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THE WHY OF HONESTY.

The old question whether people are honest through principle or because they fear the consequences if they are not has come up again. A New York newspaper propounded it to a half dozen persons, chosen at random in City Hall Park, that city, and four of the six felt certain nearly everybody would be dishonest were it not for the police. We cannot regard those answers as representative of public opinion in the world's greatest credit centre.

Fear of the police is one of the poorest deterrents known. Society endeavors to make the arm of the law appear terrible to those perverse individuals who can be handled in no other way yet discovered.

To suppose that the average human being in an enlightened community is mainly held in the path of honesty by fear of the law is an insult to humanity. Fear of social disapproval is always at work with those who care what their neighbors think and say. That motive holds a great many people to a norm of respectability. But unless the vast majority were really imbued with a love of honesty for its own sake and an abhorrence of its opposite, the social structure would rest upon a much less secure foundation than we believe it to possess.

THE WORKING GIRL.

Criticism is sometimes heard of the working girl for the amount she spends on clothes. She is scored by some for affecting silk stockings; by others for the fur coats, the costly millinery, and other items of her personal wardrobe which are said to reflect extravagance.

Girls and older women who live at home, and have many ameliorations which are denied to the working girl, are apt to be the most critical of the latter's attire. How unsuitable, they remark, for a girl getting only ten, fifteen or twenty dollars a week, to lay out so much in dress! Why does she not save her earnings for the proverbial rainy day?

Let the working girl alone. The chances are that she does put aside something for emergencies. Meanwhile, she is going to have the satisfaction, as she goes along, of believing herself well dressed. She toils all day at the office or shop. She is deprived of the out-of-door life which many others take for granted as a divine birthright. If fine clothes can in any degree make up to her for what she misses in life, let her have what frocks and feathers and finery she wants and can pay for. Begrudge her nothing!

Rev. Thomas Marshall, a retired Methodist clergyman, who has lately been residing in Montreal, has been appointed secretary of the N. B. Temperance Alliance and will take up his residence in this city. The new secretary is a former pastor of the Fredericton Methodist Church and has long been active as a temperance reformer.

Voting in the Federal by-election in Halifax is taking place today. While elections are always uncertain there is every reason to believe that Mr. Redmond, the Liberal candidate, will be returned by a substantial majority.

If St. Andrew's Day celebrations were like they use to be the morning of December 1st would have seen the sum required for the Bonar Law Memorial fully subscribed. As matters stand less than one half of the required amount has been pledged.

A speaker says it is a wife's duty to make over the man she marries, but perhaps it will be just as well if she doesn't make too much over him.

Laporte, Ind., officials are wondering how somebody managed to steal pigs from a farmer in one night. That is to say, without the stolen property squealing on him.

Leader Meighen acting on the advice of candid friends, refrained from taking part in the Halifax by-election. This should mean more votes for the Tory candidate.

According to a critic, a real lover of music sees colors as the music is rendered. And now and then hears a few blue notes.

The decision in a college report that the feet of young women there are growing larger won't be exactly a boost for co-education.

The sport writer who says kicking is a lost art, seems never to have found himself among a crowd of customers in a meat market.

A dispatch from Brussels announces the opening of "a circulating umbrella factory." We've heard of circulating umbrellas.

Germany's floating debt is said to be ten quintillion marks. What under the sun does a debt of that magnitude find to float on?

If a deer looks as much like a pedestrian as all that, why don't they hunt them with automobiles?

Still, we need not worry so much over posterity. It will be short. Everything has to be handed down to it.

Yes, of course, Doc Cook, says he hasn't a nickel left in the world, but you know how Doc is.

One of the film stars has been divorced five times. Perhaps she refers to them as episodes.

The sheik is passing out. If he'll hurry there'll be no shooting.

FREEDOM OF CITY OF ST. JOHN CONFERRED

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sider a reasonable reduction in the country tax imposes. When that time arrives we will be able to say to ourselves that by our own efforts and sanity we have not only lightened our own burdens but offered still further inducements to those who appreciate living in a country which is moderate in its exactions from its citizens, who will therefore be in a position to assist in its further development.

