and the word now should be 'Full steam ahead!'"

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS IN ANNUAL SESSION

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias held its annual meeting in Summerside opening Tuesday morning and continuing yesterday. There was a large attendance, some sixty delegates being present.

The Grand Chancellor Commander Robert B. Shipp, St. John presided. In his annual report Mr. Shipp referred to the efforts put forth in raising funds for the Pythian War Relief Work which although at first discouraging, resulted fairly satisfactorily. It is expected the fund will amount to \$1,000 by September 1st. The members were asked to contribute one dollar each, which in view of the great need and the worthlessness of the cause, was not considered excessive.

At the afternoon session the Lodge received a delegation from the Pythian Sisters, the delegation consisting of Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Carter.

The question of increasing the per capita tax taken up at the last annual meeting, was discussed and action deferred.

A vote to assess all subordinate Lodges one dollar per member was adopted and the sum of \$1500 was voted out of the general fund to be invested in war bonds.

The Keeper of the Records reported a total membership on June 30th of 3,577, a falling off during the year of 46, total receipts for the year \$11,510 and total expenditure \$10,816. The latter amount included \$2139, sick benefits; \$809 Relief; \$1535 funeral benefits.

The election of Officers resulted as follows:—

- Grand Chancellor, L. J. Soley, Port Greville, N. S.
Vice Grand Chancellor, R. B. Wallace, Fredericton, N. B.
Grand Prelate, D. M. Corcoran, Sydney, C. B.
Grand Keeper of the Records and Seals, James Moulson, St. John, N. B.
Grand Master at Arms, J. S. Lord, St. Stephen, N. B.
Grand Master of the Exchequer, J. P. Polley, St. Stephen, N. B.
Grand Inner Guard, B. Roy Holman, Charlottetown
Grand Outer Guard, W. R. Morton, Halifax, N. S.
Grand Trustee, E. W. Morrow, Halifax, N. S.

In the evening a public meeting was held at Past "Chancellor" J. E. Wyatt presiding. The programme comprised addresses by the chairman by Mayor Morrison who handed over to the visitors the "Key to the eastern gate" Consul W. A. Pierce, Mr. S. J. Lord of St. Stephen, N. B. Grand Master-at-arms, Mrs. Elizabeth McKenzie, Grand Mailer Halifax, and Mayor Wright of Charlottetown, a vocal quartette by Mrs. Brundage and Mrs. Linkletter, Messrs Bruce Johnson and Pte. William Forbes, vocal solos by Miss Laura Hurst, and Mrs. Brundage.

The Pythian Sisters, Grand Temple also met yesterday, with the Grand Chief, Mrs. Alma Foster, Woodstock in the chair.

This Grand Temple was organized for the Maritime Provinces, only last September and this was the first annual meeting.

There are eight temples and the total membership is 265 Knights and 501 Sisters. They are an auxiliary of the Knights and are engaged in charitable and altruistic work. Last year they devoted their efforts mainly to Red Cross Work.

The Finance Committee reported

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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ONLY A VOLUNTEER

Why didn't I wait to be DRAFTED, And be led to the train by a band? (Or out on a claim of exemption) Oh, why did I hold up my hand?

Why didn't I wait for the banquet, Why didn't I wait to be cheered, For the drafted men got the credit While I merely VOLUNTEERED.

Nobody gave me a banquet, Nobody said a kind word, The puff of the engine, the grind of the wheels, Was the only good-bye that I heard.

Then off the training camp hustled, To be drilled for the next half-year, And all in the shuffle forgotten, For I'm only a VOLUNTEER!

But, perhaps, some day in the future, When a little child sits on my knee, And asks what I did in the Great War, And the little eyes look up at me,

I will have to look back into those eyes, That at me so trustingly peer, And confess that I wasn't drafted, I was only a VOLUNTEER!

finances to be in a healthy condition with a balance on hand of \$283.07.

The following Officers were elected:

- Grand Chief, Mrs. Ida White, Amherst, N. S.
Grand Senior, Mrs. May King, Woodstock, N. B.
Grand Junior, Mrs. Elizabeth MacKenzie, Halifax, N. S.
Grand Mistress of Records and Seals, Miss Emma Munroe, Westville, N. S.
Grand Mistress of Finance, Mrs. Laura Smith, Springhill, N. S.
Grand Preceptor, Mrs. Mabel Carter, St. Stephen, N. B.
Grand Guard, Mrs. L. Mason, New Glasgow, N. S.
Past Grand Chief, Mrs. Alma Foster, Woodstock, N. B.
Supreme Representative, Mrs. Georgia Hawley, St. Stephen, N. B.

