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THE BOY PROBLEM

There is much of valuable suggestion in the letter on the bad boy problem which a Toronto subscriber sends to the Times, and which is printed in today's issue. "Remove all the glamor, glory and fireworks," and make it a very serious and wholly unprofitable thing for a boy to commit petty offences, and he will hesitate long before taking the risk. The suggestion of a children's court is also a good one, for this system has proved of great value in a number of cities.

There still remains, however, the problem of caring for the children of the street—those who do not have inviting homes—that they may as far as possible be kept free from temptation. This is a problem neither the police court nor the press can solve. It can only be approached along the lines of social service, and by those who are willing out of their own fullness of heart and opportunity to encourage and stimulate the less fortunate.

And as the Rev. Mr. Mathers points out, in his article yesterday, the responsibility resting upon the home cannot be too urgently pressed upon the heart and conscience of the people.

SCOTLAND AND PROHIBITION

The question of prohibition in Scotland is exciting a good deal of attention. We quote from a report of a speech at a recent meeting under the auspices of the Scottish Temperance Legislation Board by the solicitor general for Scotland, Mr. Alexander Ure, K. C., M. P.

He said: "If it were practicable he would hold that the best cure for the drink problem would be the extinction of the drink traffic altogether, but he was a practical politician. He regarded the problem not as a vice to be extinguished, not as a crime to be suppressed, but as a question of the habits and customs of the people. Now they were powerless to effect a change in the habits of a nation unless they had at their back the vast overwhelming mass of public opinion. In his opinion it would be impossible to command at the present moment an adequate force and volume of public opinion to absolutely prohibit the drink traffic in all parts of Scotland, and it was now almost universally agreed that if prohibition was to be carried at all it must be by a very substantial majority, and the minimum that had been suggested even by extreme temperance reformers was a two-thirds majority of the electors voting, or a clear majority of the electors on the roll. Now, in favor of absolute prohibition they would no doubt be able to count upon a generous estimate ten per cent. of the electors to give them steady support, but in order to carry absolute prohibition they would require to reinforce their ten out of one hundred by fifty-seven out of the remaining ninety. He did not dispute that in sparsely populated districts they would be lucky enough to secure fifty-seven out of ninety non-abstainers in support of absolute prohibition. The proposal was that non-abstainers who were in the vast majority were to have presented to them only two alternatives—absolute prohibition on the one hand or letting things remain as they are on the other. The result was that they could not conscientiously support either alternative. The consequence was that they were shut out of the fighting ranks altogether, and temperance reformers lost the aid of men whose aid was absolutely essential if they were to attain success. The consequences were two-fold. If they failed to carry absolute prohibition they gave great encouragement to the out-and-out supporters of the drink traffic, and they seriously discouraged temperance reformers amongst non-abstainers. In his opinion there was another and a better way than to leave things as they are, if they could not find it practicable to carry absolute prohibition."

The report at hand does not state what was the "other and better way than to leave things as they are." A significant

fact is that the solicitor general concedes that prohibition would carry in parts of Scotland, which admission shows the trend of public sentiment.

The proceedings at the meeting of the board of public safety last evening were not of a character to reflect credit on the board and its officials. Is there friction in the fire department? The board could cheerfully call upon the provincial government to investigate the police department—but if there is any apparent reason for such a motion as that of Ald. Bullock, why does not the board do a little investigating on its own account? The citizens will soon grow weary of such cheap fireworks as those of last evening.

The C. P. R. special with the Oriental mails from the Empress of Ireland arrived at Montreal at 5.20 o'clock on Saturday morning, about ten hours after the arrival of the I. C. R. special with the mails landed at Halifax. Score another for the People's Railway and the all-Canadian route.—Halifax Chronicle.

But passengers for Ontario points lost a day because of the delay at Halifax. Halifax may well say: "Another such victory and we are undone."

Anyone who has heard Mr. Tennyson Smith knows that he need not go about as a temperance lecturer in small cities and towns in order to make a living. Such suggestions are not only grossly unfair but ridiculously absurd. Mr. Smith is in this work from conviction. If he were after dollars he could make much better terms.

At the ministers' meetings yesterday the temperance question was the subject of discussion. This is desirable, as it is in the power of the ministers, if they unite their forces, to influence the man on the street to think and talk much more about the subject. And this is necessary before effective work can be done.

Some members of the city council should ask for a detailed statement of the expenditure on each of the three ferry steamers since last June, with the number of men employed on the repair work, the time spent and the wages paid. A little probing in this direction should be interesting.

It would be well to withhold any great demonstration of joy over the prospects for a new drill hall until something more definite is stated. The unexpected may happen, but the expected in this case certainly has not happened for years and years.

