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A FINE OPPORTUNITY

The church brotherhood movement, which is now attracting a good deal of attention in St. John, may be made of great community value. Naturally the brotherhood in each church will regard it as a first essential to strengthen their own church, gain the active co-operation in its work of a larger number of those nominally connected with it, and strengthen the hands of the pastor in his work. But while this is being done the brotherhoods in various churches would really be strengthening themselves by forming a federation and uniting their efforts to promote measures of value to the community at large, dealing of course with matters of moral and social concern. People cannot blind themselves to the fact that in this city, where there are so many churches, each an active organization, there are still very many people outside of the sphere of their direct influence. This was illustrated the other day when it was shown that a man and his wife and children had not entered the door of any church during the seven years they had been living in St. John, and everybody knows that the number of people in attendance at church services on Sunday is but a fraction of the total population of the city; while a still smaller fraction are active working members of churches. It would be easier to get them interested in movements promoted by federated brotherhoods than in the services of the church itself, although the one might very naturally lead to the other. It is perfectly obvious to every thoughtful observer that the chief reason for slow progress in moral and social reform is the comparative isolation of the various religious organizations. If they would come together through the medium of brotherhoods and take up definite work and promote needed measures behind which would be the driving force of all the churches, the result would be so striking as to make the people ask themselves why they had not sooner discovered this effective means of bringing about needed reforms. Such questions as housing, a cleaner and healthier city, a strong Children's Aid Society, social centres, evening schools, a prison farm, and others at once suggest themselves as worthy of the attention of federated church brotherhoods. Rev. Dr. Symonds uttered a plain truth when he told the Canadian Club that the chief reason why the people of the Orient hesitate to adopt the Christian religion is that their observers, seeing this religion in practice in the great cities of Europe and America, find moral and social conditions very bad. If we say that they should not blame the Christian religion for this state of affairs, we ought, at the same time to recognize the fact that because of serious divisions and a waste of effort in building up rival organizations true religion is prevented from exerting the influence which it should exert in society at large. As a matter of fact, in the great majority of cases men belong to certain churches because of the accident of birth. A man born into a Methodist family would have been just as devout a Presbyterian or Baptist if he had been born a member of a pious Presbyterian or Baptist family. And in view of the issues which are infinitely greater than the differences between sect and sect it is unfortunate that there is not a very much greater degree of fellowship and co-operation than now exists. It is quite true that a great change has taken place in the last quarter of a century, and that the movement to create closer working relations is a steadily accelerating force. In the city of St. John a federation of church brotherhoods ought to be of very great benefit in bringing together equally earnest and sincere men of different denominations to promote reforms which touch the daily lives of all, and make no distinction whatever of a denominational character.

THE RESULT IN YORK

The by-election in York county resulted in the election of Mr. Guthrie by a majority considerably over 600 votes. It is worth noting, however, that at twelve polling places in the county Mr. James M. Scott had a majority, and that even in Fredericton, where Mr. Guthrie got 809 votes, Mr. Scott received 638. It is evident that there is a very decided revolt in York county against the Tory machine, and that Mr. Guthrie needed all the support he could get from the federal government, as well as the quiet but no doubt substantial support of the Flemming government to bring out the vote which Mr. Scott polled at Fredericton. It is generally believed that if Mr. Pinder had been a little more communicative, and told all he knows, the result of the campaign

would have been quite different; but perhaps Mr. Pinder will be heard from again.

The Standard gravely assumes its readers that the election of Mr. Percy A. Guthrie in York county yesterday, by a majority of "about 650," was "one of the greatest victories ever scored in the political annals of York county."

Let us see. In the general provincial elections of 1912, Mr. Pinder had a majority of 2,807, Mr. H. F. McLeod, a majority of 2,885, Dr. Morehouse a majority of 2,888, Mr. John A. Young a majority of 2,846, over the highest candidate of the opposition party. The readers of the Standard will have no difficulty in learning by comparison just how great, therefore, was "one of the greatest victories" won by Mr. Guthrie yesterday.

By the way, over whom was this famous victory gained? The pestiferous grins? By no means. Those who were slaughtered were former stout supporters of the Flemming government and of the government at Ottawa. The Standard gave Mr. Guthrie no support during the campaign, but it rejoices with exceeding joy in the defeat of those Conservatives who nominated and supported Mr. James M. Scott. A few more such victories and there will be a remarkable change in the political complexion of New Brunswick.