Yesterday after the regular sessions had been concluded, the members were entertained by Crescent Lodge, Summerside, to an automobile drive and clam bake.

YOUR PROBLEMS SOLVED

BY REV. T.S. LINSOTT, D. D. (All rights reserved)

Dr. Linscott in this column will help you solve our heart problems, religious, natural, social, financial and every other anxious care that perplexes you. If a personal answer is required enclose a five-cent stamp. No names will be published; if you prefer, sign your initials only; or use a pseudonym.

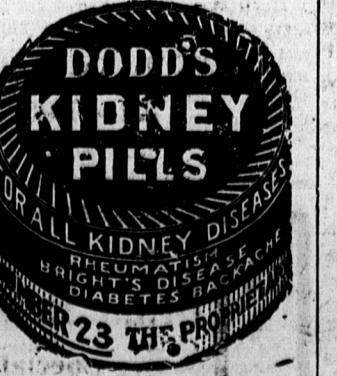
Self-Reliance: Henry asks: "Why do all writers on success and happiness emphasize self-reliance?" Because self-reliance leads to strength and virility and therefore to success and happiness. The weak man goes to the wall. The strong man wins the fight. The self-reliance is the strong man. Self-reliance has the magic power of bringing out and utilizing the reserve forces in our nature—physical, mental and spiritual.

God in the World: "Robert H." asks: "Does God always take sides in the wars of the nations, and does His side always win?" God does not always take sides in the wars of the nations because there are generally faults on both sides, but He evidently does take sides in some wars. For illustration, if a big bully were to attack an innocent boy and try to kill him God evidently would be on the side of innocence. In the great world war I cannot see how God can be on the side of Germany. All the evidence points to the fact that none of the Allies wanted war, but, on the contrary, clearly shows that Germany was thoroughly prepared for war and was glad of an opportunity to declare it. God's side always wins in the long run.

FOOD BOARD FLASHES FOR FEMINE FOLK

Are you slowing up on your food conservation program because the harvest is at hand, and we have had reassuring news from Britain? Don't!

Just remember that the Allied Food Controllers, meeting in London some weeks ago, passed a resolution to the effect that increased production, rigid economy, and the elimination of waste of all kinds, must be continued. Large emergency drafts may have to be sent to Europe! It is impossible to tell yet how the harvest crops will turn out. We must build up reserves for all we are worth on this continent. There is not an ounce of superfluous food in Europe and there is actual starvation in countries which have been over-run by the Germans. We cannot afford to abate our efforts a whit.



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SOLDIERS IN FRANCE PRAISE Y. M. C. A.

The soldiers in the trenches, who are in a position to know are indignantly resenting the criticism against the Military Y. M. C. A. recently indulged in by certain alleged returned soldiers. The following abstract from one who has been at the front for over two years expresses the feeling there very clearly.

There has been a lot of talk in Canadian papers lately about the Y. M. C. A. in France and there seems to be a deliberate campaign against it. I want to say that next to the Red Cross the Canadian Y. M. C. A. is about the finest organization in France and no praise is too high. The Y. M. C. A. goes right to the trenches and I have heard fellows from Passchendaele say it was the hot tea and cocoa provided free by the Red Triangle that kept them on their feet. Personally I know that when this Brigade was detached from the rest of the Canadians the Y. M. C. A. man used to load a lorry with goods, though he had to scour France to get them and came round to the different Batteries with them, and besides that he kept us in books, base balls, and gramophone records, which in itself is no small thing. I have never been

over charged in the matter of goods, and in most cases have been astonished at their cheapness, many things being sold at Canadian prices. Those fellows that run down the Y. M. C. A. have probably never been nearer the line than Boulogne, and don't know what they are talking about. The boys over here are justly indignant at the dirty slanders that are on the go and it is time something was done to stop them.

THE FLIGHT OF BIRDS

Many aviators have made notes of the heights at which they have encountered birds. The observations of a French aviation officer disclose an evident preference of swallows for a height of two thousand feet, but other birds go higher and last March he met plover at six thousand five hundred feet, the greatest altitude at which he has yet seen bird groups. Wild duck make their migrations at about five thousand feet. They follow the twists and turns of their leader with extraordinary agility, and the whole flock has the appearance of manoeuvring automatically. They climb at sixty-five miles an hour, then travel at seventy miles.

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