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"And let us not be weary in well-doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."—Galatians 6: 9.

DOES IT PAY?

BY REV. D. V. LUCAS, D. D. The liquor traffic contradicts every principle of political economy. When our politicians make a study of this great question which is now being considered by many, they will find this traffic to be one of the greatest hindrances to national prosperity; a clog to the wheels of the commonwealth; an incubus; a great wet or tumor on the neck of the body politic. No child grows because of a tumor, though if he be otherwise sound he may grow in spite of it.

No thanks to the liquor traffic for national prosperity, or even for the smallest contribution towards it.

What are the two great pillars on which the commonwealth rests? Muscle and money.

These are twin sisters which should ever go hand in hand. The State suffers when they do not.

Of these twin sisters, muscle is the elder born, because there was muscle before there was money.

The fish swings his tail gracefully in the water. What is it worth? Nothing—absolutely nothing, until you touch him with the power of human muscle.

Coal, by millions of tons, lies beneath your feet. What is it worth? Nothing, absolutely nothing, until you pour elbow grease upon it.

The tall pine bends with perfect rhythm in the wind. What is it worth? Nothing—absolutely nothing, until the muscled axeman swings his edged implement against it.

God has ordained that nature should, in crude form, confront our race, to be turned into usefulness and wealth only by the application of human muscle to its crude condition.

Paralyze that muscle under alcohol and what is it worth to the State? Paralyze it again and again, until finally you turn it into your gaols, and what is it worth to the State then? Instead of being, as it should, a wealth producer—it becomes a wealth destroyer. It becomes a burden to the State, clogging the wheels of the commonwealth, instead of helping to roll it on to higher and greater prosperity.

What is that healthy young man worth as a wealth producer? I look at my own father, who settled seventy-five years ago on land worth three dollars per acre. When we carried our venerable father to his grave a half century later, that land was worth one hundred dollars per acre. Here was wealth production. What raised the value of that land from three to one hundred dollars? My father's muscle, and that of his neighbours about him.

What is such a young man worth to the State? Well, I should say at least \$5,000.

Turn such men into criminals by the thousand, as the traffic in intoxicants does (and who dares to deny it?), and see how you wrong the States. Turn such men into corpses long before their time (and who dares to deny that you do!), and see how you rob and wrong the commonwealth.

A young couple in Lower Canada, thirty years ago, married and went into the hotel business. About fifteen years later the husband drank himself to death. The wife secured a license renewal and went on as before, marrying again a year or two afterward.

Some five years after her husband's death, her two sons drank themselves to death.

When I was told of their death I said, "Please don't tell me they drank themselves to death if they died of typhoid fever or some other disease."

"Oh," was the reply, "you can say that they literally drank themselves to death. There was no disease but drink."

Some three years later the second husband killed himself with drink.

We all expect to live to seventy years. Why? God has taught us: "The days of our years are three score and ten."

Look! Those four men should have lived 250 years in all.

Sum up the years of their actual lives, deduct that sum from 250, and you will find that the liquor traffic has robbed you from under one roof only of more than 100 years of muscle which should have joined yours in making your country more prosperous and wealthy. Then we encourage our Legislature to vote great sums of money for immigration purposes; that is, to bring over the sea more muscle to take the place of what we have destroyed by our stupidity.

The liquor traffic does not pay us. It plunders us. It is worse than folly on our part to tolerate it. It is political suicide to sanction and encourage it by legislation. Let us vote it out of existence.

BEAT THE DOCTORS.

Mr. E. M. Bowler, Cambridge, Kings Co., N. S., says: "I was troubled with a running sore in my ear, for which I tried all kinds of doctors, but could not get cured. I was recommended to try Burdock Blood Bitters, which I did, and the sore was completely healed."

A Skin Beautifier

Of Inestimable Value, which Positively Cures Pimples, Blackheads, Eczema and every form of Skin Disease, is Dr. Chase's Ointment.

