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THE SCHOOL BOARD AND HARRINGTON.

The Times last evening printed the following local paragraph:

"It is understood that the board of school trustees will take up the matter of the arrest of the lad Charlie Harrington, for truancy, at their next meeting. Harrington, it will be remembered, was taken into custody by the North End police on a warrant issued by Judge Ritchie as the lad had failed to obey a summons to appear in court to answer the charge of truancy. The arrest, it will be remembered, was made between four and five o'clock in the morning, and the police were severely criticized by an evening paper. The board feel, it is understood, that the criticism was unjust and uncalled for, as the circumstances surrounding the case thoroughly warranted the action of the police. The latter had explained that as the Harrington lad was a troublesome boy he could not have been located at a later hour. He could have been arrested the night before, but they wanted to allow him to sleep home rather than in a police cell. Copies of the newspaper in question have been placed on file by the board in connection with the matter."

Although there is nothing to indicate that this information comes from an authoritative source, the Star devoutly hopes that it may prove to be correct. There will in this event, be some slight possibility of the school board giving at least a small share of attention to the farce known as the enforcement of the compulsory education act.

In the case of the boy referred to the Star criticized the conduct of the police in arousing a family several hours before daylight, arresting, and dragging through the streets a young boy who by jigging school was merely following the natural tendency of all boys. The excuse offered is that Harrington was a bad boy and hard to catch. If his capture was so important, a general alarm might have been sent to all the police stations for the men to be on the lookout for him, and maybe our forty stalwarts, whom very few escape, could have landed him without frightening out of their wits an entire family.

It is a pretty spectacle to see a young lad taken to jail, paraded through the streets under police escort, because he plays truant. Far from doing the boy any good, it spoils him. The publicity is an incentive to other lads and creates in them a longing for similar notoriety.

Why are the police employed anyway to arrest truants? And for that matter what earthly good can be accomplished by endeavoring to deal with irresponsible youngsters? We have a truant officer, well paid, and if he is worth his salt he should be able to gather in such boys as can be influenced by magisterial advice. Let the police attend to their own duties—there is plenty for them to do—and let the truant officer carry out his work without the assistance of such spectacular arrests as that of young Harrington.

But aside from this the whole matter of enforcement of the law as followed in St. John, is fatally defective. One truth may be accepted—that if parents cannot control their sons, a school board need not attempt the task. In this the distinction between parents who cannot and those who will not, should be noted. Summon the father to court when the son runs away from school; fine him and make him pay, if the violation of the law is continued, and then we will see such regular attendance at classes as will surprise the teachers. There are few men who cannot be moved to activity if their pocketbooks are touched.

Drop this business of fooling with the boys; get after the parents, and for goodness sake let us have no more such spectacular, though almost ludicrous incidents as the arrest of young Harrington.

FORESTRY.

The progressive policy adopted by the Dominion Government with regard to scientific forestry is bearing rich fruit in the western sections of the country. Good work is being done by this branch of the department of the interior along several well defined lines. The first object is the preservation of the forest wealth of the country, and this is given close attention. As fire is the greatest enemy of the trees, fire rangers have been appointed for the various sections, and their efforts in preventing and checking fires have already produced noticeable results. In the past much destruction has been caused by sparks from locomotives. Greater precautions are now being taken to prevent this and the methods used by the G. T. P. are especially commended.

Large reserves have been established on some of the most important watersheds of the west in order to ensure and regulate the supply of water in the adjoining districts. While the regulation of the flow of streams is important the department is also beginning to realize the large part a plentiful supply of water has in the development of the country. In a country which is rapidly filling up there is a steadily increasing demand for water for domestic and industrial purposes, and also for generating power. The value of scientific forestry in preserving the water required for these purposes is almost incalculable.

