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CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Commenting on the suicide of a minister in New York city, because he was ill and unable to make his way in the world and was disappointed with the church and the social and religious conditions generally, the Brooklyn Eagle thoughtfully observes:

"There will be sympathy for Mr. Trick, the clergyman who, out of work and in ill-health, shot himself in the Mills Hotel. But sympathy for the man's misfortunes should not lead any one to accept his attack upon our social conditions and on the church as responsible for his misfortunes. In fact, the letter he left proves his mental unsoundness more conclusively than his suicide does.

"He had not been able to earn a living for his family. That misfortune bore heavily upon his diseased nerves beyond question. He seems to have had a strong affection for his children, and his inability to provide for them must have been a source of keen suffering. But that either the church or the social system was the cause of his inability was one of the delusions of the melancholia which had afflicted him. His failure was more really due to what he calls his inability 'to conquer an inborn contempts for the place money has in this world.' That may have been merely a fine literary name for a point of view which afflicts a great many unsuccessful people. One root of the feeling is laziness, an unwillingness to do the hard work by which money is earned, and the other is vanity, a belief that because of one's superior intellectual or spiritual gifts he ought to be exempt from the common law of service, or hard work, as a basis of success.

"There would be no occasion to dwell on the case of this unfortunate man, but the same spirit which he showed in his farewell letter is at work broadly, and it does great mischief. Of Mr. Trick it made an anarchist in religion. Because the church of today does not square with the communistic teachings and practices of Jesus in Judea, he concludes that the modern church is hypocrital and has no claim to the name Christian. If his mind had not been too much warped to form a sound historical perspective he would have known that never has the world been so moved and controlled by the spirit of Jesus Christ as it is today; that never has the brotherhood of man, which is the essence of Christianity, been the dominating force and the object of governments as it is today. It isn't the brotherhood of communism, but it is the brotherhood of care, of sympathy, and of opportunity—notwithstanding the manifold individual cases which those forces fail to reach.

"The same spirit which made this clergyman in broken health a religious anarchist makes thousands with defective intellects political anarchists and wild-eyed socialists. Their sense of justice is outraged by the spectacle of great wealth and much poverty in close contrast, and they fly off in denunciations of the social system as baseless as is Mr. Trick's denunciation of the church. Both the church and the social system are far from perfect, but they are at least more human and more Christlike than they ever were before. The efforts to improve our conditions which force on political evolution are inspired by one part of Christ's teaching and practice, the passion for the service of mankind."

Of temperance sentiment in the Maritime Provinces a St. John letter in the Toronto News says:

"During the past three years the temperance sentiment in the Maritime Provinces has gained very greatly in strength. The movement toward prohibition, which is sweeping the United States, finds its counterpart in Eastern Canada. There has been an earnest campaign in all three provinces, though the work is carried on along different lines. Prince Edward Island, which leads all Canada in the possession of a prohibitory law, now devotes its principal attention to improving the methods of enforcement. The legislature which granted prohibition did not provide the necessary enforcing machinery, and it is toward the remedying of this defect that the efforts of the temperance party are now directed. In New Brunswick and Nova Scotia prohibition is demanded. In this province the sentiment in favor of it is particularly strong, and will find expression in a demand upon the legislature at the next session. Nova Scotia, while fighting towards the desired end, will scarcely be ready for this step for some time."

"Happily the word 'duty' begins to be heard with greater frequency, and the word 'right' is retreating to a somewhat less conspicuous place," says the Boston Herald. "The call goes forth for a declaration of the duties of man, universal in scope, perhaps, and international in application, but as historic in importance as the declaration of the rights of man made by France and by the United States more than a century ago. Educators and other thoughtful citizens of many lands, esecially charged with responsibility for maintaining idealism, are beginning to admit the unsatisfactory outcome of a century that has placed the heaviest emphasis on rights, that has weakened the principle of obedience to duty, that has trusted too much to informing the mind and that has undervalued the discipline of the will. Witness the plank in the latest platform of the National Education Association, which recommends to the teaching profession of this country 'continuous training of pupils in morals,' and the insistence by so many who discuss the present condition of affairs in this country that rights of citizenship have run far ahead of preparation for its duties."

In a temperance address in this city last Sunday a speaker advocated placing the saloons in the best residential parts of the city. If that were done, he said, the city would soon be rid of saloons. On this point the Toronto News says:—"The liquor trade persists in its unwise policy of trying to force shop licenses on unwilling residential districts. The latest instance is the attempt to establish a liquor store at the corner of Bathurst and Dupont streets. The pursuit of this course only serves to provoke public opinion against a traffic which depends for its existence upon the good will of the people."

