WOMAN'S WORLD.

A WOMAN VERSUS AN INDIVIDUAL.

All adown the centuries humanity has been marching toward the sunset—toward some ever receding gleam. And now about the twentieth century this wonderful humanity stands on the summit of America—Canada—and congratulates itself upon what? Chief among its boasts is something that it vaguely names democracy. Oh, yes! there is that indistinct something on the horizon.

The worn and tired prowess of the old world has found a breathing space; hope and energy spring anew at the sight of bounding rivers, misty mountains, and wide prairies of unturned sod. Here a man has room.

For thousands of years morality and religion sat up nights, the better to be able to instruct this humanity as to how to direct its life's forces. All honor and thanks to them! Decade after decade, man was shoved along this groove, and then along that, in a futile attempt to find one mould into which each and every man might be poured. It so happens that things, neither in the heavens nor on the earth, can be so remoulded.

The universe indicates variety, diversity, individuality. Humanity, being no exception, and possessed of some latent independence, has always fought against this old pattern ideal. The ill-fitting and man-made patterns are lost or discarded, and speedily the time approaches when each and every human being shall bow in reverence and obedience to his own god-given personal identity.

The race may not see the time when the whole matter of life-expression shall be left to the individual, but the hour is even now, when thinking people are tending to do what is best for themselves and least injurious for others. We have not yet attained unto the point where we quite do unto others as we would be done by. We have come a long way to reach this ideal, and its practice is not yet.

Still it is a great plunge forward to admit and confess that we are striving toward the fulfilment of an ideal which the Bible reiterated, and which is modernly interpreted, "Mind your own business and let me attend to my own salvation." It is the glory of the age that, in this liberty-loving, free-com-giving Canada, a human being has a fighting chance to work out his own physical, mental and moral redemption.

We glory in this human opportunity, but at the first cursory analysis of this complex humanity, when we make the demarcation, the first great division, male and female, we are compelled to halt, and at least to wonder. We wonder if all this liberty is, after all, but a restricted gift. Is this boon of the earth portioned out to but half of the highest creatures? Our western continent is slowly and deliberately answering, No! The tendencies of our generation confirm us in the belief that a human being, who, thru the accident of sex, is designated as a woman, has before her the identical problem that her co-partner, man, must face.

Neither of them is merely a sex being. Important as the maternal, as the paternal function may be, still it must be made subservient to the higher need—to the clutch for the highest and best possible human expression.

The import of sex has never yet been fully grasped. To be a woman is no small matter. To be a man is not a trifle. The highest type of individual will always endeavor to use womanhood or manhood wisely for self as well as for the world.

Fatherhood and husbandhood have as yet been too little emphasized for us to acknowledge that manhood might, in fairness, be as all-absorbing as womanhood.

The palm of glory has up till now been given to womanhood, and may the individual who is blessed with this glorious heritage ever use her sex as her most valuable asset in working along the line of her personal evolution.

But Mesterlinck spoke to no particular sex when he said: "Just as it is written in the tongue, the stomach and mouth of the bee that it must make honey, so it is written in our eyes, our ears, our nerves, our marrow, in every lobe of our head, that we must make cerebral substance."

At first glance it seems the very wonder of wonders that woman has come to share in this legacy of freedom, but surely it is a case of "Mary on the spot" getting her own once again." Woman has always been at the side of man, and in spite of the handicap of "Might's" enactments against her, she has managed to almost keep up in the race.

When man enjoyed some special blessing she usually indirectly benefited. For a few centuries man called her the instrument of the devil, and he has his punishment in that a few yet play the part to his continual undoing. Then of late centuries he reversed his edict and claimed for woman the higher moral status.

This much holds, that woman with her supposedly lately acquired morality and mentality has imbibed from the modern atmosphere the courage and hope of a fully-rounded life. The thought dawns that perhaps wifehood and motherhood are but adjuncts of the complete life.

To be the best possible human being may involve the part of worthy wife and mother, and then again it may not. On the other hand, motherhood and wifehood may have been well fulfilled, and yet the highest meaning of life may have been lost outright.

The question of expression, of the best possible use of life, is for the individual. In this problem as to what shall be done with our energy, with our powers, humanity makes the first demand.