Irrigation now plays an important part in the development of the west, and the forestry department is making it part of its duties to ensure a continuous supply of water for these operations. Some steps have already been taken in this direction, but a larger staff will be required before the work can be done at all completely. In the prairie sections an importaat work carried on by the department is the distribution of trees to the farmers. A splendid nursery is maintained at Indian Head which is itself an example of how a prairie farm can be improved and beautified. The nursery has a capacity of about three million trees per annum, and these are distributed to applicants by competent men who at the same time give practical lessons in planting and caring for the trees. As the result of this work bare buildings in unsheltered prairies have been transformed into comfortable homelike farmsteads with shelter belts of trees, hedges and gardens. A more practical result is found in the increased fertility of farms on which such planting has been done. The soil holds the water longer and lessens the terror of drought.

An important addition was made to its responsibilities last year when the care of the Dominion parks was transferred to the forestry department. Many difficulties are met in this work, among them being the carelessness shown by many persons regarding the danger of forest fires and the inability of others to appreciate the fact that the forest reserves are for the benefit of the public and to be treated with respect on that account.

Mrs. Youngwife—What is the first question you ask of a maid whom you think of employing?

Mrs. Oldone—I always saw first, "Have you ever lived with me before?"

Mrs. Nagger—The noise you make at night is very unpleasant music.

Mr. Nagger—Do you call snoring music?

Mrs. Nagger—I should say so. Sheet music arranged for the bugle.

Speaking about handwriting which is hard to read an old time conductor on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad told a story about James Guthrie. Mr. Guthrie besides being secretary of the treasury under James Buchanan, was also president of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad and a resident of Louisville.

In the early days of railroading there were no printed passes as at present, and Mr. Guthrie would frequently write a pass for a friend on a scrap of paper. The conductors on the road would honor these, of course, but one farmer carried a piece of paper purporting to be a pass for a friend. The conductor honored it, but later grew suspicious and ones day took it up. He carried it to the office of President Guthrie and said:

"A farmer has been riding on this pass for about a year; do you want him to continue to use it?"

President Guthrie put on his glasses, looked the paper over carefully, and said:

"Why, this is not a pass. It is a receipt I gave a fellow for a load of wood about a year ago."

An organ grinder, whose repertoire consisted largely of old-fashioned Italian melodies and operatic selections, played one or two of them before a suburban house. There happened to be a party of music-loving people on the porch—devotees of Wagner.

The host, whose hair was long and brushed pompadour, beckoned to the man.

"I should be glad," said he with a lofty manner. "if you would kindly play a few selections from Wagner."

Immediately the organ grinder throwing up his hands wildly replied: "Wagner! Wagner! Not for £50. I breaka three organ, an' kills two monk wid your Wagner! I play him no more"

Clubman—I understand sir., that you began life as a newsboy.

Guest of the Evening—I fear some one has been fooling you. I began life as an infant.

"I came mighty near resigning my job this morning," said Ardup, ordering coffee and sinkers. "I'd made up my mind that the boss and I couldn't get along any more."

"Well, why didn't you resign?" asked the man sitting on the next stool.

"He beat me to it just one second."

"What is the difference between an optimist and a pessimist?"

"A pessimist is always thinking of his liabilities, while an optimist thinks only of his assets."

Indignant Citizen—Your boy threw a snowball at me just now.

Did he hit you?

No—but—

Then it wasn't my boy.

ST. JOHN'S STONE CHURCH IS TAKING UP SETTLEMENT WORK

Democratic Effort to Extend Privileges to Those Without Them—Many Activities Grown from Small Beginning—The Work and Those Who Carry it On

A work which began quietly and in a modest manner has grown steadily and increased in importance until now the St. John (Stone) Church is carrying on a "settlement" work of considerable proportions on its own premises.

The plan was adopted in order to give those who have priliveges, to extend a helping hand to those without them. A mother's meeting was the first step. From this grew girls' sewing and cooking classes and a girls' club. The need of something for the boys was next recognized and a club was organized for them which meets two or three times each week.

The mothers' meeting is continued undr a strong committe of ladies and lessons are given in the practical features of home making. A course of Bible study is being taken up and refreshments are served at the weekly meetings. A department is conducted in which out grown and somewhat worn clothing is disposed of at a small price.

The sewing classes are conducted by a strong committee of ladies, among whom are: Miss Emery, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Geo. West Jones, Miss Vassie, Mrs. W. E. Foster and Miss Kaye. There are now seventy-three members divided into groups under the different leaders.

