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## THE STANDARD.

Young Men's Christian Association's Convention.

While in St. John a few days ago, we had the privilege and pleasure of being present on two evenings, at these interesting and edifying meetings, at which delegates from Fredericton, Moncton, St. Andrews, Chatham, Newcastle, Sheffield, Richelieu, Petitcodiac, Gagetown, Charlottetown, Halifax and Boston attended. The President of the St. John Association occupied the chair. Among the speeches which we heard, were those of Lieut. Governor Wilton, Rev. Mr. Grant, Rev. Mr. Armstrong, Rev. Mr. Pittsford, Rev. Mr. Bennett, and others; some of the addresses by the lay delegates were eloquent, and we believe the meetings of the convention will be productive of lasting benefit.

The Farewell meeting in the Centenary Church on Sabbath evening was attended by upwards of 1200 persons, the aisles had seats which were filled as well as the pews, indeed the large church was crowded. The music both vocal and instrumental was very fine, and the farewell addresses eloquent and affecting. On the platform, were clergymen of all the Protestant churches, reminding those present of the Psalmist's words—"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Efforts are to be used to form Young Men's Christian Associations in every town in the Province where there are none.

## THE FENIANS.

We learn from our Canadian exchanges that the cause of the precautionary measures adopted in consequence of a rumor to the effect that a Fenian gunboat had been fitted out on Lake Superior with the intention doing damage to the Canadian towns on the upper lakes. It is also said to be their intention to make a move on the eastern frontier while the troops are paying their attention to west. The authorities are well informed of the movements of the Fenians, and there is no danger of our being taken by surprise.

It is reported that orders have been issued to have the gunboat "Prince Alfred" placed in readiness for immediate service.

A Field Battery of two nine pounders left Toronto at six o'clock a. m. on the 19th, by the Great Western for Godrich. No doubt there was something in the excitement, but to what extent remains to be proved.

C. C. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—In our last issue we promised to give an enumeration of the articles entered for competition at the Fair of the Society. Before doing so we may mention that the Grain and Root Department was very good, and for weight size and quality, surpass any exhibited in other countries, the produce of the dairy was also superior, and the domestic manufactures were very good of their kind. We may state that the Society will celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary next month.

There were entered:—3 samples Yarn, 6 Socks, 6 Mitts, 5 Hens Eggs, 3 Blankets, 6 Gloves, 1 Drawers, 2 Quilts, 14 pieces Home-spun Satinets and Flannels; 1 Apples, 1 Flowers, 5 Wheat, 7 Barley, 6 Oats, 3 Buckwheat, 6 Corn, 5 Peas, 7 Beans, 6 Carrots, 5 Beets, 3 Squash, 9 Turnips, 1 Flax seed, 1 Beet seed, 1 Turnip seed, 1 Grass seed, 1 Cabbage, 1 Onion, 4 Honeys, 13 Butter, 24 Potatoes, Scotch Drums, Carters, Jacksaws, Peach Bows, Garnets, Chilians and Moss Rose.

5 Horses, 5 Mares, 18 Colts from one to four years old, 8 pair Steers, 2 yoke Oxen, 5 Cows, 8 Bulls from one to four years old, 5 Heifers, 4 Calves, 4 Rams, 4 Ewes, 1 Boar, 2 pens Turkeys, 1 pair pure grey Bolton Fowls, 2 pure black Spaniards, 3 pens mixed, 1 pen Guinea Fowls.

Turkeys measured 27 inches and weighed 10 lbs. each, Field Beets 16 inches long weighing 4 1/2 lbs., long Orange Carrots 15 inches long and 1 1/2 inches in circumference, different varieties of potatoes weigh 10 each, Cabbages measuring 39 inches in circumference.

Of the premiums—one person received \$11, one \$9 25, one \$8 75, one \$7 75, seven \$5 and upwards, five \$4 and upwards, eight \$1 and upwards, six \$2 and upwards, four \$3 and upwards, six \$2 and upwards, eight \$1 and upwards, one 75 cts., one 50 cts., one 25 cts.—total \$134 25.

