

Sermon From Shakespeare

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 Henry VI., Part II., Act IV., Sc. 7.
 Ignorance is the curse of God! There are no limitations to this expression. It is not one of the curses. It is the curse; the evil from which all other evils spring. At first sight this might seem somewhat extreme, but a little reflection will show that Shakespeare was right. A glance back over history will prove this. The nations steeped in ignorance have been the most brutal and barbarous. Where illiteracy prevailed sin and disease found excellent breeding grounds.

During the long period from the fifth to the fifteenth century Europe was intellectually in Stygian darkness; the little learning there was, was hidden in castles and monasteries. The Dark Ages is the name fittingly given to that period of ignorance. Cruelty was a common practice and superstition prevailed. It was not until the literature of the Greeks and the Romans, the explorations of the daring navigators of Spain and France and England had made the world, ancient and modern, known to mankind, that the darkness was, in a degree, dispelled.

What does the Renaissance mean? A new birth! A birth to light and life. Man in the fifteenth century was born again. Science and art and literature worked together to dispel the darkness that brooded over the earth. Shakespeare had no doubt about the nature of ignorance. There was "no darkness but ignorance"; ignorance was "gross and miserable"; it was "the common curse of mankind." He was enormously in advance of his age. Writing at the end of the sixteenth century and early in the seventeenth, he had apparently completely broken away from the superstitions of his time. With a seer's insight he saw into the heart of things, and on every great question spoke as profoundly as does the most advanced thinker in the twentieth century. It would be impossible to mention any question of vital importance to the individual and the state on which he has not uttered words of wisdom. He was a veritable lightbearer, a dispeller of darkness, showing kings and peasants, the rich and the poor, their duty.

Where ignorance is there is the curse of God. Illiterate Turkey is unspeakable Turkey; ignorant Africa is darkest Africa. Nations that remain illiterate drop behind in the race. Unless the mind is fed with healthy food the whole being becomes degenerate. A man may live frugally and grow strong, but if he starve his mind he becomes a sluggard, a butterfly, a brute. Such beings are mere cumberers of the ground. They are either cast into outer darkness, or become mere hewers of wood and drawers of water for those who have been careful to cultivate their minds and keep abreast of the learning and wisdom of the ages.

The Anglo-Saxon has attained the highest degree of civilization. England and her colonies have been in the van in the battle against "gross and miserable ignorance." The United States stands at the highest point of civilization. It is true that in England and Europe there are many minds who are pre-eminent in philosophy, science and art, but in the United States every man has equal opportunity. Learning is general; ignorance there is, but it is the exception. Superstition exists, but it is in the outlying corners where ignorance is still making a stand. What knowledge can do is better illustrated in the United States and Canada than in any other countries. The enslaved and superstitious inhabitants of Europe come to America. They are seeking a new material world; they find a new spiritual world. The Pole, the Armenian, the Turk, the Russian, the Italian, is not long in discarding his old idols. Oppression has kept him in crass ignorance. Freedom, a sense of equality with other men, lifts him to a higher plane. The shackles of ignorance drop from his wrists, the light of knowledge beams from his eyes. In the second generation it is hard to distinguish the American of European extraction from those of native-born parents. Education is a great leveller.

It is only of recent years that knowledge has been able successfully to storm the forts of ignorance. It was not until the astronomer's glass explored the heavens, the geologist's hammer wrested earth's secrets from her, that the world and the universe were truly known. Both had been objects of dark superstition. The scientist turned his attention to the close study of plants and animals. Physical knowledge led to a higher spiritual

knowledge. A God of fear became a God of love. The great forces of the world were studied and harnessed and knowledge turned the desolate places of earth to flowering gardens.

There is still much to be done. Ignorance is at work among nations building battleships and raising tariff walls. Ignorance is at work everywhere. Strikes and lockouts, tyrannous capitalists and destructive mobs, are equally the outcome of ignorance. Hasten the time when arbitration between nations and men will be the rule, when the ignorance that makes for loss will give way to a knowledge and wisdom that makes for gain!