The Boston Herald says:—"Having completed his tour of the eastern states and a brief sojourn abroad, the Rev. Robert J. Burdette is returning to his flock in Los Angeles. It is five years since he was settled over the First Baptist Church there. It was then a poor congregation, badly split up by internal strife. Now it is a large and flourishing congregation with a $650,000 church with seating accommodations for 7,000 people and a popular preacher who fills the auditorium. Not so bad for a retired newspaper humorist."

IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR BOYS ON THE FARM

Make Farm Life More Profitable and More Attractive Will be Aim of Ontario Agricultura Department.

(Toronto Globe.)

That the policy of the Ontario Department of Agriculture will be increasingly to make the conditions of life on the farm not only economically more profitable, but socially more attractive, was the intimation given last week by Hon. Mr. Monteith.

The scientific side of agriculture, Mr. Monteith thinks, ought to be given more attention in the high schools of the province, which are attended by so many young people who live on farms and go in and out every day. They would thus be more likely to remain in rural communities, thus counteracting the drift towards the cities and the consequent aggravating of the problems that beset modern life, not only in the old-world cities, but to a growing extent in Canada. To this end both the Provincial and the Federal Departments of Agriculture need, he says, to bend their energies more than ever.

Speaking of the question of immigration, Mr. Monteith said he believed it was not so desirable to make haste to fill up our vacant land as to make sure of getting the right quality of people to come here. At the same time, he said he thought there was a great number of people in Great Britain who were going into the cities, who, if informed of the opportunities existing in Canada, could be induced to come and make their homes on farms in this country. The virility of the Canadian nation, after all, he said, would depend largely on the number of people who were established on the land. He expects while in England to look into not only the immigration matters, but also into the technical education in conjunction possibly with Hon. Dr. Pyne, who, as Minister of Education, has been visiting in Germany, inquiring into the conduct of technical schools and of institutions for teaching the deaf and dumb. He will visit Liverpool, where there is already an office looking after emigration, and will consult with the premier, Sir James Whitney, as to opening an agency in London.

The members of the City Cornet Band last night went to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Bardsley, 24 Adelaide street, and treated them to a musical serenade. Mr. Bardsley, who was recently married, is a member of the band. He and his bride have just returned after their wedding trip. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all last evening.

Rev. H. Grattan Dockrell, of the First Moncton Baptist Church and family, arrived from Digby yesterday afternoon. Mr. Dockrell will remain in the city over Sunday and preach in Germain Street Baptist Church in the morning and Leinster Street Church in the evening.

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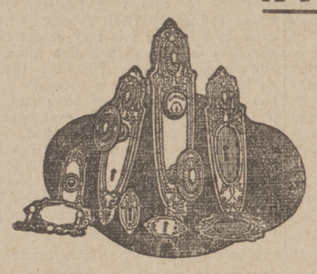
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On pinions poising, then away,
Plain, desert, city, vale and hill
Receding in a mist of gray;
Up, up, with balanced flight he cleaves
The storm-web that the lightning weaves!

The tramway fades, the motor gleams
A transitory vision, gone;
Once more the Titan spirit dreams
And light wings lift him to the dawn;
The peaks of man's achievement rise,
The marvel of his genius grows—
The darting airship in the skies
A bird of steel endurance goes,
The master of its fate, its flight,
Guiding the ages unto light!

All hail the Aviator: all hail
The conquering genius of the years,
Borne on against the dreams that fail,
The doubt, the darkness and the tears!
The hopes defeated efforts lost,
That old, determined will supreme—
To conquer, and at any cost
Fulfill the dream within the dream;
Hail him, for poised against the blue,
With God's white sunlight sifting through!

Today the step, the forward spring;
Tomorrow, and we know not yet
How firm the fledging finds its wing,
How far achievement's end be set;
The vision startles, but we dare
Behold the thronging ships go by,
When fleets of commerce take the air
And navies clash against the sky;
When Boston unto Bagdad seems
A flash of wings between two dreams!

Dip down, O soaring thing of fate,
Till like the Sinbad of the tale,
We enter trough thy magic gate
The wild dominion of the gale;
The Orient to the Occident,
One poising and a flash, then gone,
Far-flung across the element
From lands of sunset to the dawn;
Dip down, O ships that tempt us there
To high allurements of the air!

IN LIGHTER VEIN

HANDICAPPED.