Sex-expression, in its mental and spiritual aspects, as well as physical, may properly be the secondary consideration.

Personality has first claim and right in the modern woman's life schedule. Why else does she incessantly demand Ibsen as her dramatist? Three-quarters of the theatre space in America is occupied by women, and the productions of the stage reflect the interests of the audience.

Women patronize the problem play because they are at present living out difficult problems. They are thinking hard, and struggling for the light. It is a transition period, and there is many a slippery place to pass.

The Scandinavian types that Ibsen portrays are readily comprehended by the women of this continent. Little Nora of "The Doll's House" had absorbed the ideals, to which the American woman is accustomed, before she awakened to action. She came to know that her first duty was to her own personality.

In "Rosmersholm" Rebecca West has the dependent ambitions that so appeal to the western woman. Then, among Ibsen's minor characters are splendid, sympathetic women, with the clear-sightedness and brave independence worthy of a modern.

The bond between these stage types and those women of the day who are striving to make the most of their lives is a genuine bond of understanding. They understand that henceforward they must be ever conscious of their humanity over and above their position as sex-beings.

For its own sake, may the world soon help and no longer hinder woman in this her most heroic struggle.

Catherine MacVicar.

A very unique affair was the annual at home of the Young Women's Guild last evening. Tea-rooms were arranged to represent different nations.

For instance, the English tea-room, hung in red, white and blue, was presided over by Miss Edith Peardon and her assistants, gowned in white. Tea, thin bread and butter and biscuits were served here.

In the Scotch room, hung with flags, scones, oatmeal cakes and pancakes were served, while Miss Edith Smith and her assistants wore Scotch caps and plaids and Mr. Munro played the pipes.

In the Japanese room, with its bright paper parasols and its kimona-clad attendants, tea, rice, candy and biscuits were served. This room was in charge of Miss Jessie Archer.

In the American room, stars and stripes and Union Jacks mingled in happy profusion, while the British lion and the American eagle smiled at each other from opposite ends of the room. Here coffee, doughnuts and corn-cakes were served under the direction of Miss Margaret Young. Her assistants wore Indian costumes.

In the gymnasium, which was hung with the guild colors, dark blue, light blue and white, were ice-cream, flowers and candy.

An interesting program was given, consisting of selections by the Royal Mandolin Club, under the direction of Miss S. Fairbanks; piano solos, by Miss M. Bilton; readings by Miss B. Thompson and Miss F. Tolhurst; violin solo by Miss M. Connor and Miss M. Flint, and songs by Miss Frances Dawson.

A good fund was realized for the work of the guild.

Parkdale Travel Club.

The subject for discussion yesterday at the meeting of the Parkdale Travel Club, which was held at Mrs. Helliwell's, 160 Dowling-avenue, was England.

An interesting paper was given on the Eastern Counties of England by Mrs. MacMath and Description of the English Art Galleries were given by Mrs. Gillies and Mrs. Holmstead. Pictures were shown and an open discussion followed.

Musical selections were given by Miss Church and eight-year-old Lloyd Helliwell.

The Dolly Varden "doll competition" is closed and the decision of the judges will be announced on Saturday.

IN SOCIETY.

The annual meeting in connection with the Boys' Home will be held on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Tea will be served. The lady managers will gladly receive any visitors who wish to attend.

Miss Cuthbert has sent out cards to a euchre on Thursday, Feb. 28.

Miss Dora Rowand will be the hostess of a children's party on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Gillies of St. George-street is giving a small dance on Friday evening, Feb. 22.

Miss Kathleen Henderson will sail for England by the steamship Tunisian on March 8, from Halifax.

The engagement is announced in London, Eng., of Miss Sophie Irene Whittemore, second daughter of Mr. F. J. Whittemore and Mrs. Whittemore, Toronto, to Mr Werden Wilson, R.N., H.M. flagship King Edward VII., Atlantic fleet, son of Admiral W. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, Clyffe Manor, Wiltshire, Eng.

Miss Blanche Larke of Colborne is staying with Miss Ethel Perry, Spadina Gardens.

Mrs. Wray of 248 Bathurst-street will not receive until after Easter.

Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Fife and Miss Bull of 47 Boustead-avenue will receive on the third and fourth Wednesdays of each month during the season.

