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AFTER THE BATTLE

Echoes of the great Liberal victory are still heard from many parts of this province. From opposition sources come the usual stories of improper methods pursued to gain this victory, with never a word about the methods by which Conservative heeled sought to persuade, intimidate or bribe voters. The result in New Brunswick and throughout Canada is so pronounced, however, as an expression of popular feeling, that the opposition may as well accept the situation, and cast about to get a more worthy cause and better candidates than it had in the recent campaign. The government is sustained by a great majority, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues are free to continue the policy of national development along broad lines, completing the great transportation system which will give to Canada a rapidly growing population, a steady development of great national resources, and a continued increase in national wealth, opening up ever new avenues in our own country for the able and energetic young men who in a former generation sought under a foreign flag the opportunities which were not opened up to them at home.

VITAL PROBLEMS

Last night's meeting of the Associated Charities should have been held in the largest hall in St. John, and should have attracted an audience to fill the place. Stories were told that were far more pathetic than any set forth upon the stage—and they were stories concerning whom? Our neighbors.

Here lies a man in the last stages of consumption, in a filthy room little more than six feet square, his wife going out to work, his children playing around him. Here is a young woman in the last stages of the same disease, homeless, a wanderer and a menace.

There is no hospital for such patients. If they should not be sent to the Public Hospital, neither should they be sent to the Municipal Home. They should be isolated and cared for to the end. We are a Christian people, but we let them die miserably. We neither provide a hospital for advanced cases nor a sanitarium for prevention and cure. To our shame as a people be it said.

Here is a delicate woman with five children the wife of a drunken loafer, who not only earns nothing for her, but actually sells articles of furniture which she has got together. He spends the money for liquor. Such cases as this, varying in the degree of misery produced, are but too numerous in St. John to-day. We are a Christian people, but we do not destroy the liquor evil nor provide means by which such men can be forced to work and contribute to the support of their families. To our shame again be it said.

Here are children growing up in homes where there is no home life, because both parents are intemperate and regardless of their duty. It would be almost a miracle if these children grew up to be useful members of society. They are not given a fair chance. We are Christian people, but we have no Children's Aid Society to take charge of these little ones and give them a fair start in life. To our shame be it said.

Here are men who are addicted to drink and who are frequently arrested and jailed for drunkenness. In some cases wives and children suffer deprivation to pay the fines. In others the men are unmarried, but are worse than worthless members of the community, because of the degrading

example they set. A jail sentence does nothing to reform them, and they sink lower and lower, to die miserably, by accident or violence, or through exposure. We are a Christian people, but we have made no effort to provide a prison farm where such men could be placed under healthful conditions of out-door life for a longer or shorter period, and compelled to earn their living and some wages in productive industry. To our shame again be it said.

One or two of the speakers last evening referred pointedly to the cause of most of the distress and shame which are brought to the attention of the Associated Charities. That cause is intemperance. Everybody knows it, and it is a cause which public sentiment could very largely remove, and in a comparatively short period utterly destroy. Yet the time is long, and the shame and distress continue.

Until those citizens whose lines are cast in pleasant places take a personal interest in the welfare of their less fortunate neighbors, social conditions will not improve. It was said last evening, rather boastfully it must be confessed, that St. John people always responded to an appeal, and were most generous when they were told of cases of need. This is true. But the real philanthropist is the one who does not wait to be prodded into a fit of generosity. The social problem must be solved in the homes of the unfortunate, not by mere charity, but by helpful personal sympathy and such legislation as will remove temptation, overcome disabilities, educate the children, and make reform take the place of mere punishment or neglect.

PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST

As the presidential election in the United States takes place next Tuesday, the following figures relative to the contest in 1904 are of interest. They are quoted from the Bangor Commercial: "The total popular vote in 1904 of all candidates for President was 13,519,160; while the total presidential vote, including all scattering votes thrown, was 13,528,979. The popular vote for Roosevelt over Parker was 2,541,635; while the electoral vote of Roosevelt over Parker was 196. The popular vote for Roosevelt was 7,623,486; for Parker 5,677,971. As to the electoral vote of the present year, based on the apportionment act of 1900, it will consist of 483 votes, 242 votes being necessary to a choice.

"It is generally recognized that the doubtful states this year, upon whose vote the greatest importance rests, are Ohio, Indiana and New York. In 1904 these states all went Republican by the following votes. Ohio, 1,004,393; Indiana, 682,185; New York, 1,617,770. The electoral votes of these for the present year is as follows: Ohio, 23 votes; Indiana, 15 votes; New York, 39 votes."

THE SOCIAL PROBLEM

The Rt. Hon. John Burns may not suit socialists like Mr. Keir Hardie but he has a habit of putting the responsibility for much of the existing social distress in England where it belongs. In a speech the other day Mr. Burns declared that the average British workman spent more than five shillings a week for liquor. He declared that laborers were no friends of the workman if they did not tell them where the responsibilities for their miseries lay. If the millions wasted by workmen in the time of their prosperity were spent in insurance and trade societies their position would be far different. He added:

"Indiscriminate charity, mistaken philanthropy at other people's expense and relief works badly organized would lead to universal bankruptcy and universal loafdom."