Some one writes both gracefully and forcibly:—"I would be glad to see more parents understand that when they spend money judiciously to improve and beautify the house and garden about it, they are paying their children a premium to stay at home as much as possible to enjoy it; but that when they spend money unnecessarily on fine clothing and jewelry for their children, they are paying them a premium to spend their time from home—that is, in those places where they can attract the most attention, and make the most display."

## Discipline on board the Cunard Royal Mail Steamers.

The Liverpool Journal of Commerce gives an interesting report of the inspection at that port of the Cunard steamers and the system of discipline enforced on board. It says:

"Recent legislation has made a considerable change in the relations which previously existed between the Cunard Company and the British Government. The company is no longer bound to satisfy the Admiralty as to the efficiency of the ships and crews which they employ in carrying the mails between Britain and America. In reality it has now been reduced to a simple commercial contract to carry the mails for a certain number of years at an agreed-upon rate of payment; and this contract is shared in by others on equal terms as to remuneration, although one at least of the others, a foreign company competes upon terms which are highly advantageous to itself, none of its vessels being subject to the regulations as to passengers and provisions which are rigidly enforced against British steamers. Under such altered circumstances there are not wanting parties who venture to predict that the strict discipline and general excellence of equipment which characterized the mail steamers of former years would speedily give place to the more lax systems which prevail in the ordinary Atlantic steamers. Without any intention of depreciating the merits of the other Atlantic steamers it must be satisfactory to the public to know that no relaxation of discipline, nor any laxity of investigation as to the thorough efficiency of their equipments, has taken place with respect to the Royal mail steamers."

The same scrupulous examination takes place as heretofore the day before sailing, but it is now made by the company's officers instead of by a Government official. As is the invariable custom, this inspection was made on Friday on board the China, a pretty free admission of the public being made as usual by the tender which leaves the Prince's Landing stage at noon. On the occasion just referred to a considerable number of ladies and gentlemen availed themselves of the courtesy afforded, and witnessed the various tests to which the capabilities of the crew and officers were subjected. Among these, as was previously customary, the efficiency of the arrangements was tested by giving an order for all the men belonging in the starboard boats to get ready and launch the boats of that side of the ship. Immediately there was a rush of the men to their respective boats—each boat has its own appropriated crew—the coverings of the boats were at once stripped off and furled, and in the short space of three minutes and a half four large boats, with their working crews on board, were lowered and placed safely in the water. Other tests of efficiency on the part of the crew, such as an alarm of fire on board, were made, provided for, and obeyed with equal alacrity and despatch. An examination of the ships working appliances of the most searching was also made. In short, the investigation in every department was most complete, and in the olden time, and the results were in the highest degree satisfactory. By such ceaseless care, and the adoption of all the latest improvements in ship building, machinery, equipments, and the maintenance of strict discipline, the Cunard Company has established and maintained its high and honorable reputation."

LUDICROUS MISTAKE.—A merchant who was absent from his home received a telegram from his wife safe delivery of a little boy; at the same time a letter from his partner, advising him that a draft had been presented for five thousand dollars, and that the signature seemed rather doubtful. The merchant replied to both dispatches but misdirected them. The astonishment of the wife may be imagined when she read,—"It is a swindle; I know nothing about it." The partner received hearty congratulations upon his "safe deliverance."

There is a class of persons who talk and act as if their way was the only right way, and all others are wrong. They are never satisfied with what others do, unless they themselves have directed the movements, or showed them how the work should be done. No reform should be undertaken until they are ready. It is never the right time for any movement until they are ready.

A young man and woman stopped at a certain hotel to pass a day or two. Their awkward appearance attracted the curiosity of the family by inquiring how far she had travelled that day. Travelled! replied the stranger, somewhat indignantly, "we didn't travel, we hid."

How to reconcile humility in worship with vanity in dress, is beyond our power. Silks, satins and laces, are hardly consistent apparel for "miserable sinners."

## Interesting Case.

### THE HUSBAND OUTWITTED.

TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME.

