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A SUGGESTION

The St. John man who sits down in his office and writes a check for the benefit of foreign missions can, after a ten minutes' walk, find himself in the midst of squalor and vice, or of absolute want and suffering, such as should appeal to him with even greater force than the conditions of the somewhat easily contented denizens of heathendom. This fact is not a reason why the check referred to should not be written, but it is suggestive of the need of greater activity to improve social conditions at our own doors.

Contemporary with every effort to enlighten the heathen and improve their conditions should be even more zealous action to bring about a change for the better in the community in which one lives. If there is need for united action by members of different religious denominations to Christianize the heathen world, there is at least equal necessity for their co-operation in the home field; for example, in the city of St. John. The answer will perhaps be made that such co-operation now exists, and that, with the aid of the Associated Charities, a great deal of valuable work is being done. We may readily admit that much has been done, but this does not conceal the fact that there still remain great abuses to be remedied and a great work of social reform to be accomplished.

Let us take an instance. Recently, complaint was made that a man and woman were living in complete destitution. Enquiry showed that they were without food or fuel. Immediate temporary relief was given. The case was investigated, and it was shown that the drinking habits of the pair were directly responsible for their condition, and a doubt was even expressed whether they were really man and wife. There the matter dropped. It is just here that our present social system breaks down. Surely the united wisdom of philanthropic men could devise some law under which persons of this class would be compelled to earn their living, and cease to be a menace to the morals and a charge upon the occasional charity of the community.

Take another instance. There are young men, fully capable of earning a good living, who seldom work, and who are, perhaps, half the time under the influence of liquor, frequently drunk, and always setting an example of idleness and vice to the younger persons by whom they are surrounded. They are in their present condition of no value to the community. They produce nothing, they are a source of grief to their families, they give offence to the ordinary decencies of life, and contribute nothing to the welfare of the city. Surely these same philanthropic persons, having powerful influence, could insist upon the enactment of a law that would transfer these human wrecks to the healthful surroundings of a well-conducted farm, under proper surveillance, where they would be compelled to take plenty of healthful out-door exercise, and gradually cure themselves of this awful paralysis of the street, which has deprived them of their manhood, and even of the suspicion of a proper self-respect.

Instances might be multiplied at great length to illustrate directions in which a layman's home missionary movement could be made of enormous value to the city of St. John. It may be hoped that the efforts now being made, and to be extended to other parts of the province, in behalf of the heathen of other lands, will be associated with similar action for the benefit of the submerged section of our own citizenship.

In this respect it is cheering to observe that the Bishop of London has just made an appeal to the financial men of that city, which he hopes will largely augment his fund for its spiritual regeneration. At a great meeting, attended by the Lord Mayor, the Sheriff, and the most prominent bankers and business men of London, crowding St. Michael's church until not even standing room could be had, the Bishop set forth in forcible language the spiritual needs of the great city, and told his hearers that, having given every penny he himself possessed, he felt entitled to ask their help; for, without work and money, London, from the point of view of the church, would soon become a pagan place.

With regard to social conditions in the City of Saint John, the secretary of the Associated Charities informs the Times that she is continually handicapped by the inability of that organization to carry on effective work, because there is no law to which it can appeal. There are not infrequent instances where it would be in the public interest, as well as in the interest of the families in question, to take small children away from the homes of drunken and dissolute parents, place them in such surroundings as would enable them to get a fair start in life, and compel the parents to go to work and depart from their vicious ways. There is no such law. In Ontario, the Children's Aid Societies are backed by the law of the province, and are able to do exactly what cannot be done, but what ought to be done, in similar cases, in the province of New Brunswick. A law formed along the lines of that in force in Ontario should be adopted by the legislature of New Brunswick; for under present conditions, as has already been stated, our social system, because of the absence of proper legal authority, breaks down at the very point where remedial action is most urgently called for. The Times would suggest that the St. John members of the legislature, with Mrs. Hall and other representatives of the Associated Charities, call upon Mr. Hazen as soon as he has been made premier and lay this whole matter clearly before him, so that in the future there may be less of such social shame as has disgraced the annals of this Christian city in the not remote past.

UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS

The following statement from the Montreal Gazette shows the need of strict supervision of immigrants:—

"Out of thirty-seven patients sent to the insane asylums since the beginning of the year one-third were immigrants who have been in the country but a few months, and who are in consequence liable to deportation. Some of them have already been sent back and the investigation against the rest is now in progress. Immigrants of all nations are included in the list of deportations. Two Poles, a Dutchman, a Norwegian, an American, a Chinaman, an Englishman, a Swede, an Irishwoman, and an Englishwoman comprise the unfortunates who have lost their reason in the vicinity of Montreal since the beginning of the year. It is likely that some of them must have been unbalanced before they left home as it seems extraordinary so many should be reported within a few weeks. Not one of the foregoing has been in Canada longer than nine months and the fact that they so soon have become public charges shows that the new law providing for deportation was badly needed. The object of this legislation is to make the carrying companies more particular about the class of immigrants they send over."

The test of the water pressure under the new Loch Lomond system was so satisfactory yesterday that the city is justified in looking to the insurance companies for the early fulfilment of their pledge to reduce the rates. When the system has been fully completed the city will have reason to congratulate itself on its water supply for fire department service, and to expect less serious damage by fire.

