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Extract From an Empire Day Sermon Preached by Rev. Dr. Cowperthwaite.

The quiet forces are the more powerful. The empty cart rattles over the stony street while the heavily laden dray drags along with little noise. The shallow brook clatters over the stones and churns itself into foam, while the deep river moves on noiselessly to the sea.

In nature, fibre and bark, muscle and bone, increase without noise or display. Disorder and disease result in deformity, weakness, agony and cries, but the life blood coursing regularly through the veins and arteries brings symmetry, strength and beauty.

As in the body physical, so in the body social, and the body political and national, that which comes without observation and in silence, is more effective, more enduring than that which is more demonstrative.

We have in the opening years of this twentieth century the spectacle of the most wonderful political and national development the history of the world has ever recorded. That men should meet in the shock of battle and victory should crown the banners of one army or the other, has been the record of nearly all the sanguinary battles that have ever been fought. That States and Kingdoms with seaboard facilities should build ships and spread the white sails of Commerce on all the seas, has been of common occurrence.

That States, territorially small, but whose peoples were enlightened and aggressive, should beat back undisciplined hordes of barbarians, and bring their lands under tribute, has not infrequently been the record in the annals of time; but that little isles, removed from the well-beaten pathways of the older nations and older civilizations, should develop through the centuries a system of government, of law and order that conserves the chartered rights of man, and proclaims and maintains his right of private judgment and civil and religious freedom, is a marvellous achievement.

That not the will of the Sovereign should be supreme, but the will of the People, through representative and responsible government, should be supreme, is something of which the older nations and civilizations never dreamed. That on Homeland and

Colonies and dominions the sun never sets, is an object lesson for contemporary nations. And this is Britain, the Homeland, the land of our Fathers, the land of the Pilgrim Fathers and of the Loyalists, who laid the foundations of Empire in this Western Hemisphere, the land of the Covenanters, the land of our Anglo-Saxon race of brawn and muscle, of dauntless courage and world-embracing activities.

Anglo blood, and Celtic blood, and Saxon, and French and Norseland blood, flowing in one common tide, has built up a race the most Masterful the world has ever known, and a constitutional Monarchy the fairest the Sun ever shone on.

It reads like a romance of history how these races all blended into one conglomerate yet dominant race.

John at Runnymede, the Henrys and the Edwards, and the Plantagenets and the Tudors, all heard the mandates of a self-possessed and dominant race and governed themselves accordingly. The Stuarts under Charles the First and Henry the Seventh sought to stay the rising tide of progress but in vain. A free, civil race was in process of evolution and the God of Nations had decreed the completed product.

And now where do we stand to-day? Why, see, eyes turn from the four quarters of the Globe to the Homeland. It may be to the hawthorn hedges and parks of England, or to the lochs and hills of Scotland, or the Emerald fields of Ireland, but the hearts and eyes of Britons the wide world over, at times, instinctively turn to Motherland, and loyal hearts and true cry:

"Rocks of my country, let the cloud
Your crested height array,
And rise ye like a fortress proud,
Above the surge and spray.
My spirit greets you as you stand
Breasting the billows' foam,
Oh, thus forever guard the land,
The severed land of Home."

From Gibraltar and Malta, from India and Australia and New Zealand, and distant Fiji, from sunny Bermuda and the West India Islands, from Canada and Newfoundland, one voice rolls in different dialects, like the sound of many waters, on this Empire Day—
"God Save our Gracious King!"

A PATRIOTIC SPEECH.

(John of Gaunt hears of the evil ways of the young King, Richard II., and in the following speech laments over the state to which England is reduced.)

Gaunt.—Methinks I am a prophet new inspired
And thus, expiring do foretell of him:
His rash, fierce blaze of riot cannot last;
For violent fires soon burn out themselves;
Small showers last long, but sudden storms are short;
His tiresome reigns, that spurs too fast betimes;
With eager feeding food doth choke the feeder;
Light vanity, insatiate cormorant,
Consuming means, soon preys upon itself;
This royal throne of kings, this sceptred isle,
This earth of majesty, this seat of Mars,
This other Eden, demi-paradise;
This fortress, built by nature for herself,
Against infection and the hand of war;
This happy breed of men, this little world,
This precious stone set in the silver sea,
Which serves in the office of a wall,
Or as a moat defensive to a house,
Against the envy of less happier lands;
This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England,
This land of such dear souls, this dear dear land,
Dear for her reputation through the world,
Is now leased out, (I die pronouncing it),
Like to a tenement or pelting farm;
England, bound in with the triumphant sea,
Whose rocky shore beats back the envious siege,
Whose battlements are bound in with the sea,
With inky blots, and rotten parchment bonds;
That England, that was wont to conquer others,
Hath made a shameful conquest of itself.
O, would the scandal vanish with my life,
How happy then were my ensuing death!
—From Richard II. (Shakespeare).

Maxims of a Great Englishman.

JOHN RUSKIN.
The first test of a truly great man is his humility.
There are many religions, but there is only one morality.
No great intellectual thing was ever done by great effort.
Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life.
It takes a great deal of living to get a little deal of learning.
The plea of ignorance will never take away our responsibilities.
It is his restraint which is honourable to a man, not his liberty.
Knowledge is not education, and can neither make us happy nor rich.
The first, as indeed the last, nobility in education is to rule over our thoughts.
Keep what you want, east what you can, and expect nothing back once lost or once given.
The strength and power of a country depends absolutely on the quantity of good men and women in it.
It is only by labour that thought can be made healthy, and only by thought that labour can be made happy.
The practice of faith and obedience to some of our fellow creatures is the alphabet by which we learn the higher obedience to heaven.
None but the dissolute among the poor look upon the rich as their natural enemies. None but the dissolute among the rich speak in opprobrious terms of the vices and follies of the poor.
Cunning signifies especially a habit of gift or overreaching, accompanied with enjoyment and a sense of superiority. It is the intensest rendering of vulgarity, absolute and utter, with which I am acquainted.