A week at the watering place, and most of the time each day spent in the company of Mr. Manwell, the gentleman Miss Elsworth's old friend, Ned Whittaker, had introduced to her one morning on the piazza. She had seated with him, had strolled with him, or ridden evenings, and she had danced with him in the thronged drawing rooms.

Miss Elsworth was not a flirt, who distributed her liking among many gentlemen; and who had found her ideal well nigh realized in Mr. Manwell. Only the evening before their talk had withdrawn itself from general topics, which to each other had been congenial, and in her admiration of his intelligence and manliness, she had encouraged an approach to that personal part of conversation which relates to love and matrimony.

And now to find Mr. Manwell, this morning with his coat off and Smith's apron on, engaged in mending a lock! He was doing it publicly. The lock was on the door that led to the middle of the front piazza, where the fashionably dressed ladies and gentlemen were sitting or promenading.

His back was toward her as she approached leaning on the arm of her friend Annie West. She recognized him looking intently at him, gave her companion over to a party of young ladies near, and then stopped and spoke to him.

Do you like that sort of work Mr. Manwell?

I do, Miss Elsworth. I believe I am a natural mechanic.

It appears odd to see you doing this.

It is my trade, he replied, rising from his work and turning to her.

Her cheek blushed a little. Your trade? she said faintly.

My trade, Miss Elsworth. The proprietor said the lock needed mending, and I told him I could mend it for him.

The party of girls came along just then. After wondering at Mr. Manwell awhile, and laughing at him, they proposed a ride. There were three carriages among them all; these would take the party.

Ned Whittaker here joined them.

What the deuce are you about here? he exclaimed to Mr. Manwell, as he added, as the latter turned round and glanced at him, but while you are here you might as well enjoy yourself.

Mr. Manwell excused himself from joining the party, and they all went away, leaving him to finish his work.

Miss Elsworth left him without a word at parting.

It is well, he muttered to himself. If she cannot take me as I am, she is not worthy of me. The woman that marries me must take me for my self.

He stood and looked after her until she had disappeared. She did not once turn to look back. His lips uttered a cynical "humph!" and turned to finish his work.

Let it be so, he muttered, when he was through, and was putting on his coat. I thought I had found a woman after my own heart. But let it be so. Amidst this world of wealth and fashion, she, too, has lost her soul. Let her go.

He avoided her thereafter. "He did not want to catch her eye for a bow of recognition. When she entered the drawing room, where he was, he would go out by another way."

But he was more than ever in the company of Ned Whittaker. Ned in passing to and fro between Miss Elsworth and him served still as a sort of link between them.

You are a typical fellow, said Ned one day. Why don't you take people as they are? You will find good enough in them.

But they won't take me as I am; that is the trouble.

Now, you see yourself that she allows no other suitors to accompany her. Don't you see that she is alone, or with the girls most of the time?

Her heart is full of vanity.

Pshaw! She is trained to luxurious notions that's all.

What the conversation was, that ensued between the two when they were left alone, by means of Ned's ingenuity in spitting away the rest of the conversation, is unknown, save the following:—

But I am a locksmith, said Manwell.

No matter.

Are you willing to live the wife of one who with his hands earns his daily bread?

I am willing to undergo anything to be with you. I have suffered enough. During these last few days I have learned what it is to despair of being mated to the one I love.

But your mother—your father?

Unless I am willing to have them for your sake, I am not worthy of you.

But the loss of wealth, position, of the surroundings of refinement?

Do not say anything more. I am willing to leave all for your sake. I am weary of being without you.

Would you be willing to become my wife this day, this hour? Your father and mother might put obstacles in your way.

I am willing this hour—this minute.

They still think you are very wealthy—as I did.

Come then, we will go our way with Ned, and become before the world what we now are in spirit—husband and wife; and then, at once we will take the cars for the home I have for you—a home, which, though lowly, you will make happy.

Whether you go I will go.

They were married in a quiet way in the little watering place chapel, with the wicked Ned coming in at the mischief. The next train sped them to the city.

