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OUR SCHOOLS

In the addresses given at the closing exercises in Prince of Wales College the stirrings of the new movement in education were very apparent. The need of better equipment on the part of the teachers, the need of more interest on the part of the parents, the need of better housing for the schools were emphasized. The importance of laying foundations, of more thoroughly training the children in the elementary subjects was touched upon and the fact clearly pointed out that without efficient teachers it is impossible to have satisfactory primary schools, impossible also to receive as satisfactory results from Prince of Wales College as would be the case were the students thoroughly trained in the primary schools.

Prince of Wales College has long been looked upon as one of the foremost educational institutions in Canada. Its students for many years past have been going out to fill places of distinction in all professions. These students came from the elementary schools, many of them from the country. It was very largely on the training that they received in these schools that their success in Prince of Wales College and in their professional career depended.

The bane of our schools for many years past has been the insufficiency of the salaries paid to teachers. A generation ago the salaries paid to teachers, although not as large as at present were, in comparison with the remuneration in other employments, fairly generous. Since then, however, salaries in all other callings have increased. The average employee on the farm, in the store, in the factory has almost if not quite doubled his wages. With this increase the salaries paid to teachers have not kept pace and for that reason other employments and other professions have attracted our best young men leaving the schools largely in the hands of women, most of them young and remaining in the profession only until a more remunerative position offers. And the waiting is usually of short duration especially for the ambitious and the capable.

Within the past few years the government has done much to remedy this condition. As far as the meagre revenue of the province would permit they have increased the teacher's salaries and offered inducements and encouragements by way of bonuses for efficiency etc., Yet, notwithstanding these additions the fact remains that the salaries available to teachers and the inducements to remain in the profession are in many cases less attractive than the many other opportunities which are open to them and the result, even in the face of recent improvements is that a very large proportion of our schools must remain for some time to come in the hands of young teachers who remain in the profession only until a better vocation presents itself.

Is there no remedy? The government has increased its annual grant for education to a point at which it has been accused of extravagance; has increased it practically to the limit of its resources compatible with its obligations in other directions. The remedy then lies in the hands of the people. Those school districts which are sufficiently interested in the education of their children must pay the price, must so increase their supplement to the teacher's salary as to secure the best teacher available and to retain his services when secured. And such an undertaking on the part of a school district and in such a cause should not be too

much to expect. The education of the children, the preparation of them for life's duties is surely of infinitely more value than the preparation of our hogs and cattle and horses for market and yet we spend lavishly on these. True, from these latter we may get quick returns but from the children also we shall get returns, in usefulness or uselessness, in good or bad citizenship according as we prepare them for their life's work. The efficiency of our schools is the measure of the preparation we give our children, and that efficiency will depend very largely on the liberality with which we support them. The annual school meetings to be held shortly should see a substantial increase in all expenditures for school purposes and particularly for increases to teachers' salaries.

GIRDING AT GENEROSITY

During the sitting of the Legislature the Leader of the Opposition and his friends carried on vigorous campaigns against the Hon. J. A. McNeill and the Hon. Charles Dalton. The first campaign came to a disastrous termination when the Government introduced a resolution to give Mr. Bell and his colleagues an opportunity to prove their allegations. They immediately beat a hasty retreat and ended with adulations as nauseous as their previous allegations were extravagant and unfounded.

The second campaign was continued almost to the close of the session, but when Mr. Bell and his two principal lieutenants discovered that their own supporters were disgusted with their tactics in this case also they concluded with words of commendation and praise for Mr. Dalton on a par with their adulation of Mr. McNeill. All their allegations were utterly baseless, and were made simply for the purpose of belittling Mr. Dalton's great benefaction in presenting the Dalton Sanatorium to the province. We thought with the close of the session we had heard the last of these unjustifiable attacks on Mr. Dalton's generosity, but we regret to find that the Opposition are continuing their miserable campaign in the columns of the Pioneer. Our Summerside contemporary came out on Saturday with a complete rehash of all the baseless charges made by Mr. Bell in the course of the late session.