Duty to Country.

I have mentioned those two problems which seem to be occupying the attention of most Canadians especially those in active business. I have felt for some time that we were neglectful of our duty towards our own country. That we were not sufficiently impressing our judgment as men of business upon those in control of our affairs, that we should first enlist and then support an effort to improve the existing situation as we see it and that we should do so in no spirit of hostility and with no feeling of despondency that we should specially express our belief and confidence in this country by bringing to bear upon its problems the confidence, the courage and the caution that our experience in our own affairs has proved most valuable. Because we counsel to ourselves wisdom and care we surely cannot be accused of discrediting or belittling our own country. Our sole purpose should be to make Canada a desirable place to live in, a credit to itself and to the great empire of which it forms a part so that when the time comes for history to judge us we shall be declared as having been not unworthy of our splendid heritage.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION AT GAIETY THEATRE

"Tribby" is the Photo Play at the Gaiety for Wednesday and Thursday with Andree Lafayette the featured player. Richard Walton Tully has presented an artistic version of George De Maurier's famous novel of life in the Quartier Latin of Paris, with the title role admirably played by the French star, Andree Lafayette. The period and locale of the story are well portrayed and with an accuracy of detail that would seem to indicate that the makers of the picture know their Paris.

Creighton Hale has the role of Billee. He is a good type for the part and gives a satisfactory interpretation.

The other principal character that of Svengali is played by Arthur Edmund Carew.

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TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE HAS NEW SECRETARY

Rev. Thomas Marshall Succeeds Rev. W. D. Wilson and Will Reside Here.

St. John, Dec. 5—The New Brunswick Temperance Alliance in annual session in the city yesterday passed a series of resolutions regretting that a new Chief Inspector had not been appointed; that so many vendors' licenses had been issued; reaffirming the Alliance's confidence in the merits of the N. B. prohibitory law; condemning the presence of Government officials at banquets where liquor was served and stating that until the Government makes an earnest endeavor to enforce the present act up to a reasonable standard there should be no suggestion of a referendum. By resolution it was also decided that the Alliance should send a delegation to wait upon the Government and express its feeling with regard to a referendum. Donald Fraser, of Plaster Rock, the president, was in the chair and was unanimously re-elected. The appointment of two secretaries, a French secretary to organize the French section and a general secretary was approved and at a subsequent meeting of the executive Rev. Thomas Marshall was appointed as executive secretary with an office in Fredericton.

The meeting was held, afternoon and evening sessions, in the Y. M. C. A. building with an exceptionally large number present and all parts of the province represented. The treasurer reported a satisfactory balance on hand.

During the discussion of reports there was fairly general criticism of present conditions in New Brunswick. Rev. C. T. Clark, of Fairville, interposed that it was only fair to state that when he had asked to have a vendorship in Fairville cancelled he had met with most courteous treatment from the Chief Inspector, Premier Veniot and the two local inspectors and that the vendorship had been cancelled.

The Canadian Cottons in Marysville sent a special representative, Mr. White, to express their sympathy with the work of the Alliance.

Committees Named

The committees appointed were as follows: On resolutions L.W. Simms, C. N. Vroom, Dr. Palmer, Mr. Price, Rev. Neil MacLauchlan and Rev. H. E. Thomas; to nominate members of council, J. Willard Smith, J. E. Lemont, W.G. Clarke, Rev. H.A. Godwin and Rev. A. L. Tedford; on finances, Donald Fraser, W. G. Clarke, A. D. Ganong, G. E. Barbour, R. T. Hayes M.L.A., J. C. Mills and J. W. Smith.

The election of officers resulted in the return by acclamation of the president, Donald Fraser, of Plaster Rock; the vice-president, C. N. Vroom, of St. Stephen, and the treasurer, W. G. Clarke of Fredericton.



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