Mr. Burns is right. While charity must be administered to some extent, the great aim of relief work should be to assist those in need to make provision for their own needs, and so lift themselves above want.

The death of the Hon. Thomas Greenway removes a man who had a large part in the development of western Canada. Born in England, he served in the legislature of Ontario, was premier of Manitoba for a dozen years in an era of great development, and passed thence to the parliament of Canada. He was recently appointed a member of the railway commission. Mr. Greenway was a man of great ability and fighting force, and served his adopted country long and well.

At the meeting of the Associated Charities last evening Archdeacon Raymond referred to homes whose children have to work in factories at an early age, and so the girls are unfitted to become wives and mothers, because they know little or nothing about home-keeping. The despatches today tell of the suicide of a young woman because she could not keep house for her husband and child. There is unutterable pathos in the tragedy of such lives as these.

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AT THE TOP OF THE ROAD.

"But Lord," she said, "my shoulders still are strong; I have been used to bear the load so long; And see, the hill is passed, and smooth the road."

"Yes," said the stranger, "yield me now thy load."

Gently he took it from her, and she stood straight limbed and lithe, in new found maidenhood.

Amid long, stubble fields, around them sprang a tender breeze, and birds, and rivers sang:

"My lord," she said, "the land is very fair!" Smiling, he answered, "Was it not so here?"

"There"—in her voice a wondering question lay. "Was I not always here, then, as to-day?"

He turned to her, with strange deep eyes aflame—"Knowest thou not this kingdom, nor my name?"

"Nay," she replied, "but this I understand—That Thou art Lord of Life, in this dear land."

"Yes, child," he answered, scarce above his breath. "Lord of the land—but men have named me death!"

—Charles Duxton Going, in the New Zealand Theosophical Magazine.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

JUST POSSIBLE.

"I wonder what causes the flight of time?" said the fair maid. "We sell piano music by the pound and organ music by the choir."

AS INDICATED.

Myer—Ever notice that dilapidated old umbrella Jones carries?

Grove—Yes, it is evidently one of the shades of his ancestors.

THE WISE FLY.

"Won't you walk into my parlor?" said the spider to the fly.

"Sure!" answered the fly. "But I draw the line at entering your dining room."

DIFFERENT BRANDS.

"How do you sell your music," asked the prospective customer.

"It depends on the kind you want," replied the smart clerk. "We sell piano music by the pound and organ music by the choir."

THE MAD DOG.

"Why did you kick that dog, you rascal?" "Beccos 'e's mad."

"How do you know he is mad?" "Well, wouldn't you be mad if somebody kicked you?"—Comic Cuts.

SHE DIDN'T KNOW.

It was night.

"They—he and she—were sitting on the porch looking at the stars."

"You know, I suppose," he whispered, "what a young man's privilege is when he sees a shooting star?"

"No," she answered, "I haven't the slightest idea. There goes one!"—Chicago Tribune.

RESERVED HER VERDICT.

A gentleman who was no longer young and who never was handsome, said to a child in the presence of her parents:

"Well, my dear, what do you think of me?" "The little girl made no reply and the gentleman continued:

"Well, you don't tell me. Why don't you?" "Two little fat hands tucked the corners of a pinafore into her mouth, as she said archly, in a timid whisper:

"Cause I don't want to get whipped."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

PARABLE FOR SUFFRAGETTES.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward is against votes for women. At a luncheon for suffragettes in New York, by means of a parable, she pointed out her belief that the immediate home circle, not the distant polling booth or Senate Chamber, was the true feminine sphere of usefulness.

She said an aged Scot told his minister that he was going to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

"And while I'm there," said the pilgrim, complacently, "I'll read the Ten Commandments aloud frae the top o' Mount Sinai."

"Saurdely," said the minister, "tak' my advice. Bide at home and keep them."

OUT OF THEIR DEPTH.

The brothers Billstein were being entertained by one who was anxious to avail himself of their financial acumen. But as ill luck would have it, the talk veered to other things.

"Do you like Omar Khayyam?" thoughtlessly asked the host, trying to make conversation.

It was the elder brother who plunged heroically into the breach, "but I prefer Chianti."

Nothing more was said till the Billsteins were on their way home.

"Willie," said Sammy, bitterly, breaking a painful silence, "why can't yer leave things that yer don't understand to me?"

Omar Khayyam ain't a wine, yer cuckoo; it's a cheese!"

THE INGLENOOK PHILOSOPHER of Kennebecasis Bay.

Again ye come, again ye throng around me!

Ghosts of a time that will return no more!

How have we traced and how, how have ye found me.

A lonely wanderer on this solemn shore?

No matter how! Ye're with me, and behold, I live again in the dear days of old.

When I was six or seven she was ten or twelve years old, and from the fork where our two roads met we always pursued our way to school together, and at the fork we parted on our return. If one of us chanced to be late in the morning it was with the fork that the dilatory one was waited for. She was slim and straight, and strong, as was demonstrated when any bigger boy imposed upon me, and, of course, I thought her very handsome. She was proud and always wore a bit of bright colored ribbon in her hair and a bit of lace around her neck, and she had "great expectations" for she was the sole heir of Lemuel Ransom, the richest farmer in the district. Her name was

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