As great as may be the difference of opinion as to the various types of beauty, no one can see beauty in a face that is disfigured by pimples and blackheads or scarred by traces of eczema or other skin diseases.

The low-neck society dress frequently reveals shoulders and back covered with pimples or other skin eruptions repulsive to the sight. Why are women content to use powders and harmful preparations to cover up such blemishes when they could as well cure them and make the skin clear, healthy and natural by using a preparation so well known as Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Eczema, or Salt Rheum, may be taken as the most severe form of skin diseases which mar beauty and cause terrible itching and burning sensations. That Dr. Chase's Ointment has cured the worst cases of eczema on record is well known.

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Flowers for the Dinner Table.

For an engagement dinner the hostess of a country house decked her table with pink dahlias shading into yellow, loosely put together with leaves whose tints merged from russet brown to golden. These were laid on a napery of cream Roman satin and, forming an outer heart, was an entwined circle of true lovers' knots in pale narrow blue satin ribbon. Each electric silver candlestick was surrounded by a heart in similar flowers, softened by a yellow chiffon shade fringed with silver. All the table glass was in pinky yellow Salvati ware, and in each dessert bowl was orange flower water with a sprig of myrtle floating on the top, symbol of dear constancy.

On another occasion the same woman produced a brilliant red Irish linen tablecloth almost covered in trails of white chrysanthemums woven with spikes of upstanding gladioluses. The center of this unique table was one complete mass of feathery maidenhair fern, through which shot tiny sparks of electric light, and at either end were heaped in antique white porcelain dishes pears, apples and luscious black grapes. Prettiest, perhaps, of all was a summery decoration in silver green pongee ornamented with water lilies in clear crystal bowls, round which twined autumn pink roses, culminating in the center with a miniature lake and fountain on which floated the pure white blossom.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Maltreated Store Clerks.

"The reputation which some large stores get for being disobliging to their customers or having uncivil clerks could in the majority of cases be traced directly back to the shoppers themselves," writes Edward Bok of "Systemless Shopping" in Ladies' Home Journal. "I make no claim of perfection for the clerks who stand behind the counters of our great stores where women shop. They are only common mortals, full of faults. But considering what they are called upon to go through and endure at the hands of thoughtless women the constant wonder is that they are so civil and obliging. If the truth could be known, it would be found that they suffer far more than they inflict suffering. If the roll could be called of hardworking, innocent girls who have lost their positions because of ill founded complaints made by 'influential' customers whose accounts the firm could not afford to lose, it would be a roll of disgrace to American shoppers. The girls behind the counter are human—although from the actions of some women we might believe otherwise—human in their faults, but also in their finer feelings. Very often they represent better families, better breeding, than that which is revealed to them from the other side of the counter."

Her Secret.

An extremely popular woman was once asked the secret of her social power, and she smiled gently as she shrugged her shoulders and uttered one sentence: "I feed my guests." And it was really so. She welcomed all guests to every meal and served luscious and suppers without stint. No guest was allowed to depart without the offer of refreshments, made with such a show of honest hospitality that they were never refused. Such a woman could not avoid being popular, and think of the wisdom of such a course! She was fond of people and had no other attraction, no beauty or accomplishments, yet she could hold her own with women who had both.

Comforts for the Sickroom.

An experienced trained nurse declares that a double bed is a necessity in making an invalid comfortable. It allows of changed positions and in many ways is an improvement on the single bed.

In preparing a bed for an invalid always have two sets of bedclothing, so that one set can be aired while the other is in use. Woolen blankets should be provided in place of down or cotton covers. Pillows of various sizes are an absolute necessity. It is much better to have the pillows filled with soft hair than with feathers. Soft springs are another necessary requirement to the invalid's comfort as well as a hair mattress.

Gold Mouchoir Bags.

Pocketless skirts have given a long life to the gold chain purse and the mouchoir bag, and so far no hint of their being put aside is abroad. Some of the gold mouchoir bags are small enough to be held on the finger by a ring and almost hidden in the palm of the hand; yet they do hold a mouchoir, a key or two—very small ones, of course—and a jointed forgnon.