It would seem that the Leader of the Opposition is so constituted that he cannot appreciate unselfish generosity on the part of others. His mind seems to be so absorbed with things material and base that a spontaneous act of charitable munificence by a political opponent raises in him only a spirit of envy, suspicion and distrust. He evidently has no room in his composition for that magnanimity characteristic of the truly chivalrous, all he sees is the sordid dross; the spirit animating the gift, the essence of love and thoughtfulness for threatened humanity, this to him is as nothing, albeit it is the greatest thing in the world. Milton portrayed the prototype of such materialists in

"* * * the least erected spirit that fell from Heaven; for even in Heaven his looks and thoughts were always downward bent, admiring more the riches of Heaven's pavement, trodden gold, than aught divine or holy else enjoyed in vision beatific."

Mr. Dalton's generosity has provided a sanatorium for the sorely afflicted in the province. He has defrayed all the expense in connection with it and has paid the Medical Superintendent's salary. The Province has not been asked for one cent for maintenance or anything else in connection with the institution? Why, then, should anyone unless a Mammon, continually gird at the spirit which prompted the priceless gift by directing the attention and thought of the public away to what might have been done with the money in other directions. It is open to Mr. Bell or any other one to provide or raise money for an anti-tuberculosis campaign, and God knows there is plenty room for such philanthropic enterprise in our midst. But that is no reason why the Leader of the Opposition should continue to use the Pioneer for the purpose of depreciating Mr. Dalton's effort to alleviate the lot of those already threatened with the dread disease, and for whom science has proved there is still hope, if treated in a Sanatorium such as Mr. Dalton has provided.

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men of Prince Edward Island" for your kindness.
 Yours faithfully,
 W. B. ROSCOE
 (List No. 10)

Previously acknowledged, 5,070 Cornwall-York Women's Institute, per Mrs. D. Murchison, 36 pairs, Crapaud Red Cross Society, per Mrs. Windsor, 20 pairs, Springfield Red Cross, per Miss Muriel Haslam as follows:—Mrs. Norris Sinclair, 1 pair; Mrs. P. Lambie, 1; Mrs. M. J. Abbott, 1; Mrs. H. B. Haslam, 1; Mrs. Benj. Haslam, 2; Mrs. Geo. Haslam, 1; Mrs. Benj. Howard, 4; Mrs. W. Drummond, 1; Mrs. Robt. MacKenzie, 2; Miss Agnes Haslam, 1; Miss Muriel Haslam, 1; Miss Martha Haslam, 3; Miss Ada Haslam, 3; Miss Maude Haslam, 1; Miss Emily Howard, 1; Miss Fennie Howard, 5; Miss Ruth Howard, 2; in all 31 pairs, Mrs. Horne, Charlottetown, 4 pairs, Bay Fortune Red Cross, per Miss Elsie Francis, 12 pairs, Grand Tracadie Red Cross, per Miss M. E. McDonald, 30 pairs, Stanhope Red Cross, per Mrs. L. Marshall, 21 pairs, New Perth Red Cross Society per Mrs. Van Iderstine, 62 pairs, Harrington and Winsloe Women's Institute, per Mrs. Wm. Nunn, 33 pairs, North Tryon Red Cross, per Mrs. H. Thompson, 42 pairs, Hunter River Red Cross, per Mrs. G. D. MacLeod, 37 pairs, Total, 5,378 pairs. Also thanks to Miss Macphail, Orwell for knitting Mittens, etc Account

Previously acknowledged 102 pairs, Mrs. M. J. Abbott, Springfield Red Cross, 1 pair. Total 103 pairs.
 Sec. Treas "Socks for the Front"

