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THE "CHIEF SCOUT" AND HIS MISSION.

In characteristic fashion, the "Chief Scout" of the new world-wide boy-scout movement, arrived unheralded in St. John yesterday, scribbled "R. Baden-Powell, Quebec," in almost indecipherable characters on the hotel register, and proceeded quietly, first by means of the telephone and later by personal interviews, to secure the co-operation of the citizens in the movement which is so dear to his heart. To his disappointment he confesses he found no company of Boy Scouts organized in St. John, but in a few hours after his arrival the sympathies of the Canadian Club were secured, arrangements were made for a mass meeting in the Opera House this afternoon at 2 o'clock and, finally a personal visit was paid to the newspapers to obtain their co-operation and support. As to results we have no doubt the citizens will do their part.

It is needless at this time of day, to speak of Lieut-General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, as a man who does things. None will forget the thrill which went round the Empire at the news of the relief of Mafeking. The mission which brings the hero of that long siege among us today is, however, far removed from militarism. The Boy Scouts movement, to which he is devoting himself after attaining the highest honors of a military career, has a loftier aim. To use his own words "the whole object of the scheme is to seize a boy's character in its red-hot stage of enthusiasm and to weld it into the right shape, to encourage and develop its individuality, so that the boy may become a good man, and a valuable citizen to his country."

The movement is not military, but educative, and furnishes growing boys with healthy amusement. It embraces all religions. It provides a better form of discipline than punishment for wrong-doing. It places a boy on his honor to do right, and, as Sir Robert told The Standard last night, "the funny thing is he does it." Already there are more than 200,000 Boy Scouts in England alone, and every part of the Empire overseas can number its thousands of young recruits. In Canada the movement has made rapid headway. It is something of a reproach that St. John should have delayed the necessary organization. The movement tends to develop the capacities and talents of city boys, and to convert them into useful men. Boys, that would otherwise be loafing in the streets, or doing little good, find that through its agency their natural talents are directed along wholesome and utilitarian lines.

The Scout gives his word of honor to do his duty to God and the country, to help other people at all times, and to obey the Scout Law. To quote the code from the official handbook:—

- A Scout's honor is to be trusted.
- A Scout is loyal.
- A Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others.
- A Scout is a friend to all, and a brother to every other Scout, no matter to what social class the other belongs.
- A Scout is courteous.
- A Scout is a friend to animals.
- A Scout obeys orders.
- A Scout smiles and looks pleasant.
- A Scout is thrifty.

At the meeting in the Opera House, to which all citizens are invited, but more particularly those who are employers of labor or interested in training boys, General Baden-Powell will explain the full details of the scheme, and its aims and advantages. The difficulty, as he has pointed out, is not in attracting the boys to the idea since it appeals to them immediately, but in finding scout masters and instructors. Once competent instructors are found, organization is simple. It is not too much to hope that with the visit of the "Chief Scout" to St. John, the success of the movement in this city and other parts of New Brunswick is assured. It will go far to make the rising generation more resourceful, more manly, and more dexterous, and last but not least, better citizens.

WILLIAM HOLMAN-HUNT.

With the death of William Holman-Hunt, which occurred last week at an advanced age, there passed away the last of that small but famous group of artists who, in the middle of the last century first came into prominence as the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood. With Millais and Dante Gabriel Rossetti as his companions in the movement, Holman-Hunt founded this school of painters which, at the time, scandalized some of the more conservative academicians, and raised such a storm in the world of English art as in these days can hardly be realized.

The young British artists, who in 1847 called themselves Pre-Raphaelites, held the belief that a deeper devotion to nature was the sole means of purifying art. In his book, "Pre-Raphaelitism and the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood," which Holman-Hunt published five years ago, he thus describes the objects of the movement:—"Not alone was the work that we were bent on producing to be more persistently derived from nature than any having a dramatic significance yet done in the world, nor simply were our productions to establish a more frank study of creation as their initial intention, but the name adopted by us negated the suspicion of any servile antiquarianism. At the present day it is sometimes remarked that with such simple aims we ought to have used no other designation than that of art naturalists. I see no reason, however, to regret our choice of a name."

In many respects the book was the artist's auto-

biography. In it he not only told the story of his own life, but gave much of the history of English art for the period, together with many interesting reminiscences. Few artists have so taken the public into their confidence. Holman-Hunt never tired of telling about his work; how he came to paint his pictures; just how he went to work to do it; why he did it in this way instead of that way, and what he and others thought of it after it was finished. His literary efforts partook of the same quality as his paintings—they left nothing to the imagination.