Mrs. Stewart Houston, 5 Cluny-avenue, will be at home every Tuesday during February and March.

Mrs. Harry B. Johnston (formerly Eckardt) will receive for the first time since her marriage this afternoon at 740 Spadina-avenue.

Mrs. Munro and Miss McPlain will receive at 9 South Drive this afternoon.

Mrs. J. S. Duncan, Ontario-street, will not receive to-day, but on the first and third Tuesdays in March.

Mr. A. B. Brown and Mr. C. A. Dinnick have left for a two months' trip to the West Indies.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McLeod have returned from Jamaica.

Miss Palmer, who has been visiting Mrs. Sutton, leaves to-night for Montreal.

Mrs. Schuyler of New York is visiting her father, the Hon. Justice Britton.

Miss Bessie Larkin is visiting Mrs. Clifford Sifton in Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bicknell have returned from Atlantic City.

Miss Orr, Alabama, is visiting Mrs. (Dr.) Elliott.

Miss Houston, Niagara Falls, is with Mrs. Kerr, Rathnally.

An at home will be given by a branch of the W.C.T.U. on Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jas Puddy, 301 Lansdowne-avenue.

There will be a musical program and an address by Rev. L. Skey, rector of St. Anne's. Mrs. E. A. Stevens will preside.

The W.C.T.U. held a very interesting meeting yesterday afternoon, when a "model meeting" was presided over by Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, Dominion honorary president, and superintendent of the School of Methods, a drill in the correct conduct of a meeting according to parliamentary usage. Reports are taken up in the most exemplary manner and the business conducted in the strictest fashion. The last part of the program was educational, showing the relation of the local union to the various parts of the W.C.T.U. The special work of the district was the Frances E. Willard Home and the Travelers' Aid; that of the provincial dealt with mission to lumbermen and the publication of the provincial organ, The White Ribbon Tidings; that of the Dominion was the maintaining of the Frances E. Willard extension fund for carrying on temperance work in the west, and which also contributed to the Deep Sea Mission by supporting several cots in the Labrador hospitals. The Dominion Union also published The Bulletin in Montreal, and maintained the literature depository in Toronto. The World's Union had pledged itself at the recent meeting in Boston to raise $100,000 in three years for the extension of the work, and in this every local was a force as in the others. Miss Lottie Harris conducted a half-hour with the "X's"; Miss Lake gave a physical culture drill; Mrs. Stevens showed how Toronto stands in the provincial report, and Mrs. Bascom spoke of Canada's standing in the World's W.C.T.U., a position of which the country may well be proud.

The annual social of the Yorkshire Society will be held this evening, 19th inst., at 8 p.m., in Sons of England Hall, East Richmond-street.

F. X. Mercier, the famous French-Canadian tenor, who has been abroad for the past eight years achieving great success in London, Paris and other European capitals, has been compelled to postpone the concert that was announced to take place at Massey Hall Feb. 28, on account of a severe attack of la grippe. Mr. Mercier has been visiting his relatives in Quebec. An announcement will be made of the date to which the concert has been postponed subsequently.

SOBER IMPERIALISM.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Feb. 18.—The Telegraph says so long as the same sober imperialism is admitted to be the only possible policy of this empire, no one need trouble to institute odious comparisons between the language used by the under colonial secretary on Friday, and the dangerous nonsense talked by radical candidates on the same subject up to the eve of the last election. Imperialists at any rate will accept the judgment of Philip sober without raking up the opinions expressed by Philip in his cups.

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7-HOUR DAY, 8-HOUR PAY PENDING FINAL DECISION

Bell Telephone Co. Proffers Concessions Which Are Accepted Awaiting Report.

The telephone commission's enquiry came to an abrupt termination yesterday, the company agreeing to a concession whereby the girls will gain at least one hour per day in the interim required by the commission to make its report to the government.

The end came when Mr. Cassels, counsel for the company, proposed, on his own responsibility, that the girls go back at a seven-hour day on the same salary given for the eight-hour schedules. He also guaranteed that the pressure would be considerably reduced and there would be no compulsory overtime.

Mr. Curry, for the girls, did not, however, accept this as final. He made a strong appeal that anything over five hours was too much and reminded the commission that most of the medical witnesses had testified to that effect.

