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Our Montreal Letter.

(From our own Correspondent.)

WHY SO MANY OF THEM GO WRONG.

We often wonder why so many of the young of both sexes go wrong. Why so many of them are found in Police Court circles to answer certain charges. Lack of parental control, the spirit of independence, late hours and bad company are some of the causes given for their downfall. Then again the downfall may be traced to the bad example of parents themselves—the home is far from being what it ought to be. We know from experience with little children in our schools, that the homes of far too many of them are indeed veritable schools of vice, misery and degradation. We are not surprised to see so many bright manly and intelligent little children, suffer from malnutrition, and want of proper clothing. Oh! the large number of heartless fathers who adore the false God of drunkenness and sloth, and leave their wives and children in the clutches of starvation, nakedness and misery, is an everlasting disgrace and shame in this city. We boast of our enlightenment, civilization and progress, but to too many, such things are only "A Hollow Mockery." Yes, in the miserable hovels, enlightenment, civilization and progress, give away to darkness, brutality and crime. We again wonder why we have so many slums in our midst, notwithstanding the great noble and benevolent efforts made by our many charitable institutions and organizations managed by both religious and lay people. And yet the work for these institutions seems to be growing daily. The responsibilities of parents are growing more lax, and ignorance, squalidness and misery seem to suit them "better than knowledge, cleanliness, and happiness. Under the caption of "The Integrity of the Home," the Boston Pilot says:—

"Home has ever been the dearest memory to man, a memory which has

branches of the simple little green-capped catfish was present to his mind to confound these subtle philosophies. Weary of the perplexities and dangers, his heart thrilled with joy and gratitude as the remembrance of his childhood's home. "One who has not known such a moment, has never lived," he says.

Insidious forces at work to-day tend to destroy this sweet and sacred recollection. Parents, teachers and writers can not be unmindful of the fact if their noble mission in life it to be faithfully carried on. Whatever tends to disturb the sanctity or security of the home, reflects on the peace and integrity of the nation and as such should be loudly decried.

DEPOSITORS WANT THEIR MONEY IN FULL.

Suggestions that pressure should be brought to bear on the government so that depositors of the defunct Home Bank might receive their deposits in full, were made at a largely attended meeting of the Hochelaga depositors.

Eddie St. Pere, M.P., gave his pledge that he would support the wishes of the depositors, and suggested that the Canadian Bankers' Association was really responsible in the matter. He said that when the Banks appeared before the Banking Committee at Ottawa they did not do so as individual institutions, but as a collective body.

Marcus Sperber, K.C., Quebec representative on the central body of Home Bank depositors, explained the situation. He suggested that all banks be compelled to deposit five per cent of their capital or reserve with the Government in order that depositors might be protected in further cases. Other speakers were Bernard Rome, K.C., Dr. Pellier, M.L.A., and Aldermen Deroches and Lalancette.

STRANGERS SHOULD BE CAREFUL.

Strangers coming to Montreal should be cautious of meeting "so-called friends," as the following tells:

The police of the Montfort Street police station received a complaint from Herve Lefebvre, of St. Lucien, Drummond County, who informed the desk man that he had been robbed of \$30 in a St. Felix Street house. Lefebvre, according to his story, was met at the Windsor Station at 11:30 by a man 30 years of age who was friendly enough to invite him outside to have drink. He was taken to St. Felix Street where they entered a house and had several drinks. Lefebvre lapsed into sleep after the third drink, and when he again opened his eyes he was alone in the house minus \$30 stolen from his pockets.

THE HONESTY OF A DOMESTIC.

Through the honesty of a maid at the Windsor Hotel, Mrs. C. Anderson, of Vancouver, had returned to her purse containing \$1,400 in Canadian bank notes which the owner had left in the public reception room. The purse was examined by the night clerk for a name, and Mrs. Anderson was asked if she had lost anything of value. She said she thought not, and when told that a pocketbook with drafts bearing her name was found, she was overjoyed when the article was returned to her. The maid was liberally rewarded for her honesty.

A PENSION FOR TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES.

In connection with the recent acceptance by Montreal tramway employees of the recent agreement drawn up by the company, officials of the employees and the union, together with insurance experts, are at work planning a pension scheme for the 3,500 workers.

It is proposed that the employees would contribute a small amount from their wages each payday, and the company would supply the balance, under authority of the Montreal Tramways Commission. It is expected the scheme will be in working order early in the year.

Joseph Therrien, President of the Union; Henri Champagne, Business Agent; and J. L. Bourbonniere, Secretary-Treasurer, are representatives of the Union and Col. J. E. Hutcheson, General Manager, and other officials, represent the Company.

AND STILL THEY COME.