That Bald Spot

Don't let that bald spot grow! Go to your druggist at once and get a bottle of Parisian Sage and if that don't check the falling hair, and cause new hair to grow, nothing will.

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The girl with the Auburn hair is on every package of Parisian Sage. It is sold for 50c. by all druggists or sent postpaid by The Giroux Mfg. Co., Fort Erie, Ont., on receipt of price. Sold and guaranteed by E. W. Mair.

Waiting For It

Having a pressing engagement with a good client, an oil merchant was obliged to leave his office in sole charge of a charwoman.

"Now, my good woman," he said, indicating the telephone, "when you hear the bell ring attached to that little box, just go to the tube and shout, 'Hello! Who are you?' and wait for a reply."

The merchant had been gone about half an hour when the telephone bell rang furiously. The woman rushed to the tube, and put the receiver to her ear.

"I'm Dodson from Dublin," came the answer. "Got a lot of oil for you and wish to send it on at once. Be ready to receive it."

Presently the merchant returned, and to his amazement, saw the charwoman holding an empty bucket under the telephone tube.

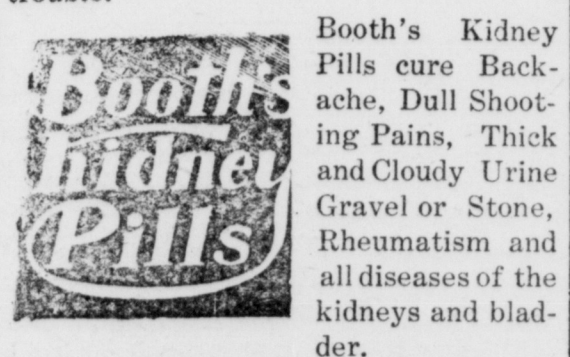
"What on earth are you doing with that pail," he asked.

"Well, sir," she replied, "as soon as you was gone a man shouted through the tube that he was sending a large supply of oil, and asked someone to receive it, so I'm holdin' this bucket awaiting' for it to run through."

Women Suffer More than Men

Women have more than their share of the aches and pains that afflict humanity. They must "keep up," in spite of constantly aching backs, or headaches, dizzy spells, etc. Mrs. Edward Calwood of 123 S. Harold Street, Fort William, Ont., says:

"I suffered with dull, miserable pains, soreness across my back and in my sides for months. They would catch me so badly at times that I could scarcely move around. I would have dizzy spells and altogether, felt generally run down. After using a number of remedies without finding relief, I learned of Booth's Kidney Pills and found them an excellent remedy. They not only relieved me of the miserable pains and soreness in my back but cured me of my kidney trouble."



Booth's Kidney Pills cure Backache, Dull Shooting Pains, Thick and Cloudy Urine, Gravel or Stone, Rheumatism and all diseases of the kidneys and bladder.

All druggists and dealers 50c. box or postpaid from the R. T. Booth Co. Fort Erie Ont. If you derive no benefit your money will be refunded. Could we say more? Sold and guaranteed by E. W. Mair.

Sir Charles Tupper's Condition Serious

London, Jan. 3.—Sir Charles Tupper's condition is still serious, though he is progressing as well as can be expected.

Distribution of Seed Grain and Potatoes

From the Dominion Experimental Farms 1911-1912.

By instructions of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture a distribution will be made during the coming winter and spring of superior sorts of grain and potatoes to Canadian farmers. The samples for general distribution will consist of spring wheat (5 lbs.), white oats (4 lbs.), barley (5 lbs.), and field peas (3 lbs.). These will be sent out from Ottawa. A distribution of potatoes (in 3 lb. samples) will be carried on from several of the experimental farms, the Central Farm at Ottawa supplying only the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. All samples will be sent free, by mail.

Applicants should give particulars in regard to the soil on their farms; and should also state what varieties they have already tested and in what way these have been found unsatisfactory, so that a promising sort for their conditions may be sent.

Each application must be separate and must be signed by the applicant. Only one sample can be sent to each farm. Applications on any kind of printed or written form cannot be accepted.