The health authorities of Moncton have found it necessary, like those of Albert county recently, to take strong measures in the effort to stamp out smallpox. Watchfulness is necessary also to prevent the spread of the disease to other places.

The Italian laborers at Glace Bay cannot do without beer. The town should be able to get along without the Italians, if that is their only grievance.

The international trouble at the headwaters of the St. John river has broken out again, and the dispute has been referred to Ottawa.

The inspection of school buildings in this city shows that better fire-escape arrangements are needed in some buildings. The board should act promptly.

The Junior Mission Band of Germain street Baptist church held a rally in the vestry of the church yesterday afternoon and there were several features of unusual interest. It was babies' day and a number of tiny tots were present with their parents for initation into the "Baby Band." An address on handwork by Mrs. W. E. McIntyre was followed by the presentation of twelve artistic life certificates by Mrs. T. S. Simms to as many babies, each certificate being accompanied by a rose bud. Half an hour was spent by the visitors in viewing the work of the older band members who were engaged in making picture frames and scrap books for the patients in a hospital in India. Miss Estabrooks, who presided at the rally, was assisted in the superintendence of the work by Mrs. W. C. Cross and Mrs. D. Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crawford, of 10 Wall street, were pleasantly surprised last night when a party of between forty and fifty of their friends invaded and took possession of their home. The occasion of the gathering was the celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford's crystal wedding. A very enjoyable evening was spent with music and other amusements. Solos were sung by several present, George Thompson acting as accompanist. Before leaving, the guests left Mr. and Mrs. Crawford many tangible expressions of their good will.

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You'd think she'd get mixed up sometimes;
At school I know I do—
'Bout Washington and Plymouth Rock,
And 1492.

But mother says: "The war with Spain
Was fought in '98,
The year you all had chicken pox,
Exceptin' Sister Kate.

"The Boer war in Africa—
That was a dreadful thing—
Began in '99, I know,
For Jack was born that spring.

"In '98 the Spanish ships
Were sunk in Cuba channels,
'Twas summer, for you children had
Just changed your winter flannels.

"In 1904, my dear.
The Russians fought the Japs,
That year was very cold, and you
Had chilblains and the chaps."

There's six of us, and we're mixed up
With hist'ry just that way,
Sometimes it's measles, croup, or mumps,
But there's no date that ever stumps
My mother, night or day.
—Lippincott's Magazine.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

FULLY EXPLAINED.

"Why is it that men bet and women don't?"

"Men choose betting as a means of putting a stop to an argument?"

"Well,"

"Well, women never want an argument stopped."—Cleveland Leader.

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NOT RESPONSIBLE.

Church—"There is a case on record, I believe, where a man got up out of his bed and wrote a poem in his sleep."

Gotham—"Oh, well, if he was asleep I suppose he couldn't really be held responsible."—Yonkers Statesman.

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MONEY IN POETRY.

"Ever make any money out of poetry?"

"Only once. An editor said that for $5 he would print a poem I showed him."

"Seems to me that was losing money."

"Oh, no; I came out $5 ahead. You see I declined the offer."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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JASON AND SALLY.

The Bride—"I thing this looks like a nice, respectable place for us to eat. Jason. See, it says 'tables reserved for ladies.'"

The Goom (in surprise)—"But, darn it, Sally, don't you want me to sit at the same table with you?"—Puck.

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THE COLONEL'S GRIEF.

"When is the next intermission?" asked the stranger in the Atlanta playhouse.

"Thah is no intermission at all, sah," replied the old colonel, with a reminiscent sigh.

"No intermission between the acts?"

"No, sah. What would be the use of going out between the acts in Georgia these days, sah?"—Chicago Daily News.

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TARIFF REVISION.

"Are you in favor of revising the tariff?" asked the constituent.

"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum. "But that's as far as I will go. It's safe to say you want the tariff revised, but it's mighty hard to fix up a plan for that purpose that won't cause some good and influential friend to feel that he is getting the worst of it."—Washington Star.

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LARGE CROWD AT THE PRINCESS.

The Princess Theatre was filled to capacity last night. The Launching of the Battleship Roma of the Italian Navy was the feature of the programme. It shows the king and queen of Italy—the queen pulling the cord that releases the huge war vessel from the ways; it glides into the water with a big splash. The Troubles of a Grass Widower, and A Poor Little Pig, are two first class comedy pictures. The singing of Mr. Harry Newcombe and Mr. Frank Austin made a big hit. The above programme will be repeated for the last time tonight.

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AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Jere McAuliiffe Co. Drew Another Large Audience Last Evening.

Why He Divorced Her, a first class melo-drama, was presented in the Opera House last night to a large audience. It is by the same author as Why Women Sin, but is a far better play. The scenes are all strong and with Mr. McAuliffe's clever support a fine performance was given. Mr. McAuliffe has a good part and he played it well. Miss Perry, William Howett, Miss Eldrige, Miss Cosgraff, Miss Sage, Miss Gay, Walter Dowing, Al W. Wilson, Ed Rowley, Jos. Grandby, Carter Cash and Fred Martel all had good parts.

The change of vaudeville numbers was well liked. There will be a family matinee today, when the rural comedy melo-drama, Pitfalls of New York, will be presented. Tonight the McAuliffe company will close their engagement with Why He Divorced Her.

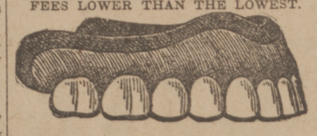
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