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HIGHER EDUCATIONAL NOTE

That the peace and happiness of the world depends upon the education of its people may, we think, be accepted without elaboration. And by "education" we do not mean the mastery of the curricula of our schools, colleges and universities, but, these not excluded, the cultivation and development of all that is inherently good in men and women. We say, inherently good, advisedly, for hereditary depravity to the contrary notwithstanding, every mentally and physically healthy child born into the world brings with it the natural equipment for development into same moral and spiritual manhood or womanhood. It is because of the environment, the wrong training, the false standards amongst which he grows that he "seeks out many inventions."

The need of this higher note in our education is now recognized by the best educationalists in all civilized countries. Proof of this may be found in such institutions as the recently organized National Council of Education, a subject already dealt with in this issue by Mr. Neil McLeod, K.C., Summerside, who will continue the discussion in future articles, all of which we heartily commend to our readers.

The movement in the direction of higher ideals in education, a higher standard of citizenship, is becoming world-wide and it is not too much to hope that in the not distant future the measure of success shall be not what one has, but what one is.

In this province we have long prided ourselves on our excellent system of education, a system which we hope is being steadily developed and improved. We have sent out from our schools splendidly equipped men and women who have done credit to their own country and have helped to develop other countries. We have trained and are training our young men and women to make money, to enjoy life, to build up better farms and better business. We have placed the emphasis more upon these than upon the larger life, the life of service for humanity, the life of usefulness, the life of real citizenship, the life of the Golden Rule. The aim of the world's educationalists is to sound this higher note that the universal Fatherhood and the universal brotherhood shall eventually be universally recognized. Let us in the schools and colleges and homes of our province also sound this higher note; let us, "with all our getting get wisdom," let us get all that our schools can give us in the way of knowledge, remembering always that knowledge is not education or manliness or womanliness. These belong to the higher note and the higher note calls for character-building.

WHAT ABOUT KENNEDY?

We note that the Supreme Court of Canada does not approve of "Baldy" Robb's method of electing Mr. Kennedy, one of the Liberal stalwarts in the King Government. Mr. Baldy Robb, it will be remembered, was sentenced by a Lower Court to five years in the penitentiary for so successfully manipulating the ballots in a Peace River constituency as to add one more, and a much needed one, to the shattered majority of Premier King. Mr. "Baldy" thought, in 84 cases no arrests had been made of the service he had rendered within one year after commission of the crime.

entirely out of proportion to the good he had done, and, especially, in view of the fact that the man whom he had elected in this unusual way had been gratefully taken to the bosom of the King majority in the House. So he appealed to the Supreme Court. That body of jurists, it appears, has no sentiment; the bald facts of the case only were considered; "Baldy" had clearly violated the cast iron rules of the Elections Act; the hard-hearted court threw out Baldy's appeal, and so, presumably, he goes to the pen to serve out his five years; that is, if there is no intervention such as has done good service in the case of the smugglers.

But what about the man Kennedy, whom he elected? Kennedy is one of the men who have saved the King Government from defeat on more than one occasion; in fact, he did it alone once, when the Government's majority was reduced to one. Had there been no Kennedy then the King Government would have been "non est inventus." Had there been no "Baldy" there would have been no Kennedy and again the King Government would have been as if it were not.

Some extremists will no doubt say that it is not fair that Kennedy should be sitting comfortably in the House of Commons while Baldy is doing time in the penitentiary, but such is life, and such are the ways of crooks and courts and some politicians. There is some reason for believing that the distribution of favors in this world is not just as it ought to be.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Our May flowers will be June flowers this year.

That the weather has some effect upon the imagination is evident from the paucity of 24th of May fish stories this season.

Auto roads are now generally open for more or less comfortable travel, much less in certain spots. Summerside came to the city and the city went to Summerside this week, and while both got mud on their wheels in doing it they feel that they are once more united and able to mingle their jubilant honks in pleasant cadence.

The city was full of happy young men and women yesterday, their college term was over once more and the evil days of re-opening are too far away to give any present concern. Of course, some were happier than others, because they had passed the great ordeal of examinations successfully. The others have our sympathies but, "there is always tomorrow" and a second chance.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of New York, notes that in the three years, 1922 to 1924, 611 of its policy-holders in the United States met deaths by criminal violence. Deducting 86 which were justifiable homicides, that is, persons killed by officers of the law while criminally engaged, only eight death sentences were passed and only seven have been carried out in respect of the remaining 525 assailants. Fifty-four committed suicide and 13 died before arraignment. In 84 cases no arrests had been made of the service he had rendered within one year after commission of the crime.