Many will recall the occasion five years ago when a replica of the artist's most famous picture "The Light of the World," painted by his own hand, was exhibited in St. John. Holman-Hunt's own elucidation of the picture's symbolism is characteristic. For instance, "the kingly and priestly dress of Christ," he explains, "is the sign of his reign over the body and the soul." A certain closed door is a symbol of "the obstinately shut mind." The weeds are "the cumber of daily neglect." The orchard is "the garden of delectable fruit for the dainty feast of the soul." The bat flitting about in darkness is "a natural symbol of ignorance." And in making this a night scene, lit mainly by the lantern carried by Christ, the artist had followed the metaphor in the Psalms, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

As a sample of candid criticism the remarks of Thomas Carlyle, who saw the original picture in Holman-Hunt's studio, and made a speech about it which covers five pages of the autobiography, are worth quoting. He called it "a mere papistical fantasy," and "a poor misshapen presentation of the noblest, the brotherliest, and the most heroic-minded being that ever walked God's earth." He advised the painter "not to confuse his understanding with mysteries." Inadvertently, as one writer has remarked, Carlyle laid down some pretty good law on art, though what he was talking about was not art.

Although Holman-Hunt was by no means such a painter as Millais or Rossetti, he was, as a man, one of the most interesting personalities of the Pre-Raphaelite group. In the course of time Millais withdrew from the association, Rossetti did not exhibit after 1859, Holman-Hunt went his own way. While Pre-Raphaelitism today, speaking broadly, signifies work where details are exaggerated, or where exaggerated emphasis is laid on detail, or where finish has become "finickiness," there can be little question that the school has exercised a powerful influence on modern art. One ambition which its founders had from the beginning was the restoration of decorative art; along this line a great movement clearly traceable to their efforts, has taken place.

THE LATEST FROM SPIRIT-LAND.

The late Professor William James, of Harvard, was not a convinced "spiritist," but he had investigated so-called "spirit phenomena," and for some years before he died he maintained an open mind on the subject. Some time ago he promised his fellow-investigators that when he passed out of this life he would do his best to communicate with them and give them authentic evidence of his continued consciousness and intelligence. Now a certain Rev. Dr. Frederick Wiggin, of Unity church, Brookline, Mass., who knew Professor James, professes to have received a message from him. The nature of the message is not revealed. Evidently it was not very coherent, for Dr. Wiggin promises that within a week he will be able to give the important information to a waiting world. "I and my spirit control," he says, "will be so thoroughly attuned to the wave-length of Professor James' spirit that I will comprehend entirely the messages."

Commenting on Dr. Wiggin's pronouncement the Hamilton Herald facetiously remarks that it is interesting if not important. It is something new in the science of spiritism. It appears that spirits, if imponderable, are measurable. They are measured by wave-lengths. And, moreover, it appears that no spirit by taking thought can add any fraction of a wave-length to its stature. Each spirit has a fixed wave-length, not to be added to or taken from, and unless and until a mortal in the flesh "attunes" himself to this wave-length he cannot get connection with that spirit. The attuning process is, evidently, not a little difficult, for Dr. Wiggin confesses that it will require at least a week for him to "get onto" the late Professor's wave-length in order to understand the messages which the professor may try to transmit.

It can safely be predicted that when communication is established and the doctor is receiving messages from his departed friend, the messages will contain melancholy evidence that the professor's new environment in spirit-land is not favorable to his intellectual development. It will be strange if they do not reveal that the professor's spirit is a decidedly inane spirit, barren of ideas, and inclined to drivelling sentiment rather than to sane and robust thought. For up to the present such is the natural inference from all so-called spirit communications.

That is the saddest fact that spiritism has added to our stock of knowledge—if spiritism is a true science. For, if we are to accept as authentic the messages that come through mediums, we cannot escape the conviction that spirits are doomed to mental decays from the moment they enter spirit-life. It matters not from whom the messages come; they may be from Adam or Abraham, or Julius Caesar or Socrates, from Napoleon Bonaparte or George Washington, Aristotle or Shakespeare—they all speak the same sort of language and express the same sort of sentiment. In fact they all think and talk precisely as the medium thinks and talks.

The scoffer will say that the explanation is simple; a stream cannot rise higher than its source. But if the scoffer is mistaken, and these messages are authentic, the spirit world must be a vast resort for the mentally infirm, all the denizens of which are doomed to be damned to a uniform dead-level of semi-imbecility. It is most sad. It adds a new terror to death. Meanwhile we await with some anxiety and apprehension the messages from the late Harvard professor which his friend will decipher as soon as he gets the combination of the late professor's wave-length.

CURRENT COMMENT

(Montreal Herald.)

People who are given to scolding the churches for their alleged lack of interest in the world's affairs might learn something to their advantage if they would watch the proceedings at the Roman Catholic Congress in Montreal, and at the Church of England Congress in Halifax, not omitting to notice those of the Methodist conference just concluded at Victoria. The churches cannot be accused of overlooking much in Canada this year.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

It is an interesting fact that the judgment of The Hague Tribunal, in so far as it relates to the headland question, or to the rights of Canada in her bays and gulfs, is rendered in language almost the same as that used in the Tupper-Chamblin Treaty of 1858 on this subject. The United States Senate rejected that treaty on the ground that it did not give enough. Now the international court makes the treaty law.

(Calgary Daily News.)

The aviator, having dropped bombs into the funnels of a dummy warship, the next demonstration, ladies and gentlemen, will be that of a gunner on a warship projecting bombs into the gasoline tank of a dummy aeroplane.