The older girls graduate from the sewing class into the cooking school. This school, which is conducted in the church kitchen, is under the superintendence of Miss Mabel McAvity, who is a graduate of the Guelph School of Domestic Science. Special attention is given to preparing simple but substantial food in a wholesome and attractive manner.

The Girls' Club which meets on Monday night, is in charge of Mrs. Nichols. In it girls of well-to-do families and those whose families are not so well off meet socially in a most democratic manner and exchange ideas regarding their work and other subjects. Literary subjects and Bible study are also given attention.

The boys' club is organized under the name of "The Rope Holders." It is patterned somewhat after a United States organization which found its inspiration and its name in the help afforded the Apostle Paul by those who lowered him from the walls of Damascus in a basket. The club now has sixty-eight members and the list is only limited by the accommodation available. The boys are chiefly those who have not had particular advantages and many of them are taken from the streets for at least a couple of evenings a week by this work.

Monday evening is given over to educational classes which are conducted under the direction of Miss Grace Estey with the assistance of several young ladies. At present reading, writing and advanced arithmetic are taken up and it is the intention to add any subject for which there is a demand.

On Thursday night the boys are instructed in calisthenics and floor gymnastics by W. E. Golding and George Emery. It is the intention of the executive to obtain soon a supply of wands, dumb-bells and other simple apparatus for this class. Games are provided for the boys and it is intended to take up military drill under the direction of Wm. Vassie. This may develop later into a company of the Boys' Brigade.

A class in mechanical drawing is also conducted on Thursday evenings under the direction of J. D. Howe, who is well known as a most efficient teacher in this branch. Lectures on interesting subjects are also being planned for the club.

A special service for the boys is conducted on Sunday at 12.30, just after the regular morning service. A check on the attendance is kept by tickets which the boys have punched as they enter.

The pews of the church are rented but many of the members have thrown open their pews to the boys and each Sunday scores are found attending Divine worship.

The object of the work is distinctly religious and the fruit of it was shown last night when the first member of the club was confirmed.

Plans have been drawn up for shower baths with a lavatory and other conveniences which are to be placed in the basement for the use of the boys after their gymnastics. The plant, including the apparatus for heating water, will cost $575. All of this except $89 has already been voluntarily subscribed. As soon as the balance is received the work will be proceeded with.

The work has grown to such dimensions that more systematic supervision is found necessary. To supply this an executive was organized on March 13, consisting of Mrs. G. A. Kuhring, president; Miss Mabel McAvity, secretary; Miss McGivern, treasurer, and Miss Kaye, Mrs. Nichols and Miss Estey as representatives from the various branches.

The work was developed only as an insistent demand arose, and as it grows the possibilities are opening out and further expansion is expected along similar lines in the futre.

The advantage of conducting this work on the church premises instead of in a separate building in another part of the town is that the members of the clubs are more easily brought into the church and have less opportunity to drift away. It is also found easier to interest the church members in these clubs and classes than if carried on like the ordinary settlement work.

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SAYS HER "THOUGHTS" MADE SON DRUNKARD

Augustus Thomas Tells Actresses Mental Suggestion Holds Audiences.

NEW YORK, March 23—Augustus Thomas, the playwright, talked suggestion, telepathy, hypnotism, mental healing and mental intellectual therapeutics this afternoon in an address made to the graduating class of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and the Empire Theater Dramatic School.

He said that an old friend of his whose husband had died a drunkard came to him once for help. Her son was in the habit of going off on sprees and she wanted advice on what to do for him.

Mr. Thomas asked her if she had told him that his father died a drunkard, to which she answer that she had and, in fact, had tried to keep it ever before his mind, in order that he might be on his guard against the habit.

"Now," said Mr. Thomas, "I believe that it was that suggestion of that boy's mother that caused his undoing. It was the constant, fixed idea that he was very likely to fall that made him fall."

Mr. Thomas told of attending a hypnotic seance recently at which the female subject was told that he had left the room. He had not really done so, but the subject at once became oblivious to his presence, and could even see the hypnotist though Mr. Thomas stood between her and him. At such times she said that she saw what appeared to be a body of gray smoke. Without telling the hypnotist or anybody else what was passing in his mind, Mr. Thomas began to work out mentally an arithmetical problem, whereupon the subject said that the cloud turned to a violet color.