THE TRANSCONTINENTAL

The answers brought down in parliament in reply to inquiries by Liberal members show in a clearer light the distinctly partisan character of the report of the Transcontinental commission. They also show that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company protested against the changes in grade made by the Borden government since it went into power. There has been some criticism of the fact that a comparatively small number of the contractors received from the Laurier government contracts for building the government portion of the Transcontinental, but it was brought out in parliament yesterday that the Borden government has given the contract for the construction of the whole of the Hudson Bay Railway to one man, and that Welland Canal contracts, aggregating over twenty million dollars, have been let to four firms. That is to say, the thing which ought to be condemned when done by a Liberal government is perfectly right when it is done by a Conservative government. The more the Gutches report on the Transcontinental is studied the further the alleged scandal retreats into the background.

The Knights of Pythias is a strong organization in St. John, and congratulations are in order on the occasion of the celebration of its golden jubilee.

The person who sends in false alarms of fire would not hesitate to do worse. The greatest efforts should be made to secure his apprehension and punished.

It will be seen by a statement in another part of this paper, taken from the auditor-general's report, that a number of legal gentlemen in St. John rendered valuable service to their country last year. Their patriotism was rewarded.

The defeat of Mr. C. F. G. Masterman by twenty-four votes in the Bethel Green by-election yesterday would without doubt have been a victory had the fight been between himself and the Unionist candidate. It was, however, a three cornered fight, and a Socialist took 816 votes, the majority of which, had he not been in the field, would not doubt have been polled for Mr. Masterman. Of course the Unionists will make all the capital they can of the result of this election; but, under the peculiar conditions in Bethel Green, it was known that the contest would be very close. The Unionist candidate claims himself that his election is a condemnation of the Insurance Act, which appears to have become very unpopular in Bethel Green, although Mr. Masterman declares the act was grossly misrepresented.

HERE IS THE SECRET OF LONG LIFE

While looking forward to health and long life it is possible that you are unaware of the conditions necessary to attain healthful old age. Careful eating, and consequently preservation of the health and vitality of the digestive and excretory organs, is of the greatest importance.

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BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

James L. Hughes, former inspector of schools in Toronto and one of the best known educationalists on the American continent, is sixty-eight years old today. He has been associated with educational work all his life and is now devoting his attention to lecturing and writing. A man of great energy and self-confidence he has pushed himself to the front and taken a prominent part in every movement with which he has allied himself. In his younger days he was very fond of sport, and was a first class lacrosse player. He has since shown his interest in the national game by taking office in the various athletic organizations which have pushed him into its welfare. Doctor Hughes made himself very popular among the teachers of Toronto and was favorably known in educational circles not only in Canada but in the United States. He is a brother of Colonel Sam Hughes and possesses most of the latter's characteristics.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Easy to Please.

Big Sister (who wants to be left alone a moment with her sweetheart)—Frits, the house feels so stuffy; go into the next room and open the window, will you?

Frits—The window is open.

Big Sister—Oh, well, shut it again, will you?—Flegende Blatter.

To Try Something New.

Doctor—Your ailments seem to be quite different this year. I suppose you don't like Wiesbaden, where I sent you last season—Exchange.

His Good Luck.

"Thew! I put the lighted end of that cigar in my mouth."

"How lucky you were, dear, to discover it immediately!"—Life.

Was She Jollying Him?

Captain—We ran into a dense fog last night.

Miss Tourist—Strange the shock didn't wake me up; I'm a very light sleeper.

His Strongest Point.

Proud father—What do you think of my son as a pugilist?

Old sport—Well, he can shake hands better than any fighter I ever saw.

Regularity.

Miss Paul—Did they allow her to bury her past?

Miss Fry—Not until they held an inquest.

Plenty of It.

Doctor—Do you take any form of active exercise?

Patient—Oh, yes, doctor. I dodge automobiles all the way down-town—Baltimore American.

EIGHTEEN NEW YORK CHURCHES FOR SALE

New York, Feb. 19.—Rev. W. D. Stevens, pastor of the First Reformed Episcopal Church, announces that the church property, in accordance with the decision of the trustees, is to be placed upon the market, the price asked being \$400,000.

Mr. Stevens explains that the membership has become so scattered that a new church, in a less expensive neighborhood will serve as well as the present structure, the difference in cost allowing for an endowment fund.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Bill will be presented for enactment at the next session of the Provincial Legislature entitled "An Act to Amend 'An Act to provide for the Government of the City of Saint John by an Elective Commission,' 2 George V., Chapter 42."

The objects desired to be obtained by this Bill are:

(1). To provide for filling a vacancy in the office of Commissioner should such vacancy occur within three calendar months before a biennial election.

(2). To authorize the Common Council from time to time to redistribute the services mentioned in sub-section (1) of Section 14 of said Act.

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Dated at Saint John, N. B. of January, A.D. 1914.

HERBERT E. WARD

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