IN THE WORLD OF CRIMINALS

A Jail Broken and Prisoners Escape --- Tramps Rob and Kill.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 26.—A special to the Journal from Palatka, Kan., says the county jail there was broken early today and nine prisoners, including three alleged murderers, escaped. Seven of the prisoners were negroes and two whites. A breach in the outside brick wall of the jail made with an axe, permitted the escape.

STEBENVILLE, O., Nov. 26.—Edward Coulter, a teamster, was attacked by tramps on the West Virginia side of the Ohio river this morning, and after he had been beaten into unconsciousness he was thrown into a fire and so badly burned, he will die. Coulter was walking home when the tramps attacked him, took his money, stripped him of his clothing and left him unconscious with his body lying across the still burning coils of a fire. He revived sufficiently to roll away from the fire and give a description of his assailants, who have not yet been arrested.

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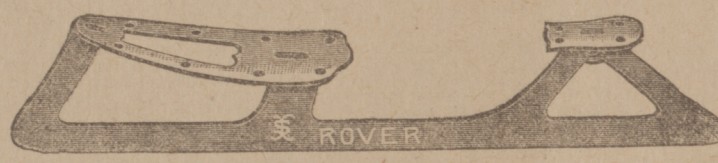
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But aye he loves the homeland best, And Scotia's rugged hills and cales, Though he may wander east and west, Where'er the barque of fortune sails. And still his thoughts across the track, The weary road that he has come, Will ever, ever wander back, For Scotland's Scotland are to him.

WM. CORMACK.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

BEING A WOMAN.
"Is Maude taking a day off to celebrate her birthday?"
"No; she's taking a year off."—Boston Script.

HER DOWRY.

"Did the old man settle anything on his daughter and her husband when they married?"
"Yes, indeed, he did; he settled himself."—Baltimore American.

SOME PEOPLE DO.

"We can't get all at once into the exclusive circles, ma. We haven't got the prestige."
"Well, law sakes, Sairy, can't we buy some?"—Baltimore American.

CAN'T KEEP HIM GOING.

Nell—"Mr. Staylate is just the nicest thing going."
Belle—"Yes; but the trouble is you can't get him started going until about midnight."—Philadelphia Record.

LAUDABLE AMBITION.

The Owner—"Why are you arresting us?"
The Country Constable—"Wal, I need th' money. I'm trying ter git enough from fees ter buy an automobile myself!"—Life.

GOT ALL HE WANTED.

"Bobby, did you have a good time at the picnic?"
"Yes, mother."
"Why didn't you stay until it was over?"
"What was the use, mother? We were through eating."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

A WISE SENATOR.

"A man in public office should not be in different to this world's goods."
"No," answered Senator Sorghum, "but it is not always wise to let himself be caught with them."—Washington Star.

HAD NO NERVE.

Chuggerton—"How's your new chauffeur?"
Carr—"Had to fire him; he used to be a motorman."
Chuggerton—"Too reckless, eh?"
Carr—"Reckless, nothing! Why, I couldn't break him of the habit of slowing up at crossings!"—Puck.

RATIONAL VIEW OF BOY PROBLEM

A Toronto Subscriber to the Times Deprecates too Much Publicity and Lenience.

TORONTO, Ont., Nov. 22nd, 1906.
Editor St. John Times: St. John, N. B.

Sir,—From this distance the bad boy problem which confronts the citizens of St. John does not appear to be a very complicated one. Perhaps five per cent. of the youngsters who are brought into the bright light of publicity show unmistakable signs of criminality. The others are mere hangers-on who think it a fine thing to emulate the fellow who "got his name in the papers," with the hope of some day finding their own names blazoned forth to the community in a first page scarehead. The average small boy loves nothing better than notoriety among his fellows. Such phrases as "Gee, I seen Buff's picture in two papers today. He's all right, what?" or "It was me and Chick Higgins what done it, what do you're know about it?" or "Oh, say, you should've seen me nail a Sheeny right in de jaw wid half a brick," are quite common. The small boy is generally a blow-hard who can be easily managed if proper means are used. But give him lots of newspaper notoriety and he will, with the dime novel reading that he has indulged in, soon find a way to get a revolver into his possession and then he is liable to do almost anything that an irresponsible young person would be expected to do.

If the newspapers would refrain from giving names and treat juveniles and their crimes in a brief and concise manner; and if the magistrate would hand out a sentence of thirty days and fifty lashes, I think it would not be long before such a thing as a bad boy problem would not exist in your city. But as long as newspapers write up the particulars, giving names and addresses of every urchin implicated, so long will there be a contingent of glory-seeking youngsters who love this sort of fame, but who would rather go to school or work than lead an inglorious existence with an occasional application of the lash.

In Toronto we have a children's court. Not having such a court in St. John, a very good idea, I think, would be to have juveniles tried in an empty court room. This would remove another of the glories that youngsters revel in. My whole idea is to remove all the glamor, glory and fireworks which are allowed to surround the youthful criminal and which I believe is responsible for the greater part of the trouble caused by these boys.

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