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THE SALVATION ARMY.

The greatest social welfare organization in the world, the Salvation Army, is about to celebrate its jubilee, after fifty years' strenuous work in Great Britain and upwards of sixty other countries. This religious and self-sustaining organization, which first saw the light in the slums of Whitechapel, and East London, and had the tenacity to abide the shock of ridicule, and even abuse, carries now its banner into nearly every corner of the earth, where it is accepted as an Army with a great Christian mission.

In the district in which the inception of this great army of workers in the cause of Christianity and charity took place, there abounded elements that were steadily left alone by the regularly organized religious bodies. The men and women steeped in crime, vice and depravity who were to be found in the highways and byways of darkest London were considered to be too far gone to be worth attempting to rescue. The Church could not, or at any rate did not, reach them; and it was left to the devoted band of men and women who rallied to the call of the Rev. William Booth to find a means of reaching those outcasts of society; the outcome of whose efforts we now find embodied in the great organization which the world knows today as the Salvation Army.

The history of the organization shows that in its earlier days its method of attracting the rougher and more degraded elements of society to hear the Gospel preached were not taken either seriously or kindly, and in London it was customary that their barracks should be protected by the police. Their methods for reclaiming the lower elements of society were so contrary to those of the orthodox Church that persecution followed. Salvationists and lassies, as they then called them in England, were even physically maltreated at times, and here and there a business man who happened to fall a convert to them even suffered property damage.

However, the Salvation Army has lived down all this; the organization has grown into mammoth proportions, and invaded continents and countries until today it is a world-wide institution for good, accepted as such by people, Church and State. Its efforts are in themselves Christian endeavors accentuated with self-denial and sacrifice, the fruit of which is never told.

In connection with its work it has been the custom for the Army to hold an annual self-denial week as a means of assisting to provide the necessary funds to carry on its work, and a special effort is to be made on the occasion of its jubilee this year to raise the largest sum on record. It is pointed out by a contemporary that "Royalty, governors, leaders in Parliament, the Judiciary, business men, churches of all denominations, civic authorities and the public, irrespective of race, color or creed, have endorsed it and accepted it as personal to themselves in the gifts they have made." It is to be hoped this year of grace will see donations to this commendable work given in full measure, heaped up and overflowing.

It might be interesting to mention here that the self-denial fund of the Salvation Army goes, among other purposes, towards the maintenance of the following:

Maternity Homes for poor mothers and their babies.
 Children's Homes, not "orphanages" or "institutions," but small homes where parental care can be most closely approximated.

Rescue Homes for wayward girls and unmarried mothers and their babies.
 Police court work, where men and women not habitual criminals, are taken in hand and induced to go straight, and followed up.

Women's Shelters for temporary care of dependent cases.
 Workmen's Homes and Shelters, where men may have clean beds and decent surroundings at nominal charge, or, if they have not the price, free.

Free Labor Bureau. General Hospitals. Home Mission Department. Hospital Visiting Bands.
 Industrial Workshops where derelicts meet support themselves and work out their own salvation.

Lost and missing friends world-wide inquiry.
 Military hostels for soldiers and dependents.
 Military social service district visitors.

Training college for candidates for officership.
 Young people's work.

In the words of His Majesty the King, "the Salvation Army are to be congratulated upon the mighty work of a system founded by General Booth. By its work of love and mercy, both in peace and war, it has become honored and endeared to the hearts of the world's nations."

KING'S COLLEGE.

That it would be decided to rebuild King's College was of course a foregone conclusion, and that the money would be raised by subscription was

also provided is equally certain. The amount required, \$300,000, is rather a large figure, and it may take some little effort to raise it, but that sooner or later it will be got together there can be no doubt. The College has a just claim upon the sympathies of the people of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, particularly those of them who belong to the Anglican Church. It has given not only to these two provinces, but to Canada as a whole, many distinguished men, and will doubtless give yet many more. The love and veneration for his Alma Mater is deep-seated in the heart of whom will put its shoulder to the wheel, and become a missionary in the cause of a greater College than ever. Appeals have been made on behalf of the College during the past few years that have not been responded to perhaps as enthusiastically as it could have been wished; but this must not discourage those whose task it will be to take the more active part in raising the needed funds. It is only necessary that the requirements of the occasion should be brought prominently to the attention of those who ought to be most deeply interested in its future of the College to ensure their practical sympathy and support.

THE ST. JOHN VACANCY.

From the fact that the meeting of the Provincial Government was concluded without any decision being come to, or at any rate no announcement of any decision having been made, regarding an election to fill the vacancy in St. John, indicates that Premier Foster is in no hurry to learn just what the electors think of his administration of affairs during the last few years. He evidently feels that there is something after all in the old adage that "where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." His hesitation is not to be wondered at perhaps. He can hardly expect the people to be very enthusiastic over a Government that has so little knowledge of the needs of the public services as not to be able to make any approximate estimate as to what those services are likely to require in the run of the year. Omitting altogether the two hundred and sixty thousand odd dollars that were expended on roads and bridges, the Government's estimates last year for the ordinary public services were over two hundred thousand dollars less than the actual requirements called for. That is just how near they could get to the probable expenditure. Their total over-expenditures for the year exceeded \$475,000.