THE CITY'S HEALTH.—During the past week only one case of diphtheria was reported to Health Authorities. At present there are seven patients at the hospital with this disease, while one other is being treated at home.

*Her court was pure, her life serene;
God gave her peace; her land reposed;
A thousand claims to reverence closed
In her as Mother, Wife, and Queen.*

—TENNYSON.

"DOMINIONS BEYOND THE SEAS."

Chief Colonies of Great Britain, With the Dates of Their Acquisition.

DURING THE REIGN OF HENRY VII.		Malta	1800
Newfoundland	1500	Berbec	1803
QUEEN ELIZABETH.		Demerara	1803
St. Helena	1600	Guiana	1803
JAMES I.		St. Lucia	1803
Barbadoes	1605	Windward Islands	1803
Bermudas	1609	Tasmania	1803
African Ports	1618	Cape of Good Hope	1806
Gold Coast	1618	Heligoland	1807
Nova Scotia	1622	Mauritius	1810
St. Christopher	1623	Ascension	1815
CHARLES I.		Ceylon	1815
Nevis	1628	Singapore	1819
Bahama Islands	1629	GEORGE IV.	
Montserrat	1632	Natal	1823
Antigua	1632	West Australia	1829
Madras	1639	WILLIAM IV.	
THE COMMONWEALTH AND PROTECTORATE.		Falkland Islands	1833
Bengal	1652	South Australia	1834
Malacca	1652	QUEEN VICTORIA.	
Jamaica	1655	Aden	1839
CHARLES II.		North Borneo	1840
Bombay	1662	Port Philip	1841
Anguilla	1666	Hong Kong	1841
Tortola	1666	Labuan	1846
Virgin Island	1666	Pegu	1852
Cape Coast Castle	1667	Keeling Islands	1857
Honduras	1670	British Columbia	1858
QUEEN ANNE.		Queensland	1860
Gibraltar	1704	Gambia	1861
New Brunswick	1713	Lagos	1861
GEORGE II.		British Burmah	1862
Prince Edward Island	1745	Basutoland	1871
GEORGE III.		Grigoland	1871
Canada	1760	Elmina and Dutch Guinea	1872
Cape Breton	1763	Fiji	1874
Dominica	1763	Cyprus	1878
Grenada	1763	Berbera	1884
Leeward Islands	1763	New Guinea	1884
St. Vincent	1763	Bechuanaland	1885
Tobago	1763	Kermadec Islands	1886
Vancouver Island	1781	Socotra	1886
Prince of Wales Island	1786	Zululand	1886
New South Wales	1787	Brunei	1888
Sierra Leone	1787	Sarawak	1888
Trinidad	1797	Mashonaland	1890
Gozo	1800	Matabeleland	1890
EDWARD VII.		Orange Free State	1901
		Transvaal	1901

Listen Girls.

When a Bargain Isn't a Bargain.

(By Jessie Roberts.)

The girl who must count every dollar she spends on clothes, naturally wants to make those dollars go as far as possible. And one way is waiting for the semi-annual sales, advertised by the stores at certain seasons.

There is no doubt that you can find excellent bargains at these sales, and that you do well to wait for them. But there are times when the best of bargains is a bad one. If you buy something you don't need, you are throwing away money, no matter how cheap the thing may be.

You should have very definite ideas of just what you want to get before going shopping. Look your clothes over thoroughly, make notes of the things you absolutely must have, and of those you will get if they fall within a certain price. Look over all those little accessories of dress that are so essential, and yet that will run away with your money to a surprising extent unless you watch out, and plan precisely what you need, to the fraction of a yard of ribbon or lace, or the exact sort of neckwear or belt or girdle. Decide whether your underclothes must be replenished now, when you can get bargains, or whether they will tide over to the next event.

Cape Report.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind light and variable with dense fog and rain; nothing heard passing.
Bar: 29.68; ther: 44.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GADGET IN COWS.

Ideas of a Plain Man.

(By Dr. Frank Crane.)

Doing clears the mind. Physical activity has a peculiar luminous effect upon the judgment. The soundest views of life come not from the pulpit or the professional chair but from the workshop. To saw a plank or nail down a shingle to lay a stone square or paint a house evenly, to run a locomotive or raise a good crop of corn, somehow reacts upon the intelligence, teaching the very inward essential cell of wisdom; provided always the worker is brave, not afraid of his own conclusions, and does not hand his thinking over to some guesser with a large bluff. Doing makes religion. All the religion that is of any account is what we thresh out with our own hands, suffer out with our own hearts, and find out with our own visions. Doing creates faith.

Doubt comes from Sundays, and other idle hours. The only people who believe the ten commandments are those who do them. Those who believe the world is growing better are they that are trying to make it grow better. Doing brings joy. The sweetest of joys is the joy of accomplishment. Make love and you will feel love. Quit making love and you will doubt love. Be kind, steadily and persistently, and you will believe in kindness. Be unclean and you will soon sneer at anybody's claim to virtue. Be mean and you will cease to believe there is any goodness in the world.

So a man has his own destiny, his own creed, his own internal peace, his own nobility in his hands—literally in his hands. For all the worth-while wisdom and goodness you have in your head and heart was soaked up from your hands.

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