"Have you a tank in the building?" inquired the inspector from the insurance office.

"We hov," admitted the janitor.

"What's its capacity?"

"Faith, an' Oi niver hod money enough to find out."—The Bohemian Magazine.

IN HIS LINE.

"There's a wealthy Chicago pork packer backing our show," said the tragedian, "and he's apparently confident that the venture will be a success."

"Ah!" remarked the comedian, "he's got faith in his ability to make money out of hams, eh?"—The Catholic Standard and Times.

STUDY AT HOME.

"Maud graduated from your cooking school last spring, didn't she?"

"Yes, but she's going to take a post-graduate course next fall."

"Going back to the same school again?"

"Oh, no; she's to be married to a poor young man."—The Catholic Standard and Times.

PRESERVING THE PROPRIETIES.

A traveller in the mountains of Tennessee had been stowed away in the best bed the cottage offered. Late in the night he was awakened by the voice of the paterfamilias addressed to the daughter, who was entertaining company by the fireside.

"Mandy," growled the old man, "is that young man there yet?"

"Yep, pap."

"Is he got his arm round yer waist?"

"Yep, pap."

"You-all tell him to tak't away."

"Aw, ye tell him yerself, pap," replied the girl, in a dull, lifeless voice. "He air a plumb stranger to me."—Success Magazine.

NOT FAIR.

"Look here, Abraham," said the judge, "it's been proved right here in court that instead of doing something to help support your wife and children, you spend your whole time hunting 'possum!"

The old negro hung his head.

"Now, Abe, you love your wife, don't you?"

"Ah suttinly does!"

"And your children?"

"Yas, suh!"

"And you love them both better—"

"Better ev'ry day, jedge!" Abe broke in. "Better than a thousand 'possum?"

"Look hyah, jedge," exclaimed Abe, with widening eyes, "dat's takin' a coon at a pow'ful disadvantage."—The Bohemian Magazine.

A MESSAGE TO MARS.

The Martian astronomer turned his big refractor on the earth. The seeing was particularly good that evening and what had formerly appeared on the earth's surface as a foggy patch of light now stood out clear—a ring within which was the mysterious word "Zozo."

"There is something else," said the astronomer to his young assistant. "Your eyes are better than mine. What do you make it?"

The younger man clapped his eye to the tube. He, too, described the mysterious "Zozo," and beneath it, in smaller letters, the words, "For the Teeth."

"Ah, yes," murmured the old astronomer. "So they still use those crude methods of advertising."

"You must remember," said his assistant, "that the Earthians are much younger than we."—Puck.

BUCKWHEAT SOLVES THE INCONSISTENCY

Editor Evening Times:

Sir.—Dr. Johnson—whom Boswell's incomparable biography has made known to every country and age, said—"Necessity and opportunity are close together."

I told you some of my troubles in my last letter. "Any port in the time of storm." A buyer came along and I sold him all live stock on the farm. At night all was silence—anti-mundane. I was afraid the neighbors would hear the hush—and they did. Several of both sexes waited on me. Miss Smeller exclaimed—"Buckwheat, what's up? There's silence like a cemetery over the village. The threats we made of tar and feathers was only a demonstration. We'll put the suit on you now, and don't you forget it!" Well, a skunk happened to stray through the open door—a pretty little creature—but rather strongly scented. Without introduction he moved freely among the callers and the delegation made an informal retreat. I fired a kettle of boiling water at the skunk. I haven't seen neighbors or skunk since. The inconsistency? First it was complained my farm was too noisy. Then too quiet. I think that skunk was an angel in disguise—there has been a lot of washing and thinking done for some time and I'll be as immune as if guarded by London's whole police force.

Now in life "Things are seldom what they seem." We must use the X-rays to get the root meaning of things. Then let us remember the trite saying—"Say nothing, keep sawing wood." There is a time to speak. I want to show the remote cause of trouble between people in the village and me.

Well! Hannah is the innocent cause. All the years, she has been my first line of defence—like England's navy. Now I'm open to attack in every quarter. To get down to the root of the matter—Hannah, in her maiden days, was the belle of the village. Every neighbor expected to win her for his wife. All was a surprise! Hannah took possession of me—I'm her lawful half. "Possession is nine points of the law." Well! Now! Hannah's left me, my neighbors think to even things up—do me up—as it were. Now, to go a little deeper—it seems strange that the women side with the men in this altercation—but we remember the words of Longfellow

"As the string unto the bow is
So is woman unto man,
Though she draw him
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