Mr. Cassels' answer from the board of directors as to whether the company would be willing to submit the question of wages and hours to a committee of medical men appointed by the government, was a positive "no," altho the board would certainly weigh carefully the medical evidence and be prepared to give every consideration to the finding of the commissioners.

"One more point, however, which might be agreed upon," suggested Judge Winchester, "is that the girls who work on Sunday, should be given a clear day off during the week." This was demurred at and will be settled later.

The New Schedule.

The seven-hour schedule, as submitted by Mr. Cassels, will divide the day as follows:

Two hours' work, one-half hour's rest; one and a half hour's work, one hour's intermission, two hours again, another half hour rest, one and a half hours' work, making seven hours' work and two hours' relief, or nine hours altogether on duty.

Mr. King thanked the medical men, the counsel, the operators, and the company for their assistance in bringing out the evidence before the commissioners.

Financial Statement.

The statement of accounts was handed in, and shows the receipts and wages for the past three years as under:

1904.	
Receipts, rentals and tolls	$466,492.71
Long distance messages	81,860.54
Total	$548,353.25
Salaries and wages	$228,617.94
1905.	
Receipts, rentals and tolls	$556,563.13
Long distance messages	108,222.43
Total	$664,785.56
Salaries and wages	$274,425.09
1906.	
Receipts, rentals and tolls	$662,588.61
Long distance messages	137,856.61
Total	$800,445.22
Salaries and wages	$324,714.82

No bonuses were given to the local manager in either year.

The total for salaries does not include the superintendent's salary of $1600, $1740, $1860 for the three years.

Allan Studholme, M.L.A., will not introduce his bill concerning telephone employes until the commission now sitting makes a report. Mr. Studholme thinks the evidence shows that protection of some kind is required for the girls.

MR. FLAVELLE RETIRES.

Severs Connection With University Governors for Personal Reasons.

J. W. Flavelle has resigned his position as a member of the board of governors of Toronto University. The resignation was received by Premier Whitney, but that gentleman declined to make any statement concerning the matter.

Mr. Flavelle told The World last night before leaving the city that his resignation was purely a personal matter. He found that he had more to do every day than he could attend to, and seeking to get rid of those engagements from which he might most easily be spared, he had concluded that the university was one which he maintained more for his own personal gratification than for any service he could render.

"There is no misunderstanding of any kind, and it is purely on personal grounds I have resigned," he concluded.

It will be a matter for regret that Mr. Flavelle does not see his way clear to continue to place his business experience at the service of the university.

GOT A PAIN IN YOUR BACK?

You get a pain in your back, and you wonder what is the matter. You perhaps pay no attention to it. Backache is caused by imperfect action of the kidneys, in fact, is the first sign of kidney trouble to follow.

The kidneys, proper, are composed of a close network of fibrous tissue, interlaced with tiny elastic fibres. Their object is the excretion of the uric acid, and other poisonous matter composing the urine, from the blood.

They are continuously at work to preserve the general health of the body and most people are troubled with some form of kidney trouble, but do not suspect it.

Some of the symptoms are: A feeling of weakness in the small of the back, sharp pains in back, puffiness under the eyes, and swelling of the feet and ankles, urinary troubles such as supressed urination, excessive urination, cloudy, thick or highly colored urine, etc.

Mr. J. L. Whiting, Osnabruck Centre, Ont., writes: "I suffered for two years with kidney trouble. I had terrible pains in my back, hips and legs. I could not sleep and had a poor appetite. I took four boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, and the pains left me, my appetite returned and I now sleep well. I can recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to anyone suffering from kidney trouble.

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PUZZLE IT OUT.

A Railway Problem That is Being Figured on Extensively.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—Considerable interest has been aroused among travelers who travel between this city and Toronto by a problem submitted for solution and which is as follows: An express train starts from Toronto for Montreal and maintains an average of 60 miles an hour. At exactly the same minute a train starts from Montreal traveling at the rate of 40 miles an hour. Which train will be further from Toronto when they meet?

As an aid to the guessers it may be said that Kingston is the nearest halfway railroad station between Toronto and Montreal, the distance between which is 333 miles. Kingston is 166 miles from Toronto, so that a train running at 60 miles an hour would reach Kingston in 2 hours and 43 minutes. The train running from Montreal would cover the distance in 4 hours and 15 minutes.

