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EDITORIAL NOTES

**The Season's Greetings to all, and may
1920 find you experiencing a real Forward
Movement in every department of life!**

"The battle of life" is an old phrase, but perhaps the simile remains applicable to the experience of most humans.

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"Fight and smile" is therefore a good motto, and, provided we fight in the right spirit, will carry us through to satisfying success.

FACING NEW TIMES

At this time New Year resolutions form a subject of interest to the jesting and cynical, no less than to those conscious of shortcomings. Yet good resolutions and good intentions, notwithstanding their alleged association with an uncertain subterranean pathway, are often the beginning of marked progress in human lives.

As in the case of new laws for the national life, the main thing in connection with new resolutions is their effective enactment.

A sage and poet of a former century wrote: "All promise is poor dilatory man. . . . Resolves, and re-resolves, then dies the same."

But that was a poor pessimistic note to strike, and one not likely to help us far. A later poet of wider vision emphasized a greater truth when he said: "A god must mingle with the game."

Still another struck the rather bouncing note: "I am the Captain of my Soul, the Master of my Fate," but that is to go to the opposite extreme from the despairing analysis of Dr. Young.

Amid the buffetings of life it is a fine thing to feel braced to "come up smiling" by the exercise and uplift of an "unconquerable soul"; but all reflective persons hearing that stirring song, must be reminded that even a "Captain" needs a "Pilot" at times.

With increasing experience of life, men and women make less resolutions or none at all, dependent on a New Year as reckoned by the calendar. They learn to "live a day at a time," and try to do the work—or play—and follow the course Wisdom points for the day.

After all, it is a commonplace truth we need to remember, that we are sure of only a day at a time, and the date on the calendar, before or after 1st of January, should not prevent us seeking to follow the gleam each day.

The effective carrying out of good resolutions does not depend on the calendar, but on the individual will.

Let us greet each new day as a new year—a new era—as it is indeed for each of us; and so seek to live in it that we

shall be the better fitted for the following days that may be given us.

GREATER COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR THE B.C.M.

Incidentally may we say that we hope that the year 1920 will be "the Best Yet" in service for the B. C. M., and may we hereby invite your active interest towards that end?

From our readers, comments will be welcomed and suggestions considered—bearing on the service this Magazine seeks to give and the field it aims to cover.

We all have our difficulties and problems, and at this time we might have enlarged on the effects of the "Paper Shortage," the high cost of printing, and also demonstrated to readers that "hold-ups" do not all wear masks and use guns.

But there are occasions in the experience of all when, instead of discussing the obstacles that beset our path, the wise course is to give time and energy to overcoming them.

Besides, most folk have enough to do to meet their own problems. In noting that we do not mean to encourage selfishness.

But, however, its size may vary in these strenuous times of high costs and readjustments, we do wish this magazine to be one of cheer and social interest to its readers.

Our ideal—"Community Service, independent of party, sect or faction"—is one which we hold may be second to none in lasting social influence.

But even when we do our utmost, much must depend on YOU who read this. If you are already a regular subscriber to the B. C. M. we believe we can count on your co-operation.

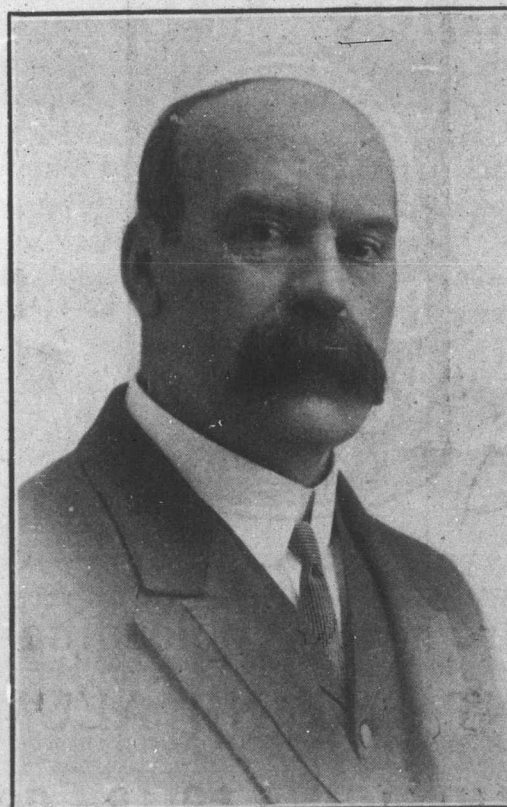
If you are a casual reader of this page, we ask you to begin 1920 by joining our list.

Other considerations besides

PAPER SHORTAGE

make space specially valuable in these times, but we must find room for a line of reminder

VOTE FOR PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION



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