A few days ago a woman rang the bell at the Grey Nunnery door. It was opened by one of the old men there. The woman handed the man a parcel without leaving any message. The woman departed in double quick time. The old man on receiving the parcel noticed that it contained "a wee baby." He shouted out after the woman: "Madame, attendez-vous s'il vous plait." The man was about to throw the parcel after her, but discovering its contents, decided not to do so, as it would mean certain death to the new born child. The woman was soon lost to view. The baby was taken to the Creche and baptized the next day.

Under the headline of "McGill," the Montreal Herald says editorially:—

"The McGill is a Christian university, not if it is a Christian university, one would naturally expect that the teachings of its professors would be in accordance with the fundamental principles of Christianity.

This question is raised by the report of an address on "Natural Surgery" by Sir Henry Gray, a new addition to the

teaching staff of the University and surgeon-in-chief of the Royal Victoria Hospital. In the course of his address, which, by the way, signified his first appearance before the students, he is reported to have said: "The study of the evolution of man from the lower animals gives us very valuable information about many surgical conditions." He went on to indicate that man had evolved from a four-footed animal, that the arrangement of the organs in the abdomen is not suited to the erect posture and that man is paying the penalty of walking only on his hind legs, a position for which his anatomy is not fitted. On the latter point he is reported to have said: "The arrangement of the organs in the abdomen is not adapted to the erect posture. It is much more suited to the posture of animals, and man must pay for his evolution by suffering from all kinds of abdominal disorders."

We do not wish to raise a controversy on the Darwinian theory. Thinking men have long since got past the generalizations of the Darwinian point of view and the world has fallen too recently had in the Great War an object lesson as to what tragedy the Darwinian theory, pursued to its logical ends, may lead the human race. Germany swallowed the Darwinian theory holus-bolus, and came to believe that the survival of the fittest that is to say, the strongest and the most relentlessly selfish, was the primary law governing the "natural world."

The immense majority of the people in Canada are Christians and wish their children to be brought up in the Christian faith. The essence of the Christian faith is the teaching of the divine origin of man, but how are students to believe in this teaching if they are told by the professors that they have evolved from the lower animals and that man is such a failure physically that he has to suffer for walking on two legs when his body is more fitted for walking on four?

Parents would be very sorry to see a recrudescence of cheap German free thought or agnosticism at McGill. A few years ago a McGill professor wrote in the University Magazine an article entitled: "The Beautiful Dream of Bethlehem." The article created such a revulsion of feeling in Canada that the professor found it expedient to seek other pastures. Sir Henry Gray would seem to contradict the statement in the Holy Scripture that, "God created man in His own image." Are the students to be told that this, too, is only a beautiful dream? Everybody knows that religion is the best safeguard for our young people, and our schools and universities should do all they can to foster religion rather than to preach doctrines which would destroy the faith of our fathers. If any professor at McGill holds views contrary to the fundamental teachings of our Christian faith, then he ought to keep those views to himself until such time as McGill has found some one to replace him.

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SOMETHING THAT LOOKS EXPENSIVE.

Sp a king of Christmas shopping (let us hope the subject bores you because you have yours all done for while that won't be nice for me, it will be nice enough for the poor) many who profit when Christmas shopping is done early to make up here is a little conversation I heard on the trolley car between two women who had been on a hunting trip through the shops.

Said one: "Do you know anyone you want to give a lamp to?"

Said the other: "Why no, I don't think of anyone just this minute. Why?"

"Because," explained the first triumphantly, "I found some lamps

down at a little new store that look as if they cost twice as much as they do. I'm going to give them to three or four people on my list that always bother me because I want to give them something that looks fairly expensive. I've been hunting all over town and I haven't seen anything that looks as good for the money as these lamps do. They cost \$3.95 and they could easily pass 1.00-1.75 lamps. You'd better look at them."

Instead of the Book She Wanted.

"I certainly will," promised the other fervently. "I don't know but what I could use two or three. I mean to give my sister-in-law that new book on old furniture that she's so interested in, but I kind of hated to because she will know exactly what it costs. That's the worst about a book."

"Yes isn't it," agreed the other woman, "you get her one of these

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Isn't that the keynote of many men's Christmas shopping? They aren't content to take money they can afford and buy something that fits in with the recipient's tastes and needs. They want something that will appear more expensive than it is. And it is for this that tries them out.

Of course it is natural that should want to get good value for one's money. One will naturally to look over the market and see the various lines. But that isn't the same as this struggle to get something that looks more expensive than it is.

The original idea of Christmas giving, as a spontaneous expression of love and good will, has been distorted in its transition into a forced and dried exchange of gifts. Not distort it any more if we can.

In many recipes a tablespoonful of cornstarch can be substituted for eggs.

Broiled oysters are good served with toasted crackers with drawn butter sauce.

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