Either the Government has so little knowledge of affairs as not to be able to make any close estimate, or it is liberally underestimating the probable expenditure in order to keep it within the bounds of the anticipated revenue, trusting to Providence that some way out of the difficulty would be forthcoming before explanations were called for. Some of these explanations were given by the Leader of the Opposition during the session, and were promised by the Premier. That promise had not been fulfilled down to the time that the Legislature prorogued. Perhaps when the Premier has made up his mind just what form these explanations had best take, he will call on the electors.

WOMAN'S NEWLY-FOUND FREEDOM.

In these days when the plea for equality of the sexes is heard on every hand, mere man can scarcely be blamed if he should sometimes lean back in his chair—if he is still permitted this luxury—and in the intervals between the exclamations of smoke rings, he should ponder over changed conditions, and wonder what things are coming to. The enjoyment of his own pipe will probably bring to his mind the thought that one phase of woman's emancipation at least seems now to be complete. They smoke everywhere, and make no attempt to conceal the fact. Further self-communion will probably lead him to ask himself, Why not? Why, through all these timorous and tepid years, has the solace of tobacco been denied to woman by an illogical convention? This "disgusting habit," as once it was called, does not disgust Every argument used by man to justify the pleasures of tobacco could always have been used by woman with better reason. She only refrained from tobacco because she was educated to believe that it was almost unchristian, taught to recognize it as, in her case, a social misdemeanor, a thing that was "not quite nice." Well, we have conspired to strike these fetters from her. She will, it may be, soon puff her cigar in our faces, and draw, like man, the elderly briar pipe from—yes—from her pocket. But not yet. These revolutionary changes are slow in growth. Woman herself—were those lips, fashioned by Heaven for kisses and cooing—really meant for the well-bitten stem of a pipe, for the rotund ceremony of the stump of a large cigar? Perish such a thought. Let us still drag our custom in the tatters of convention.

THE CALL FOR GREATER PRODUCTION.

The urgent need for greater production is constantly being urged upon the people of Canada; in fact, in the words of a contemporary, "Canada is hearing many voices carrying the same message—'Produce, produce, produce.' We are told that the economic salvation of the country depends upon it. This is no doubt sound advice, and it is remarkable how many people are offering it. Everybody seems to feel competent to prescribe for what ails Canada. "But," asks the same contemporary, "Is there not some danger of this message being too much harped upon? Does not its iteration tend to become damnable?"

Certainly it may create an impression outside the country that Canadians industrially are slackers, and that our sole use for immigrants is to fix the yoke of labor upon their necks and set them to toils that our own people shirk. Too much preaching about the duty of everybody working and of everybody adding to the output of the nation reflects unjustly upon our own workers. The Canadian people are generally industrious and the great mass of them are working faithfully today. It is by workers that the country has been made, and it is by workers it will be brought to the greatness that is destined for it. Talkers never made a nation and never will. Less talk about production, and a general urging in the spirit of the talkers to increase the supply of the nation's staples will be to the purpose. There is no danger that the mass of the Canadian people will ever plan their faith to any policy that is designed to prejudice them against work. Work is a necessary part of the lot of man, and no nation whose people are not industrious can hope to prosper materially. The Canadian who believes in work and who cheerfully applies himself to work promotes the welfare of his country and adds to his own happiness in the degree to which he thus increases his own usefulness.

Senator Casgrain says that farmers should be made to pay higher freight rates. This would not help matters much, as far as the public is concerned. It might help to reduce the railway deficit, but the public would have to pay more for their farm produce; and as long as the public pays in the long run, it does not matter very much under what particular head the money is collected.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

No Arbitrary Action.
 (Toronto Globe.)

If there is a considerable body of labor opinion in Canada in favor of extending the provisions of the industrial disputes act, more generally known as the Lemieux Act, to disputes not connected with the railway, the great deal may be accomplished for the general benefit. It is not easy in these days of close connection between all phases of the industrial business and social life of the community to see an ever-widening acknowledgment of the fact that no man or group of men, employees or employers, can be allowed arbitrarily to jump out of a line of action for themselves if that is to bring suffering and hardship to larger numbers of citizens who are in no way responsible for or connected with the dispute.

The Sessional Indemnity.