As the supply of seed is limited, farmers are advised to apply early to avoid possible disappointment. No applications can be accepted after Feb. 15th.

All applications for grain (and applications for potatoes) should be addressed to the Dominion Cerealists, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Such applications require no postage.

Applications, for potatoes, from farmers in any other province should be addressed (postage prepaid) to the Superintendent of the nearest Branch Experimental Farm in that province.

J. H. GRISDALE,
 Director, Dominion Experimental Farms

Taft Will be a Candidate

Formal Announcement of His Intention Made To-day

Washington, Jan. 3.—"Nothing but death can keep me out of the fight now," President Taft is reported to have made this statement at the White House to-day and to have added that he had no objection to the statement being made public. It undoubtedly is intended to set at rest all reports that Mr. Taft might withdraw from the race for the republican nomination for President in favor of Col. Roosevelt.

The President is said to be thoroughly aroused to the gravity of the situation in the republican party and determined to let his attitude be generally understood. He has declared that under no circumstances will he withdraw his name from consideration by the Chicago convention next June and has asserted that his position with respect to the new agitation has not changed in any particular since he first entered the White House.

Mr. Taft has told friends and party leaders from the first that if he should be called upon to stand for re-election he would be glad to do so; that he felt under obligations to the party for having made him President and was willing to abide its decision in the convention. He adheres to this position, according to announcements to-day, and will not quit the race until the nominating ballots are cast at Chicago.

The President was urged by a number of his closest friends to make a definite statement as to his position and agreed to do so in the language quoted above. With this statement as their inspiration, it is said the Taft supporters will begin an active campaign in his behalf at once.

It was stated to-day that some of Mr. Taft's friends have gone so far lately as to advise him to openly break with Col. Roosevelt and to challenge the latter to make plain his intentions. The President has declined to do this. The White House has been fairly crowded with callers lately, who have brought word to President Taft that Col. Roosevelt so far has declined to say that he would not accept the nomination if it were tendered to him.

Tories Swept P. E. Island

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Jan. 3.—The elections today resulted in almost a clean sweep for the Conservatives. When the new house meets Premier Mathieson will have twenty-six if not

twenty-seven supporters, whilst the opposition will be represented by two or three members only.

The landslide was due mainly to three causes. Long term of Liberals in office, nearly twenty-one years, the defeat of the Liberal federal government, and the promise by Premier Borden on the eve of election to build a car ferry across the Northumberland Straits.

Although the Conservatives have had control of the provincial government since Dec. 1 they made practically no dismissals but a number of men were warned. Today practically every man in the employ of both federal and provincial governments, including all the railway men voted Conservative.

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 LUCAS COUNTY. } SS.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

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Fireman Arrested as a Fire Bug

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 3.—Call fireman Jas. Sweeney was arrested this morning on a charge of setting fire to a building formerly occupied by the Imperial Oil Company, Water Street. A policeman caught him in the act and extinguished the fire. Fire Chief says a better man never handled a branch pipe than Sweeney.

The total loss by fire at the King Edward Hotel amounted to \$78,000. The loss over insurance was \$40,000. There was a total loss on the building, which was insured for \$30,000, and on the furniture, which was insured for \$8,000.

School Teachers' Remuneration for Instructing Cadets

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Militia orders today announce that cadet corps lieutenants of three years standing may attend a military school of instruction to obtain the rank of captain.

A cadet instructor after five years service as such may be promoted to a captaincy.

School teachers holding instructors certificates will be paid \$1 per cadet up to a maximum of \$50; over 50, the remuneration will be 75 cents per cadets, and over 100, fifty cents each.

Britain Wants Fair Deal In Use Of Panama Canal

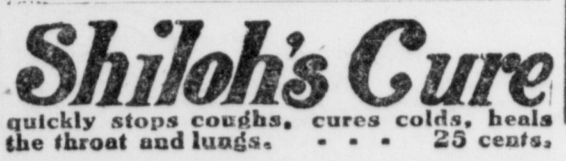
London, Jan. 3.—The Morning Post has started a strong agitation against the reported proposal of the United States government to grant preference to American shipping in the Panama canal. It devotes three columns and a long editorial this morning, to that subject. It declares that such discrimination would be a violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and says:—

"By no sophistry can the American government pretend that it is not bound by the terms of the treaty. An evasion of the obligation into which it entered would prove to the world that its pledges are meaningless."