When Mr. Thomas pictured to himself the figure of a woman to whom he was attached and imagined taking her hand, the subject said that the cloud, which to her represented Mr. Thomas, turned to a bright pink.

When he thought of a little girl friend for whom he had affection, the subject announced that the cloud had assumed a bright golden color.

When he tried to recall the only "grouch" he could remember, the subject represented that the color had changed to red.

The playwright's application of these and other stories of a similar nature took the form of declaring that the young actors and actresses must remember that they were responsible for the thoughts they allowed themselves to think, that emotions which they did not allow themselves to express would thereupon lose their force and power.

He said the suggestions which their demeanor and thinking would send out would have effect on the audiences that received them, and he urged them to choose parts in worthy plays, rather than the other sort.

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EVEN SO.

The piano is a moral thing,
Viewed in whatever light;
For, even if it isn't square,
It's sure to be upright,"

says a Buffalo paper. This, however, doesn't always follow that it notes are good.

"Well, young Dr. Slicer has made his mark already, hasn't he?"

"Yes, did it on his first case?"

"Great Scott! What did he do?"

"Vaccinated a man."

DEPORTED, THOUGH BACKED BY ENTIRE TOWN OF SCRANTON

Mayor Pledged Millions of the Municipality.

Man Sails for Home Without Seeing Daughter Rather Than Leave Son—Pleadings Fail.

NEW YORK, March 23—There sailed on the Oceanic a debarred immigrant for whose return to Europe the wealth of Scranton, Pa., worth nearly $78,000,000, and having a population of 130,000, was pledged.

The man, after coming 3500 miles to see for the last time his daughter, declined the surety, rather than let his invalid son depend upon strangers for even a few days, while he made the trip of 146 miles.

Thomas E. Jones, a Welsh mine owner, and his 21-year-old son, George, who is alleged by the immigration authorities to be an imbecile, were the two deported.

J. Benjamin Dimmick, Mayor of Scranton, is the man who wanted to place his city in pawn in behalf of Mr. Jones. Mr. Dimmick made the original offer to pledge his city, even to its trolley system, over the long-distance telephone at midnight last Friday.

He backed up the offer by presenting at Ellis Island the next morning twelve big, well-dressed business men of the town, who personally vouched for every word that their Mayor had said.

The elder Jones decided a month ago to pay a long-promised visit to his daughter, Mrs. Phillip Evans, and his two grandchildren, of Scranton.

Mr Jones wrote this letter to his daughter from far-away Cardiff:

"I'm going to take George over with me. Poor boy, he has never been well since your dear mother died. I hope that God will spare me in my old age to see you, for I am afraid that my days are numbered, and I do want to see those babies of yours before I leave."

He arrived here March 7, in the cabin of the Celtic, but when the immigration officers boarded the ship, and saw the son, it was decided that both would have to go to Ellis Island under the alien act.

The old man never dreamed that he would be barred. He told the officials of his delight at getting so near to his loved ones, and he showed two diamond-studded brooches, which he had purchased for his grandchildren.

The law says that when an insane or feebleminded alien arrives, in the custody of another person, it is mandatory upon the guardian to return abroad with his charge. The Board of Special Inquiry accordingly debarred father, as well as son.

The Celtic was advertised to sail last Saturday morning. Mr. Jones and his son were placed aboard Friday night. The government notified the daughter and sister that they had been debarred. Shortly before midnight, Commissioner of Immigration Watchorn was called up on the phone at his home, and Mayor Dimmick introduced himself over the long-distance wire.

"Mr. Watchhorn, I pledge you the city of Scranton, its public buildings and even its trolley cars that if you let this man Jones come on here for two days to see his daughter I shall return him in person. His daughter is married to one of the best men here."

Commissioner Watchorn knew nothing as to the alleged imbecile son, and, believing that Jones had been debarred for age or some other ordinary charge, he promised to hold the old man back for a sailing.

PLEADED LONG AND EARNESTLY.

