

## A NATION'S ASSETS.

Premier Ross's Address to  
the Young Men.A HIGH STANDARD OF PUBLIC  
HONESTY IS NECESSARY.Feature of Y. M. C. A. Convention  
at Buffalo.

Buffalo, May 14.—The Honorable George W. Ross, Premier of Ontario, sat on the platform with President Macfarland at yesterday afternoon's session of the International Y. M. C. A. convention. He must have felt right at home, too, The Express says not because as the president remarked, that the premier was, like himself, a Presbyterian and an elder, but because the most conspicuous object on the stage (next to the president and the premier, of course) was an immense Union Jack which had been placed there on the opening day of the convention.

Applause greeted the premier when he arose to speak. He said that he was immensely pleased to see the good feeling that existed between the people of the United States and Canada at the present time and hoped that it would ever be the same. "There should be no other feeling between the people who have undisputed possession of the western continent. Let us hope that the British lion will never become too much of a lion in dealing with the American lamb. (Applause.) I bring no particular greeting to you from the people of Canada except the wish that we may live forever in peaceful unity."

The premier then delivered his remarks to young men and to those who were interested in the work of young men. He said that the young men were the assets of a nation. Some assets were bad, he said, and some assets were good. The young man who spent his life in carousing and dissipation was a bad asset. He was, like the tramp, the speaker said, a hindrance to the body politic. The premier said that young men ought to cultivate to the utmost capacity their power of physical endurance. He thought that the English had won much in this world because they were able to hold on ten minutes longer than the other fellows.

He quoted Edison's remark that success consisted of two per cent. of talent and 98 per cent. of application, and that inspiration was but another word for perspiration. Then the premier said something about the great men who helped to make the United States. "What would Russia give today for a General Grant or an Admiral Sampson?" (Prolonged Applause.) He then went on to say that England and the United States were trying to perform the same work, only in a different way; both were trying to show that a democratic government was better than an autocratic government.

Returning to the young man as an asset of the country, the premier thought that young men ought to read books and make good use of the libraries. He said that any young man who laid out a course of reading, even if he read only ten pages a day, would be splendidly equipped at the end of a year. The premier said also that a high standard of public honor was also necessary. "We ought to be our own policeman, our own detectives and our own jailers. A man with that characteristic is a valuable asset," he said.

The premier then referred to the talk which he had frequently heard to the effect that there was much dishonesty among politicians. He announced himself as a politician, and said he did not believe that there was as much dishonesty as was attributed to them. "Water cannot rise higher than its source."

In closing he urged the young men present to resist any appeal to sinister motives or dishonesty in public office.

## Women Who Wear Well.

It is astonishing how great a change a few years of married life will make in the appearance and disposition of many women. The freshness, the charm, the brilliance vanish like the bloom from a peach which is rudely handled. The matron is only a dim shadow, a faint echo of the charming maiden. There are two reasons for this change, ignorance and neglect. Few young women appreciate the shock to the system through the change which comes with marriage. Many neglect to deal with the unpleasant drains which are often consequent on marriage and motherhood, not understanding that this secret drain is robbing the cheek of its freshness and the form of its fairness. As surely as the general health suffers when there is derangement of the health of the delicate womanly organs, so surely when these organs are established in health the face and form at once witness to the fact in renewed comeliness. Half a million women and more have found health and happiness in the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.

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Rev. Mr. Troop Accepts the Bible Story  
Literally.

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In the first place, there was no particular reason to think that the fish or sea monster mentioned was a whale. The Scripture nowhere said that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. The only authority for that statement was found in the English translation of the New Testament. The word "whale" was not found either in the Hebrew of the Old Testament or the Greek of the New. In the story as it occurred in the Old Testament, we were told that God prepared a great fish, which swallowed Jonah, and the Greek word used in the New Testament was translated in the margin of the revised version as "sea monster." It was left an absolutely open question, both in the Hebrew and in the Greek, as to whether this sea monster was a whale or not.

Rev. Mr. Troop referred to Sir Robert Anderson's work, "The Bible and Modern Criticism," to show that a whale was able to swallow immense objects, and that when it was dying it ejected all that was in its stomach. Therefore, Sir Robert Anderson said that the whole idea of the story was altered and because perfectly natural if we remembered that God prepared a fish for the express purpose of entombing Jonah. The miracle consisted not in the swallowing of Jonah by the fish, but in the preservation of Jonah alive while in the fish's belly for the period during which he was there. The preacher stated that he for one was not in the least degree ashamed to say that he accepted the story of Jonah literally.

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