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THE STUDY OF LITERATURE.

Today, in this town, are gathered from all parts of the province young students who have come here to enter the provincial Normal School with the intention of studying to become teachers. One of the problems that they must face as students and later as teachers, and which must be faced by all educationalists, is that of the proper balance between those studies known as the belles lettres and those of practical science. In this day and age, and particularly in this young country where we are concerned about earning a living, our educational practices have largely emphasized vocational training and the pursuit of the practical sciences. More and more one is obliged to meet the criticism of the study of literature that it is not a study with practical implications, that it is not a study of real life. It is, its critics say, a study to give a false veneer, a smattering of the arts necessary for 'smart' conversation but it has no vital part to play in the actual life of humanity. One may want to read certain pieces of English literature that amuse one, one may study French because it is a commercial language, but why study Latin poetry, why read the discourses of Greek Plato, why read our own classical and romantic poets and essayists. So runs the argument against the study of the belles lettres. Perhaps no better answer has been made to these criticisms than that of Matthew Arnold. He said that culture was a spiritual perfection. He said it required truth or knowing, morality or right doing, the feeling for proper social relationship and the love for and the creation of beauty. A nation's greatness is its culture. To know the intellectual truth, to know the moral truth, to know the social truth and to find all presented in the light of the highest aesthetic ideals one must acquaint one's self with the literature of the ages and a nation must acquaint its people with the best that has been thought and known and written by other people in other times. To quote Matthew Arnold the aim of properly thinking people is "to know ourselves and the world" and to do this "we have to know the best that has been thought and said in the world". The eternal things after all are truth and right thinking, righteousness and right living and beauty and artistic doing and these ideals and standards are not of one age but of all ages. Today for our literary and metaphysical and artistic standards we look back to the Greek masters. Shelley has profound truth when he says,

"But Greece and her foundations are Built below the tide of war Based on the crystalline sea Of thought and it's eternity; Her citizens, imperial spirits, Rule the present from the past, On all this world of men inherits Their seal is set."

SOUNDING MOTOR HORNS.

(The London Truth.) (The noise made by motor traffic in London is now almost unbearable.) I recommend those who desire to silence the devil in the car to take him first by the horns. Whether by day or night, the only excuse for sounding your horn at every corner is to save time that would be lost by slowing down. I doubt if in one case in a hundred would this trifling loss of time be of material consequence to anybody; the chief sufferers in London would be people who are in a hurry to catch trains, because, like the man who is hurrying home in the small hours, they did not start soon enough, and these people would continue to suffer in exactly the same way if there were a policeman at every corner to keep the way clear for them. The fact is that the cult of speed for its own sake has become a craze, and it is indulged at the expense of every other consideration.

POLITICAL PARTIES IN BRITAIN.

"The most likely result of the next general election," says Philip Snowden in the Pall Mall Magazine, "seems to be that no party will have a clear majority in the House of Commons. What is going to happen then? Suppose we assume the probable, namely that the Labor and Liberal members have together a working majority over the Conservatives. What will happen? Well, one thing will not happen. The Liberals will not put the Labor Party into office in the loose fashion in which they did in 1924. Both Labor and Liberal learnt a lesson from that brief experience which will prevent them repeating the mistake."

BRITISH JUSTICE.

(The Atlantic Monthly.)

England trusts her magistrates. She selects them carefully, gives them wide powers, and expects them to perform their duties in the maintenance of the dignity of English justice. . . . They have met these expectations. . . . Here in America power in criminal law is mainly vested in the amateur rather than the expert. We trust our juries, but we do not trust our courts. . . . To prevent bad judges, chosen for political reasons only, from doing wrong, we have by a patchwork of prohibitions made it impossible for good judges to act effectively.

As we understand our political geography, a farm is a neglected body of land entirely surrounded by prosperity.

A mole hill on a putting green doesn't have to be made into a mountain. It is one.

Still another thing that doesn't have to be as large as it used to be is the family rag bag.

Died on Sunday.

The death occurred on Sunday at noon of James Horncastle, aged 79 years at his home on Saunders street. Deceased was well known and respected by a large circle of friends. He resided many years at New Maryland, but for the past ten years has made his residence in this city. Besides his widow he is survived by six sons, H. Rankine, William C., Edwin S., J. Allan, Percy L., all of this city and J. Hilton of New Maryland, four sisters, Mrs. Harry Charters of New Maryland, Miss Margaret at home, Mrs. Edward Simmonds of New Maryland and Mrs. Arthur Wetmore of Cardston, Mass. One brother survives John of this city. The funeral took place this afternoon from the late home 46 Saunders street at 2.30 o'clock proceeding later to the Church of England at New Maryland where another short service was held. Rev. A. F. Bate conducted the service and interment made in the adjoining churchyard.