The Post gives interviews with various shipping authorities in different British ports, most of whom refuse to believe that the Washington government has such an intention.

Sir Walter Runciman, senior partner of Walter Runciman & Co., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and London, thought that if the report were true, the British government had been caught napping, but he doubted if such discrimination, even if adopted, would have the expected result of encouraging traffic in a manner to make the canal pay.

J. H. Turner, agent general for British Columbia, agreed that it would be a violation of the treaty and would seriously injure British Columbia. It would also injure the canal itself for many years, until the United States had built up a mercantile fleet.



Found McNamara Guilty Years Ago

Indianapolis Mayor Says He Accused John J. McNamara of Bomb Outrages

Indianapolis, Jan. 3.—National labor officials affiliated with Samuel Gompers, and the American Federation of Labor were informed two years ago by Charles A. Bookwalter, who, as mayor, at that time conducted a secret investigation, that John J. McNamara had directed a series of dynamite explosions.

This was made known by Bookwalter today when he was informed that the government investigation here embraced an inquiry into the circumstances of the four explosions directed against A. Ven Spreckels, a general contractor, on account of labor troubles. Bookwalter declared that he expected to be subpoenaed by the federal grand jury which resumed its session today.

He said he would bare all the details of the municipal investigation which satisfied him that John J. McNamara, as secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, was the conspiring executive who caused the explosions in this vicinity.

Bookwalter even said that he, himself, had told John J. McNamara of the strong suspicion against him, and that in his conversations with a score of labor leaders he had placed the responsibility upon the Iron Workers' Union.

Bookwalter said the inquiry, though lasting only forty-five days, was a thorough one, and was dropped because his term as mayor expired.

"No union leaders, not even Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, have lifted a hand to help us in clearing up the big dynamite conspiracy, either before or after the McNamara confession at Los Angeles," said Oscar Lawlor, special government prosecutor for the district of Southern California today. He and John D. Fredericks, prosecuting attorney of Los Angeles, conferred with Charles W. Miller, United States attorney, before the federal grand jury of this district resumed its inquiry into the alleged country-wide dynamiting plot.

Mr. Lawlor asserted that though union labor leaders were quick to denounce the McNamaras after their confession, and many of them were quoted as saying that every effort has been made to prosecute all guilty persons to the full extent of the law, no one had volunteered to get from the McNamaras any details of the alleged conspiracy in which they figured.

"Why some of the coast labor leaders even interfered with the progress of our investigation at Los Angeles," said Mr. Lawlor later.

He was shown the statement of Clancy in San Francisco that Lawlor tried to browbeat him. Lawlor's only comment was that the remark sounded like that of a man who was being "squeezed very hard."

5 Minutes

The Time Hyomei Takes to Relieve a Cold or Group

At the first sign of a cold breathe Hyomei (pronounced High-o-me). It will relieve the most stubborn cold in the head in five minutes.

Hyomei's way is nature's way. It is a well known fact that we breathe disease germs and you can only overtake them by breathing the healing essence provided by nature. The medicated air of Hyomei immediately comes into contact with the disease germs. These they quickly overcome and destroy. The work of healing is then commenced.

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Hyomei is guaranteed to cure catarrh, asthma, bronchitis, coughs, colds and croup. Money back if it fails. Sold and guaranteed by E. W. Mair.

Bi-Lingual Postage Stamp the Latest

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—It is learned that the French are going to take another step forward to have French an official language in Canada. Hon. Mr. Pellier, the Postmaster General, is working out a plan for French stamps, or rather to have all stamps bi-lingual. The proposal is to have the word centimes appear on the face of all stamps as prominently as the word the design of the stamp will remain unchanged.