Thanks For The Socks

The accompanying letter has been received by Miss Lola Campbell, Canoe Cove, in answer to a note sent in a pair of socks:
 England, May 4, 1916.
 Dear Miss Campbell:—I received a pair of socks which you made for the Red Cross Society, and wish to take this opportunity, to thank you for them.
 You don't know how much the soldiers appreciate and need the socks, the kind ladies at home send over, and you can rest assured that your good efforts are not in vain.
 I expect to leave for France in the course of a couple of weeks and am delighted to be able to take your socks along with me. They are just the size and shade I like.
 Wishing to thank you again for your kindness.
 I remain,
 Very sincerely yours,
 301294,
 DR. NEIL McDONALD,
 No. 11 Field Art. Bde. Amm. Col.,
 Can. Exped. Forces,
 Army P. O.,
 London.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION

Friends and neighbors to the number of one hundred and fifty gathered at the home of Sergeant W. J. and Mrs. Seaman of Springfield on the evening of the 19th to bid farewell to Mr. Seaman who leaves shortly with his regiment the 105th for active service. A most enjoyable evening was spent with music, charades and etc., and speeches, testifying to the popularity and esteem in which they were held by the community were made by Geo. Haslam, Fred J. Haslam, Archibald Ferguson, John E. Sinclair read and presented Mr. and Mrs. Seaman with the following address:
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 G. L. HASLAM,
 JAMES A. CAMPBELL

Mr. Seaman made a fitting reply after which a dainty luncheon was served by the ladies and with the singing of "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again" a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

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DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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HUSBAND AND WIFE

Besides the love of a mother for her children comes the love between man and woman, one of the great things of the world, one of the main springs of life. It is a transforming force in the individual life-history, like an enthusiasm or like religion. It is a spring of conduct which has prompted much of the heroism and hard work of the world. If we spoil it or make little of it we lose one of the great possibilities of happiness and uplift. If we degrade it, one of the very lights of life, a very "candle of the Lord" goes flickering, guttering out.—By J. A. Thomson.

We will not speak of years tonight—For what have years to bring—But larger floods of love and light, And sweeter songs to sing?
 —O. W. Holmes.

System Was Full of Poison; Pains in Side and Back

HAD CONSTIPATION FOR MANY YEARS, BUT WAS ENTIRELY CURED BY DR. CHASE'S KIDNEY-PILLS.

The most common ailment and the greatest cause of disease and suffering today is constipation. Artificial food and sedentary indoor life combine to induce torpid, sluggish action of the liver, kidneys and bowels. As a result poisonous waste matter remains in the system and gives rise to pains and aches and affords a starting point for serious disease. Infectious and contagious diseases are little known to persons whose liver, kidneys and bowels are kept in healthful activity, for there are no suitable conditions for disease germs to thrive in. Even common colds usually take their start when they find the system in a constipated, poisoned condition.

Mrs. Ed. Miller, West Flamborough, Ont., writes: "I can truthfully say that Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills have cured me of constipation. I suffered with constipation almost ever since I

SOCKS FOR THE FRONT

The Secretary of "Socks for the Front" has received two letters from Capt. Roscoe, formerly of the 6th C. M. R. from which the following extracts are taken.
 "All the gifts so kindly forwarded to my men arrived safely, and I assure you the socks were more than welcome. You have no idea how quickly a pair of socks can wear out under the conditions in which our boys find themselves. Those sent are so much better than the issue (when we are fortunate enough to get one) that there cannot be gratitude enough expressed to the people at home. Still you have the satisfaction of knowing that the boys here are doing their utmost to prevent the Hun obtaining the upper hand, and we bide as if such should ever be the case. How those monsters hate us Canadians! I always doubted the truth of the story about the crucifixion of that Canadian soldier, but I have since learned to put nothing past our enemy where we are concerned. They have found to their cost that our boys are always on the job."
 Also under date of May 2nd.
 "I thank all the boxes and bundles with the exception of one, which Miss Plummer says is now on the way, have come safely and have been acknowledged. The Company I have the honour to command is composed among others of the men of our old "A" squadron, and I have been careful to acquaint the Island boys of the province which is surely greatly appreciated. You have no idea what a comfort their kindness has been and I will follow your request with reference to the distribution.
 We have been having beautiful weather of late, much like our summer, and I am glad to report little or no sickness among my men.
 Again thanking you and the "Wo-