A HEALTHY SIGN.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Feb. 18.—The London Express says the rivalry between Canada and Australia in an endeavor to secure the larger proportion of British emigrants is a welcome sign of life in one of the greatest branches of imperial work which "it is our mission to carry out. To bring the great emigration system into being on a sufficiently scientific scale is clearly one of the great features of coming reorganization."

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IMPERIAL POSTAGE.

John A. Cooper and J. F. Ellis Speak at Canadian Club.

At the Canadian Club yesterday, Mark H. Irish, the president, announced that a bust of Nelson, presented by the British Sailors' Association, has been sent to Mayor Coatsworth for a place in the city hall. To-day it will be formally unveiled and placed on its pedestal, the Canadian Club having been invited to be present in a body. The speaker who was expected to address the Canadian Club at yesterday's luncheon having failed to appear, the gap was ably filled by two guests, John A. Cooper of The Canadian Courier and J. F. Ellis of Barber & Ellis, on the subject of "Postal Rates on Imperial Periodicals."

Mr. Cooper stated that the Canadian market was monopolized by United States periodicals, journals, and newspapers, to the almost entire exclusion of the British production, and such of the letter claiming imperial birth were, in their American edition, so full of substituted United States articles and advertisements that even in a matter of a tooth-paste asked for in Canadian stores, a Yankee dentifrice was handed out, as the result of people asking for it on the strength of the advertisements to which he referred.

J. F. Ellis said that it seemed an anomaly that Great Britain, the pioneer of cheap postage, should hesitate to adopt the most generous rates between the United Kingdom and the colonies, but their viewpoint was vastly different to our own. They have practically no customs tariff as a source of revenue, and the postal rates are to them appreciably of greater importance than in Canada, where they are only an incident in part of the country's income.

Many British statesmen have been in favor of encouraging and facilitating an interchange of British newspapers and journals, and even the late Hon. William Ewart Gladstone in speaking on the subject of letters and periodicals being sent to the colonies for the same rate as within the Kingdom said: "Think what a softening of domestic exile; what an aid in keeping warm the fuel of family affection; in mitigating the rude breach in the circle of the heart."

MILITARY FUNERAL.

Impressive Honors for Late Private Stump, R. C. R. I.

Full military honors were accorded the remains of Private Alfred Stump of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry, whose funeral took place yesterday afternoon. Nearly 300 of the regulars from Stanley Barracks attended, making the funeral the largest of the nature seen in Toronto in many years, if ever.

Service was held at his brother's residence, in Orde-street, after which the procession moved by way of College, Carlton, Parliament and Winchester-streets to the Necropolis.

A firing party of 15 men, carrying rifles reversed, led, and was followed by the band of the Royal Grenadiers and a gun carriage of B Battery, drawn by six jet black horses, bearing the casket, which was covered with a Union Jack. The helmet of the deceased soldier rested upon it. There was a carriage full of floral offerings, including wreaths from the officers' mess, the sergeants' mess, the corporals' mess, and from each of the four arms of the service represented at Stanley Barracks, namely, the infantry, the dragoons, artillery and engineer corps. Each was fully represented in the double file of men who followed the remains of their comrade to the last resting place, where "Last Post" was sounded by the buglers and the regulation three volleys discharged over the grave.

Private Stump was for 14 years at the barracks and was well and favorably known in the city. Among those attending the funeral were Col. Hemming, and Capts. Butcher and Burnham.

The cortege made an impressive appearance as it slowly wended its way to the cemetery.

Six Men for Coroner's Jury.

Quebec, Feb. 18.—A bill introduced by Premier Gouin in the legislative assembly will do away with the trouble, experienced in country districts, of securing the twelve men necessary for the holding of inquests upon such corpses as were held by the coroner to require investigation into the manner of their demise. That number will be reduced in this province to six.

Want More Pap.

Quebec, Feb. 18.—A strong delegation of Quebec business men will have an interview about noon at Ottawa with Sir Wilfrid Laurier on Tuesday in the interests of the Ross rifle factory, to request him to grant this important industry the additional ground asked for on the Cove Fields for its extension.

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