The next morning the immigration station was filled with business men from Scranton, among whom were Mr. Evans, the son-in-law.

The visitors pleaded long and earnestly. But the commissioner shook his head and eyewitnesses said today that he had an awful struggle with himself tomake an adverse decision.

At last it was agreed that the son should remain behind at Ellis Island and the father should go to Scranton to be back in time to sail by the Oceanic today.

Suddenly the elder Jones arose and, turning to the delegation from his daughter's home, said:

"Gentlemen, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I have dreamed for years of the meeting with my daughter and her children. But I can't do it under such conditions.

"This poor boy here has no mother. God knows, he needs one, if ever man did. Since his mother died we have never parted. We must not be parted now. Not even for—for her out out there.

"Why, men, I'd rather you would pull this arm out of my body than expect me to leave my poor boy."

So the delegation went back to Scranton, and the next day came the word that the daughter and the two children were coming on to Ellis Island.

But last night another message arrived that the mother was too ill to make the trip, and her father sailed for home without seeing her.

PETITION FOR HIS RELEASE

One Circulated for Downie

PLACED IN STORES

Young Man Will be Taken to Dorchester Penitentiary Today

W. Herbert Downie, convicted on a charge of theft from his employers, is to be taken to Dorchester today. Although no appeal is to be made in the case, his friends have not been inactive, and a petition is to be circulated, setting forth that the ends of justice have been fully met by his conviction and praying that he may be now given his liberty or his sentence commuted.

This petition was placed last night in a number of drug stores in the city and will be otherwise circulated. The followng drug stores have the petition: William Hawker, Prince William street; Samuel Hawker, corner of Main and Paradise Row; Chas. Wasson, King street; T. J. Durick, Main street, and E. R. W. Ingraham, Union street, West Side. From the present state of public opinion it is likely that the number of signatures will be very large. It is not definitely decided, but the petition will probably be taken to Ottawa and presented to the honorable Minister of Justice by counsel for Downie, together with the legal representative of his employers. The fact that his employers have stood by him as they have is likely to prove a strong factor in the case.

The petition is as follows:

In the case of The King v. W. Herbert Downie.

To the Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, K. C., M. P., Minister of Justice, Ottawa:

Whereas, the above named defendant, W. Herbert Downie, was on Saturday, the twentieth day of March, A. D. 1909, sentenced to a term of three years' imprisonment in the penitentiary at Dorchester, in the province of New Brunswick; and

Whereas, the jury upon returning a verdict in the above cause made a strong recommendation for mercy; and

Whereas, we, the undersigned, believe that the said W. Herbert Downie has already received sufficient punishment and the ends of justice have been thereby fully met, and as he is now only about twenty-one years of age, and has hitherto borne a good reputation, and we believe a term of imprisonment in the penitentiary would tend to ruin his whole life;

We, the undersigned, therefore humbly prayeth that mercy may be extended by the crown to the said W. Herbert Downie by remitting or commuting the sentence, or by such other relief as the Honorable the Minister of Justice may think proper.

And as in duty bound shall ever pray.

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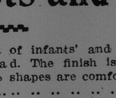

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COURT NORTH END, No. 567—Union Hall, Main street, last Tuesday each month.

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DEATHS

BUSTIN—In this city, on Monday evening, 22nd March, after an illness of three months, William H. Bustin, proprietor of the Lansdowne House, aged 46 years.

Notice of funeral hereafter. (Boston Journal please copy).

NASE—On Tuesday, March 23rd, 1909, William H. Nase, aged 42 years.

Funeral from his late residence, 50 Main street, on Thursday, 25th inst. Services at 2.30 p. m.

GOOD TIMES RETURNING.

BRISTOL, R. I., March 23. — Three hundred and seventy five persons resumed work after three months of inactivity when the factory of the New England Steam Brick Company opened after being shut down for that length of time. The management states there are enough orders in sight to keep the plant working at full time for several months and indications point to a maintenance of regular operations.

BERLIN, March 2—The report that Mrs. Ellen French Vanderbilt, formerly the wife of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, is engaged to be married to the Count Von Bentinck, a lieutenant in one of the guard regiments, has been given authoriative denial.