Simple Remedy for a Sty.

It is claimed, according to the New York Tribune, that the following recipe will cure a sty: Make a curd by mixing a small pinch of powdered alum with the white of an egg. Place between two pieces of soft lawn and bind over the eye before going to bed. The application may have to be repeated, but the treatment is sure to be successful.

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THE BAISLEY MURDER CASE.

Papers for the extradition of Elmer Maxwell, the murderer of Capt. Baisley, have been sent to Ottawa for the approval of the Minister of Justice and will likely be returned to St. John early next week. As already stated Maxwell will resist extradition and his counsel, Recorder Skinner, looks for an interesting legal battle. The American contention will be that the crime was committed on the high seas and that even if it had been committed while the schooner was tied up to the wharf that Maxwell could be extradited. Mr. Skinner will resist both of these contentions and will try and get the court to say that the Bay of Fundy is not a high sea. At first it was thought that Maxwell would be willing for trial in Portland, as the laws of Maine do not permit of capital punishment, but it is now stated that if extradited Maxwell will be tried at Portland under the federal and not the state laws and will be liable to death if found guilty.

MINERS ENTOMBED.

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 23.—An explosion occurred at the Baznell Coal Works, four miles from here, to-day. Sixty men are reported entombed. The tupples are wrecked. Messengers have been sent here for doctors.

Word from Brazzell by train says only one man has been taken out of the mine. Men could be heard talking at the bottom of the shaft. The mine boss went down, but has not returned, and it is supposed he and the men have been overcome by afterdamp, as all sound has ceased to come from the bottom. There is great excitement. Miners are flocking from surrounding mines to assist in the rescue. The mine is owned by the Stockdale Co., and is not in the combine.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 23.—A Uniontown, Pa., despatch says: Seventy-five men were entombed and probably killed by the explosion in the Baznell mine.

Danger in Perfumes.

Many women are a great deal too fond of strong scents for the comfort of their friends and acquaintances, and also for their own safety. It is not half widely enough known that strong perfumes are injurious to the sense of smell and that by their frequent use the secretory glands of the throat and nose are overtaxed and weakened. One day the lover of strong scents notices that the hearing is less acute than usual, and that the sense of smell is defective. This state of things is put down to a cold, and not much importance is attached to it. After a time the whole head is affected, and throat and lung complications follow, likely to end in chronic illness. Smelling salts are a fertile source of deafness, and they, as well as all other strong and pungent odors which act on the secretory processes, should be avoided as much as possible.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Hints For Nurses.

Sick people don't like to be stared at. They are morbidly sensitive. To look surprised at the change sickness has wrought is annoying, and worse than that, it is disheartening and makes invalids imagine their case to be worse than it is. Therefore don't stare at a sick person, and don't stand at the back of the bed to make him turn his eyes around to see you.

Always sit by the bedside, for the patient feels more at rest than if you stand up tall before him. And don't whisper; don't talk in a low voice; don't follow the doctor or a caller out into the next room. The invalid will be absolutely certain that you are discussing him. Don't wear garments that rustle or are made of rough clothing, to come into contact with hands made tender by sickness, and don't wear creaking boots or thick soled boots.

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Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Arriault, Anthine \$1.16 \$1.12; Daigie, Augustin 1.12 \$1.14; Bowning, Moise 1.12 1.14; LeBlanc, Jerome .93 1.14; Leger, Calixte 1.16 1.12 1.14; McDonald, John estate 1.43 1.46; McLeod, George estate 1.50 1.43 1.46; Poirier, Laurent 1.50 1.43 1.46; Richard, Camille 1.43 1.46; Wallace, John estate 1.50 1.43 1.46.

JOSEPH J. BABINEAU, Collector. Acadieville, N. B., Nov. 1st, 1899.

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DEAD BODY FOUND.