Notes by the Way

The Parliament Building proper and the Eastern and Western Blocks at Ottawa were built in the early sixties of last century and were first occupied as the official headquarters of the Government in 1866. But long ago the Civil Service became so numerous that more room was required to shelter them. Thereupon new wings were added to the Departmental Blocks on Parliament Square, and later the Lansdown Block and other Government buildings were built elsewhere in the city and were at once filled with the overflowing numbers of Civil Servants who had become an army in numbers. This army is known as the Inside Civil Service to distinguish it from the Outside Service whose detachments large and small are located in every city, town and village in the land.

Some twenty years ago the Government of the day began purchasing and leasing other buildings in Ottawa to provide still more room for the Inside Service and as one Government gave place to another more buildings were leased until now there are 73 of these leased buildings in Ottawa, mostly of large size, occupied by members of the Inside Service. These are in addition to the 12 main buildings before referred to, which were erected by the Government for the same purpose, making 85 different buildings in all.

Of course, it costs something to pay the rent of these 73 leased buildings, but the Dominion is rich and has great resources. Does the reader venture to make a guess that this rent may amount to \$100,000? In fact, it costs more than that. Yes, more, and a good deal more. The year's rent bill is \$680,000. That makes an average yearly rental of \$9,000 per building. Ottawa landlords do not rent their buildings for a song.

These buildings are widely scattered about the city. This adds greatly to the cost of administration. There are some twenty different departments and one of these, the Department of the Interior, occupies 16 of these rented buildings, besides a part of one of the Government blocks. That is, of course, an exceptional case. Still there is another Department, that of Militia and Defence, that utilizes 10 rented buildings. Fancy a Minister or Deputy Minister of the Interior setting out on a round of calls to see how the work was going on, who are at their desks and who are absent, and giving half an hour to each of these 16 buildings.

He would order his limousine, and instruct his liveried chauffeur to move lively, as he had much to do. Once on the way the uniformed man at the wheel would step on the gas and the car would go rushing forward with impetuous speed. But still it would take time to drive half way across a big city and locate the first and then the second of his departmental buildings. He would not find everything quite to his liking, time would be lost in hearing complaints and giving instructions and the forenoon would be gone by the time he left the third building. After that other duties would seem more important, or other pleasures more attractive and the round tour would be abandoned.

This is imaginary, but it might happen. True, it isn't done. The system of providing office rooms for the Inside Service is a crazy one and would not be tolerated by any company or firm engaged in large affairs. And the Inside Service is really engaged upon big business. They are a numerous body of high salaried men and deserving of better housing and facilities for doing their work. The system was never planned by anybody. "It just grew," like Topsy and has been topsy-turvy for a quarter of a century past.

And what is the remedy proposed? We are told that the Civil Service Commission in its annual report has recommended that new buildings be erected by the Government so that the officials and employees of each Department may be located completely together as they were long ago, and that the leasing of privately owned buildings for official use be ended. That is easily said, but will be difficult to effect. In the meantime something has happened to the Commission that made the recommendation. Two of its three members resigned a month or so ago, because of certain revelations, and no successors to them have yet been appointed. The Commission may perhaps be abolished and the old time and bad system of patronage restored.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

RADIUM FOR SKIN CANCER

The Huntington Hospital in Boston has made a study of the effects of radium in treating cancer of the skin.

Although many of the cases were naturally in old folks, the average age being about sixty, nevertheless they were able to trace the results in 203 cases out of 265 that were treated.

Their figures are certainly a loss to us in that every obstinate sore on the skin should be investigated thoroughly, because delays are dangerous. They were able to show that if these skin cancers were discovered early, and treated with radium, that over 80% were cured.

Where the case had advanced to some extent cures were affected in 38% of the cases, whereas if delayed too long radium seemed to be of no avail.

The records showed that skin cancer was found to be just as prevalent in women as in men whereas former statistics would seem to show that it occurred much more frequently in men.

Another point they were able to establish was occupation, whether indoors or out, did not seem to make any difference, whereas former records seemed to prove that skin cancer occurred more frequently "with those who have long followed outdoor occupations."

Their series of cases showed that less than 30% of the men and women worked outdoors.

The average number of treatments given these cases was three. After the first treatment, there was a skin reaction or irritation, but in two or three weeks the irritation had subsided, and repair had set in.

The patient begins to feel an itching sensation about five days after the treatment, immediately the part becomes very red and inflamed, and at the end of ten days an ulceration starts.

At the end of a couple of weeks repair sets in, the symptoms disappear, the healing begins. At the end of three weeks, rarely four or five weeks, the reaction entirely ceases.

Although radium is rare and expensive, nevertheless no case of skin cancer need go untreated, as most of the hospitals are willing to treat cases where the patient hasn't the necessary money.