I will show you to the shop where I work, said Manwell, when the carriage which they took at the depot had drawn up before one of a long line of brown stone houses in a splendid part of the city.

What do you mean? she demanded, as she accompanied her husband up the broad steps at the door.

Mean, he replied, that this is the home and this is the workshop.

And he led her in, and among other rooms to which he conducted his wife, was one fitted up as a workshop, where as he said he was accustomed to indulge in his love for mechanical work, after having been assured her, regularly served his time at learning a trade.

Manwell stood and looked at him intently.

This is your house? she asked.

Yes, madam.

Are you not poor but rich?

You speak the truth, Mrs. Manwell.

And why did you play the jest upon me?

To see whether you really loved me for my own sake.

Ah pretty indeed! and I suppose you do not love me.

But I do!

So there was a little family quarrel on the spot.

Now invite your father and mother to come and see us, said Manwell after the clouds had somewhat cleared away.

I will, she replied—I will. But first you must go with me to see them, and pacify them in view of what we have done.

Very well.

In a few days they started out in the carriage on the errand. Mrs. Manwell gave the direction to the driver, and her husband could not help expressing his wonder at the increasing value of the neighborhood through which they rode. The carriage drew up before a miserable tenement house, and stopped.

Where the deuce are you taking me? asked Manwell, looking sharply at his wife.

Come and see, she replied as she proceeded to step from the carriage.

Here wait, he exclaimed, after his first hesitancy, let me get out first and help you out. What does this mean?

Follow me, was her reply.

You are too cultivated, too fastidious, too fine featured.

All this, said Mrs. Manwell, a milliner may be, or a sewing girl. Look yourself among the class. Is it not true? All that we girls need is dress.

Manwell lifted his hat and dashed it through the air. He ground his teeth, and turning away left the room, slamming the door behind him.

His wife took off her hat and cloak, and flung herself down at a table and buried her face in her hands, sobbing.

The door opened and Manwell put in his head.

You have deceived me, he said, but come you are my wife, I will try and bear it.

She sprang to her feet and confronted him.

Your wife am I? she exclaimed, and demanded to live with one who does not love her, but was in love with her circumstances! No, sir, you may go; I will not live a wife unloved for myself—no man must take me thus, or I will stay. Still I can work.

He closed the door and returned down a side to the street, clenching his hand and teeth as he went.

The horrible disgrace of it, he muttered—"The decision that will be my lot. And then to marry such a girl!

But at the street door he tarried. He had to struggle with himself alone. Suddenly he turned and dashed impetuously up the stairs, flung open the door of the room, seized his wife in his arms and clasped her to his heart.

My wife, he whispered in her ear, such you are and ever shall be, before God and before the world.

Now I begin to think that you love me, she said smiling in his face. You do love me? You really think you do, George?

He clasped her more tightly to him.

Come then, said she, though of such parents as these, poor as they are, I shouldn't feel ashamed—yet they are not my parents, but have only played a part in which I have instructed them. Shake hands with them, George, they are worthy people.

And he did shake hands with them, and what is more he helped them.

A merry party was gathered that evening at Manwell's house, a party consisting of Mrs. Manwell, and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth, and young lady acquaintances of the watering place, and Ned Whittaker. Ned never was in better spirits, nor, let it be stated were Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth, who began their daughter without hesitation.

I say George, said Ned, whispering in Manwell's ear, "two can play at that game, can't they?"

Manwell took Ned's jeering very soberly. "Yes," said he, after a few moments' reflection,—"and the experience has taught me a lesson. What for is the pride of wealth makes of us all. I thought she ought to have taken me regardless of my circumstances, for my sake alone, and without hesitation, even. And yet, when I tested me, I myself, was found wanting. Shall we ever learn to disregard a person's occupation, and to look only at the character and the soul?"

Ned shrugged his shoulders dubiously.

"I think I have learned the lesson," Manwell added.

A gentleman being asked by a clergyman why he did not attend the evening prayer meeting, and he could not leave the children. "What! have no servants?" Yes he replied, we have two servants, who keep the house and board us; and we are allowed few privileges.

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