Guests Over Labor Day

The following were guests in the capital city over the holiday: Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hitchcock, St. Stephen; E. C. Leach and Mrs. Leach of Bangor; R. M. Leach and Mrs. Leach, Bangor; Mrs. A. H. Babcock, Bangor, Me; Mrs. Edward B. Babcock, Bangor; John Curtiss, Bangor; Mrs. Frank Sumner, Westmount, Quebec; Miss Ann Sumner, Westmount, Que.; Mr. George Sumner, Westmount; J. H. Legault, Hawkesbury, Ont; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. King, Bangor; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Thomas, Bangor; Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Peter, Bangor; E. Dow, Bangor; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Muller, Jr. of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Ward, Sackville; Mr. and Mrs. T. Roy Andrews, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McInnis, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Angus J. McIntyre, Wina, Me

Leaves for College

Percy Thompson, son of George Thompson of this city left on Monday morning for Pittsburgh where he will resume his studies at the University of Pittsburgh the coming year. Mr. Thompson is taking the dental course at the university and will be in his sophomore year. Percy spent the summer holidays in this city and played baseball with the Fredericton team in the York County league of which he was a valuable member. He has a large circle of friends in this city who wish him every success in his college career.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

When you put a record on now and start the phonograph there is surprise to find no static.

Yet men and women lived and were healthy, centuries before call's liver sold for 65 cents a pound.

Men don't understand women because they can't; women don't understand men because they don't have to.

Should a man come to the conclusion that he is "tired of trying to please everybody" he wants to go to farming.

Give and take is a good game until it comes to the matter of advice few care to be on the receiving end.

A fellow has to have a good memory nowadays or else get in bad with the neighbor women when he takes a telephone message for one of them while his wife is away.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Kenneth Chestnut and daughter Helen, who have been spending the summer in the city left yesterday for their home at Petersburg, Va.

Mrs. A. H. Tweedie and children who have been spending the summer at Grand Lake have returned to their home at Hamilton, Ont.

Mr. Gregory Bridges of Moncton spent the week end in the city.

Miss Althea Niles and Miss Pauline Lindsay have gone to Lynn, Mass here they will enter the Lynn Hospital as students.

Rev. J. H. Holmes has gone to Winnipeg where he will attend the General Council of the United Church of Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cooper have returned to their home at Windsor, Ont.

Mrs. G. W. Allen and Miss Hazen Allen have gone to Grand Manan for their vacation.

Mrs. King Hazen is visiting her son Sir Douglas Hazen at St. John.

Mrs. A. F. Thompson, Mrs. C. P. Holden, Mrs. G. A. Partlett and Miss Louise Sterling have returned from Halifax where they took part in the Maritime Ladies Golf competition.

Miss Alice Sterling who has been visiting her sisters the Misses Sterling returned to Jersey City N. J., last evening.

Moncton Transcript: Laurier Cormier, Harold Wetmore, Pat Gallagher and Mary Stoyles left by car on a week-end trip to Fredericton.

Mrs. J. B. Hayes of St. Leonards spent the week-end in this city visiting relatives.

Leo Kelly of Edmundston spent the week-end with his mother in this city.

Miss Annie Grannan left for Moncton yesterday where she is employed as teacher in the schools there.

Dorice Martin and Miss Corinne Martin of VanBuren, Me., who spent the week-end in this city returned to their home last evening.

Miss Veronica Bowlen left for Montreal Saturday evening where she will spend her vacation.

Died on Saturday.

The death took place on Saturday night of John L. Limond, aged 42 years at the home of Mrs. Glenn Libby, 268 Saunders street. Deceased was a veteran of the great world war and resided here for eight years following the close of the war. He later moved to Ontario and had just returned from there on Friday when he was suddenly taken ill. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. C. P. Forman of Lincoln, Mass. The funeral took place this afternoon with service at 2.30 o'clock from the late home conducted by Rev. George Telford. The Wilmot United choir sang several favorite hymns of the deceased. Interment took place in the Soldier's Plot of the Rural extension and Bugler Seymour Tyler sounded the Last Post. Pall bearers were made up of members of the Canadian Legion.

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Sartorial Note: The fashionable russet shade will predominate from now on, in straw hats.

The seven ages of woman are one, sixteen twenty-five and thirty.

DIED

HORNCASTLE—At his home on Saunders street, Sept. 2nd, James Horncastle aged 79 years. Funeral Tuesday afternoon with service at the late home at 2.30 o'clock by Rev. A. F. Bate, later at the Church of England in New Maryland. Interment at New Maryland.

LIMOND—At the home of Glen Libby 268 Saunders street, Sept. 1st, John L. Limond, aged 42 years. Funeral Tuesday afternoon with service conducted by Rev. George Telford. Interment in Rural Cemetery.

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