However my point as mentioned above, is that no "old sore" should be allowed to remain anywhere on the body without a thorough examination as to the possibility of it being a skin cancer, because early treatment with radium gives such splendid results.

So affairs move on and the Dominion pays over two thousand dollars a day for every working day of the year in rent to shelter the overflow of the Inside Service at Ottawa.

Our Great Problem of National Education

By NEIL McLEOD, K. C. (Special to the Guardian)

My Dear Editor:—This, I suppose, you will consider a rather belated response to your request of some weeks ago for some impressions of the National Conference on Education and Citizenship held in Montreal last April. When your letter reached me I was in no condition to give much thought or consideration to conferences, educational or other, and you know that when illness in any form lays its hold on a man no longer young its scars are readily removed. Not that this is offered as an adequate plea for my belated response but it may serve at least in the present instance as a plea in abatement.

The Montreal conference was the third of the series of triennial conferences held under the auspices of the National Council of Education, for Canada, the first having been held at Winnipeg in 1919 and the second in Toronto in 1923. The National Council itself is distinctly the outcome of a Western movement, having had its orientation in Winnipeg just seven years ago. The first meeting was chiefly financed by the Rotary Club, and notably by the expenses of bringing its aims and purposes to the knowledge of other Canadian communities and so secure their interest and co-operation a fund was raised, also largely in the West, to which five private citizens of Winnipeg had each contributed the sum of one thousand dollars. This alone should serve to indicate not only the recognition by these patriotic men of the need of such an organization in Canada but their strong faith in what was to result from it in the formation of ideals and the development of character.

But while this is true as applied to Canada, and while the movement took concrete form and expression in this country in the organization of the National Council, it was itself, as the Executive Secretary says in his report, part of a world-wide awakening for a desire to make education serve mankind, to serve its spiritual rather than its material needs.

While these ideals as to the importance of organized education had always been more or less clearly recognized, it was during the post-war period of reconstruction that they had attained to unprecedented prominence. The great leaders of thought—the men of countries had come to recognize that if the old international jealousies and suspicions were to be eliminated and made to give way to mutual faith and understanding and good will this could only be effected by the adoption of a higher and more spiritual conception of education and this could only be brought about by an appeal through organized education to the younger and growing generations to whose keeping must be committed the trust and the duty of carrying forward the torch of civilization to wider limits and a higher standard.

These views were forcefully and

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Daily Lessons In English

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "yours is different than mine." Say "from mine."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: violet. Pronounce vi-o-let, not vi-let.

OFTEN MISPELLED: a revolver.

SYNONYMS: healthy, healthful, hale, hearty, well, vigorous, strong, sound, hygienic, sanitary.

WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: AUGMENT; to increase; enlarge; intensify. "The shouts of both parties augmented the fearful din."

YOUR BIRTHDAY

MAY 29.—You have an interesting sort of personality, making you attractive even to some people who do not exactly like you. A knack of getting over difficulties even when to other people they seem almost insurmountable. A good many May 29 people neglect their health in small ways, and the result is that they accomplish less than they otherwise would. Strive to live out of doors as much as you can.

Your birth-stone is an emerald, which means success in love. Your flower is a lily. Your lucky colors are red and yellow.

MAY 30.—You are inclined to be dictatorial, and are quick to anger, although filled with remorse immediately your temper gets beyond control. You are fond of literature of the higher type, like society, particularly if you can associate with bright, witty people, and are fond of travel. You are faithful to your duties, even though they are irksome. Treasure love when it comes to you.

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Happenings of The Week

Golf is an easy game to play, a fact which I can prove. The little ball you want to hit is one that will not move. It stays exactly where it lies until you stroke it made. And that it's going to dodge your club you needn't be afraid; So take your time and play your stroke, and let the blow be true. And flex your wrists and twist your hips—that's all you have to do.

There's nothing to the game of golf. Stand up and play the shot. But never try to hit the ball with every ounce you've got. Have patience, get some self-control and practice day by day. And train your muscles and your head your bidding to obey. Then work and wait for fifty years, though golfers good are few. Just learn to give the club a chance—that's all you have to do.

Little Princess Elizabeth, baby daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, second son of the King, was the guest at a luncheon in honor of the fifty-ninth birthday of Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday. The baby Princess nurse carried her charge to the Palace gate and showed her to a number of women and girls gathered there. The Queen received many presents of flowers and telegrams including many from the various regiments with which she is associated throughout the city. Flags were flying and bells were ringing in her honor.

The Prince of Wales will not visit Calgary and his ranch for some time and probably not this year, according to Mayor G. H. Webster, of Calgary, who had an audience with the Prince at St. James' Palace, when he was in England recently. According to the Mayor, the Prince was greatly interested in conditions here, and asked a number of questions about Canada.