A most melancholy sight was unearthed by an Indian on the Margaret's Bay road, near Halifax on Tuesday last. Off the road he found the body of a woman between 50 and 60 years of age, partly in a lying and sitting posture under a tree. She was dead, and decomposition was far advanced. County Stipendiary McDougal, who held an inquest on the remains, found that the body had probably been in the place in which it was discovered, for three months. The verdict of the jury was "died from exposure."

Later, the mystery as to the identity of the woman was cleared up, the remains having been identified as those of Mrs. Roach, of St. Margaret's Bay. She was for some time an inmate of Middlemore Home, at Rockingham, which she left a few months ago stating she intended to visit friends on French Village Road. Just how she met her death may possibly never be known. The most reasonable supposition, however, is that homeless and despondent, she wandered about, and when night came on, went a short distance into the woods and sat down to rest, where she died from exposure, as was found by the jury at the inquest. The woman, it is said, had been married three times and had 22 children, who are now widely scattered.—Ex.

FASTEST TORPEDO BOAT AFLOAT.

The new turbine torpedo boat destroyer Viper, is she fastest thing afloat. On the second trial trip she broke last Thursday every existing record for Marine speed. She tore through the water at the rate of 38 knots an hour—as equivalent of 44 1/2 land.

This remarkable performance was accomplished with an almost entire absence of vibration, the turbine engines running smoothly when the new marine wonder was doing her best.

It is confidentially believed that, under all favorable circumstances, the Viper will be able to maintain a speed of more than 45 miles an hour.

Marine engineers who have followed the building of the Viper with interest say that the little destroyer's latest performance makes the crossing the Atlantic Ocean in three days more than a mere possibility.

The difficulty will be not in building turbine engines powerful enough for the feat, but in constructing a vessel large enough to contain the great amount of coal which would be consumed in a trans Atlantic voyage.

Mr. Parsons himself discourages the notion of a 50 knot Atlantic liner, but says that for Mediterranean ports the problem is an easy one.

Graduates of the Royal Military College of Kingston will be grant commissions in the Imperial army upon being recommended by the Canadian militia authorities.

It is reported that the bubonic plague has appeared at Noumea, capital of the French penal colony of New Caledonia. Ten Kanakas have succumbed to the disease and four whites have been attacked. The disease is said to be spreading.

The Crow of Croup.

It strikes terror to a mother's heart to have her child wake up at night with a croupy cough.

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Mrs. Wm. Young, Frome, Ont., says: "One year ago our little boy had a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs and croup, which left a bad wheeze in his chest. We were advised to use Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, which we did, and it cured him completely."

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COL. McLEAN'S OFFER.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Lt. Col. McLean, of St. John, arrived in the city last evening and left for home this morning. Col. McLean had an interview with the Minister of Militia before leaving in regard to his offer of the 18th inst. to enlist one hundred men composed of hunters and guides at his own expense. They were to be good shots and possessing all the qualifications for scouts. Col. McLean volunteered his own services to go in charge. Col. McLean also pointed out to Dr. Borden that when the last contingent was enlisted the country battalions in New Brunswick did not get a fair chance to send representatives. Dr. Borden admitted that it would be difficult to send a better class of men than were in the country districts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. They were good shots, self-reliant, of fine physique and practical men able to do anything in the shape of building bridges, making roads and doing the class of work that the Royal Engineers are called upon to do. He, however, regretted that the department was not able to avail itself of their services, as the government was restricted by the War office to mounted rifles and artillery. In regard to Lt. Col. McLean's complaint about New Brunswick being overlooked when the last contingent was sent, Dr. Borden said that in this case fifty-five artillerymen and forty cavalry would be the share that New Brunswick and Nova Scotia would receive. So far, the minister said, no appointment of officers had been made. Only those who were well qualified would be chosen.

One of the old Scotch settlers of Inverness tells of a conversation he had with a very aged Indian many years ago. It naturally turned on religion and the Scotchman asked: "What kind of religion had you before the white people came?" "Oh," replied Micmac, "there was no God, no religion, but fight all same devil."—Baddeck Telephone.

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