Though not much has been said about it publicly, it is known that there is a movement on foot at Ottawa to increase the sessional indemnity of members of the federal parliament from \$500 to \$4,000. Raising one's own salary is naturally a somewhat delicate matter, but we fail to see any good reason why members of parliament should be exempt from the ordinary rules of the distinction, or being practically the only body of workmen who have to meet the increased cost of living without any increase of pay. Consider that the provincial legislatures of Manitoba and Alberta receive an indemnity of \$1,500, while in Saskatchewan the indemnity is \$1,800. Considering that the provincial legislatures sit for only a few weeks each year, while the sessions of the Dominion parliament usually last about five months, it must be conceded that our Dominion legislators are, by comparison, inadequately compensated for the time which they must sacrifice from their own business concerns to attend to the affairs of the nation at Ottawa. It is certainly not desirable that membership of the Dominion parliament should be confined to men of wealth, or that members should be under the necessity of accepting financial assistance from political or personal friends. There is no much danger that men will succeed in being elected to parliament whose sole object it is to secure an indemnity of \$4,000 a session. The people should see that they only elect representatives who are worthy to sit in parliament, and having done so, no one should object to paying them an allowance that will enable them to live.

In Spite of Copybooks.

(London Daily Express.)
 Fortune conspired at times to confound the moralists, notably in the matter of inventions. Russian steel bids fair to revolutionize one of the greatest of industries, and has already made fortunes, and its discovery, as Professor Carnahan has just disclosed, was due to the carelessness of a furnace-man, who "burnt his melt." Similarly, I believe, the discovery of nitro-glycerine was due to a carelessness of a cauldron over-flowing into the sand-packed round it led to the discovery of dynamite. Even sheer laziness has contributed its quota to the history of invention. It was the sight of a soldier cleaning the rust from a sword after a period of neglect that suggested one of the most useful of inventions. It was the sight of a man who had developed into a mezzotint engraving.

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

THE PARK AVE. NEWS.
 Weather. Fair for one is fair for all.
 Sports. Skinny Martins sat gave him a pair of white pants for his birthday and Skinny and he wouldn't disrobe himself. Wearing them and last Wednesday after school he started to suction them off out of his parlor window, with Pursey Weaver had just bid 6 cents, being the highest bid so far, when Skinny's mother came up and chased all the fellows away and went in after Skinny, with Skinny says he didn't get a licking but some think different.

Enter! Puds Sinkins Almost Gets Waxed! Puds Sinkins started to wax himself on the seat in the slot waxing machine outside the cigar store last Saturday, but a crowd stopped to watch him that Puds just got off of the machine again and wailed hawtily away.

Interesting Ducks About Interesting People. Reddy Nerfy has bin having a lot of trouble with his teeth lately but he says that aint anything alongside of the trouble he's bin having with the dentist.

Shewie. Miss Lorette Min cer dunks she is 10 years old and says Miss Mary Watkins just sed she was out of meenies, Miss Mincer saying she is only 8 if theres anything she cant stand its slandersome.

Auto Notes. Benny Potts, Artie Alexander, Ed Hum and others was standing watching a man trying to make his automobile go and giving him ideas and suggestions against this wild, and after a while the automobile went again, proving some of the suggestions mine of bin all rite.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE PLEDGE.

When love is bright and whole again,
 I'll sing like the bee's weather,
 I'll set my colors up again
 Like the cock's weather's feather,
 I'll find a note to make me one
 With lyric birds that sing the sun.

I'll sing my songs with palmers' buds
 And sprigs of thorn for Whit Sunday,
 And they shall dance as willow rods
 And shine with garlands of the May.
 I'll be a theme that takes the spring
 From bushes where the blackbirds sing.

I'll walk among my sheep again
 And turn my steps to numbers,
 When love is bright and whole again
 And fear has gone to slumbers,
 With wings again and flowers and stars
 To be my colored calendars.

—John Drinkwater in The Yale Review.

THE LAUGH LINE

Things we didn't do we regret most.
 Many a man has wealth untold—
 The counterfeiter is always hoping
 To find people willing to return good for evil.

He Wanted to Know.

"Mamma, was Job a doctor?"
 "Not that I know of, dear. Why do you ask?"

"The way do people have so much to say about the patients of Job?"

The Poor Boss.

"The boss is in a terrible predicament."
 "What's the trouble?"
 "He's had to raise wages so often to keep the help that there's no longer anything left in the till on Saturday night for himself."

That Cruel Thrust.

Young Doolittle—The little things of life are dear to me. I love the insignificant, the plain, the simple.
 Miss Spillins (interrupting)—Yes, I've often noticed how self-satisfied you seem to be.

A Floater.

"Here is a pretty thing! 'Hark, Hark, the Lark,' by William Shakespeare, in the Boston Transcript."
 "That fellow writes well, but he must jump around a good bit."
 "Heb!"
 "Only last week I saw him in the Toronto Globe"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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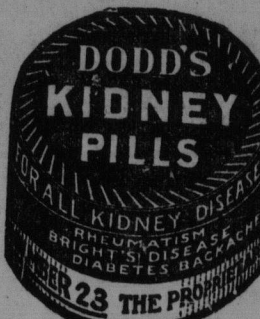
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FUNERALS.

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