Anticipating her forthcoming visit to America, the Crown Princess of Sweden is doing much shopping in London. In Sweden it is not the vogue to wear elaborate attire and a visit to the United States demands something different than Sweden offers. The Crown Princess, with her young sisters-in-law, the Marchioness of Milford Haven and Lady Louis Mountbatten, therefore have spent a good deal of time in the various select modist establishments of London.

Premier and Mrs. J. D. Sewari are leaving this morning for Ottawa, where Premier Stewart will attend a conference of Provincial Premiers to be held in the Capital on June 7th. Premier Ferguson, of Ontario, is the organizer of the conference, and it is understood that it will be held under the chairmanship of Hon. J. A. Robb, Finance Minister. In the agenda, matters of common interest to the provinces to be discussed at this conference include succession duties, Western lands, and uniform company laws between the provinces.

Golf enthusiasts are finding the weather very disappointing, but are looking forward to an early return of bright sunshine to dry up the links. The tea hostesses today will be Mrs. C. H. B. Longworth, Mrs. T. G. Taylor, Mrs. H. E. Miller, Miss E. Longworth, and Miss R. Heartz.

Afternoon tea will also be served at the Golf Links on the King's Birthday, another holiday everyone is hoping will shine bright and fair. On this occasion those serving will be Mrs. A. B. Warburton, Mrs. E. H. Duvar, Miss Hobkirk.

Mrs. Rogers, wife of Mr. R. H. Rogers, Principal of Prince Street school, was hostess yesterday afternoon at a prettily arranged tea in honor of Miss Laura Scott, one of Charlottetown's oldest and highly respected teachers, who, after many years of devoted service is retiring as Vice-Principal of Prince Street school with the closing of the June term. Old friends and fellow-workers passed a delightful social hour in which dainty refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Miss Ruth Ayers and Miss Thelma Burns. Mrs. Henry Smith presided over the tea cups and Mrs. H. H. Shaw cut the ices. Refreshments were followed by an impromptu program which was also most enjoyable. Miss Scott's popularity was attested to by the many good wishes extended to her for the long and delightful holiday she is anticipating.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. O'Reilly, of Notre Dame de Grace, formerly of Charlottetown, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jean, to Mr. William Stewart-Stavert, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stavert, of Montreal.

Rev. Wofford Ryan, who with Mrs. Ryan have been spending a delightful vacation in Bermuda, was in Auburn this week, visiting his father, Rev. William Ryan, before going to Sackville to attend Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Rogers and Miss Edith Rogers left Wednesday on a short trip to Erie. They will motor home.

Summer furs are new and picturesque. They are mostly of long-haired fur this season, preferably fox, in double the usual animal length. They thus admit of most graceful draping possibilities. The head and paws are not used in making these scarves.

Mrs. T. H. White, Prince Street, entertained at a small but delightful bridge Thursday, in honor of Miss Thompson, R.N., of Montreal.

Mrs. Ernest Coffin left Thursday morning on a holiday trip to her home in Florenceville, N.B.

Mrs. J. G. Jamieson and her sister, Miss Trennaman, left Wednesday morning for Halifax to attend the funeral on Thursday of their sister, Mrs. Charles N. Butcher, whose death took place in Calgary following a very serious operation. Mrs. Butcher is very kindly remembered here.

Mr. Gene Pearson, famed female impersonator, who was seen in the show presented by the "Originals" in the Prince Edward Theatre, is being sought after by London, England, theatre interests. Mr. Pearson has been communicated with by the Oswald Stoll interests, they being desirous of his making a European tour under their management. He is also being urged by the Keith-Albee theatre corporation, of New York, to contract with them for appearances on their circuit. It is not known yet which of these offers Mr. Pearson will accept.

One of the most popular engagements of the season announced this week is that of Miss Helen Mathieson, daughter of Chief Justice and Mrs. Mathieson, and Mr. Frank B. Chauvin, son of Mr. H. N. Chauvin, K.C., and Mrs. Chauvin, of Montreal.

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the engagement of their daughter, Jean, to Mr. William Stewart-Stavert, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stavert, of Montreal. Mrs. Roy Quigley held her post-nuptial reception last Wednesday afternoon at her pretty home, 32 Brighton Road. The numerous callers were admitted by Miss Mary McNutt, who gracefully attended the door. Mrs. Quigley, modestly gownned in mauve Georgette, heavily embroidered with silver and crystal beads, was assisted in receiving her welcome guests by Mrs. W. E. Cotton, who wore a smart dress of blue Georgette over figured foulard, with chic hat. The visitors were ushered to the dining room by Mrs. Reuben McDonald.

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