Carney was a freight conductor. On a balmy night Carney had instructions to pick up an empty tank car at Hogswallow. He found the car, and just to see if it was empty, he removed the cover and took a peek into it with his lantern.

Carney was a popular fellow. That's why the whole division walked behind the hearse to the cemetery.

WEDDINGS.

Crocker-Ball.

Newcastle, Sept. 8.—A very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in the Methodist church when Miss Florence Crocker daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Crocker, was united in marriage to Mr. Henry T. Ball, of Rock Island, P. Q. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion with yellow flowers and green foliage. Immediately after the arrival of the bride party the choir sang "The Rose Tree" and "Blessed Be Eden." Mrs. Charles Sargent being organist. The marriage ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Deane. The bride was attended by her sister Miss Bessie Crocker as maid of honor, and Miss Armitage of Sherbrooke acted as bridesmaid. The groom was supported by Mr. Frank Ball, of Haverhill, Mass. The ushers were Messrs. Waldo Crocker and Percy Burchill. The bride was attired in a beautiful gown of white chiffon over white satin, trimmed with Chantilly lace, and wore a bridal veil and orange blossoms. The maid of honor and bridesmaid both wore yellow combs with black picture hats trimmed with black plumes. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the residence of the bride's parents. The guests included immediate friends and relatives.

The happy couple left on the Ocean Limited on a trip to Halifax, St. John and the United States. The bride's travelling suit was of fawn diagonal serge with turban of Persian silk. The groom's present to the bride was a seal coat and to the maid of honor and bridesmaid he gave pearl brooches. Each of the ushers received a stick pin. The bride's parents presented her with a cheque. Mr. and Mrs. Ball will reside in Rock Island, where Mr. Ball is employed in the customs department.

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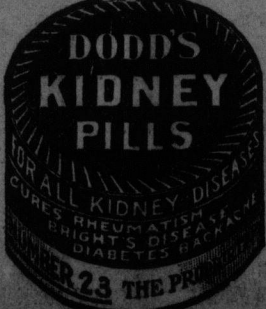
In the Roman Catholic church at Redbank on Monday at 10 a. m. Rev. Father Duffy united in marriage Miss Anna Margaret Kington of Weymouth and Dr. Arthur Leo Larner of Hindsburg, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kington attended. Mr. McGurt Fitzpatrick of Newcastle was the organist. The church was decorated for the occasion with sweet peas and autumn flowers. The bride was attired in a gown of Waterloo broadcloth with hat to match. After the ceremony the party drove to Newcastle where Dr. and Mrs. Larner took the train for St. John en route to Boston, New York and other American cities.

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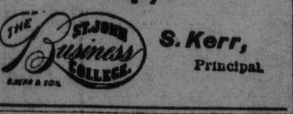
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OBITUARY.

Mrs. Charles Sears.
The death occurred Saturday morning of Mrs. Charles Sears in the 74th year of her age. The deceased had been confined to her house through illness for some time and the news of her death came as no surprise. Besides her husband she leaves one son, James of Indiantown, and one daughter, Mrs. Geo. Campbell of West Side, Mrs. James Dunlop and Mrs. Thomas Cripp of Sussex are sisters. The funeral will be held from her late residence Millidgeville Avenue at 2:30 o'clock.

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Interesting Ceremony at Dedication of Renovated Building—Annex Added at Cost of \$3,200.

Hartland, Sept. 5.—The United Baptist church was re-dedicated here on Sunday. For some time the work of remodeling the old Baptist church has been going on, and the result is a handsome commodious and modern building. At a cost of \$3,200 an annex has been added to the main building capable of seating a hundred people, four new class rooms added to the vestry where the Sunday school is held, and a kitchen included. Two benches placed in the main auditorium, one for the late Mrs. William McAdam, by her husband, the other by Mr. Horace Nixon's Sunday school class of young ladies.

The visiting clergymen present during the day besides the pastor, Rev. B. L. Steeves, were: Rev. J. B. Kennedy, Woodstock; Rev. B. H. Nobles, St. John; Rev. Mr. Gregg (Methodist); and Rev. John Perry, of Florenceville. Mr. Perry is the oldest minister of the denomination in the province, and being in his ninetieth year, his remarks at the different services were listened to with great interest. There were large congregations during the day and the church could not accommodate the large crowd in the evening.

Mr. Nobles complimented the people on their fine church edifice, but warned them in closing, except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it. In the afternoon Rev. J. B. Kennedy preached an intensely interesting sermon, and in the evening Rev. B. H. Nobles preached again.

Mrs. William Kitchen, of Presque Isle, N. B., left for her home on Saturday after visiting friends here for a few weeks.

C. Humphrey Taylor and Scott Slipper recently purchased a fine touring automobile.

Mrs. L. R. Hetherington, of Richibucto, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Watson.

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DEATH CLAIMS
E. D. S. GOODYEAR

Pioneer of Rubber Industry and Inventor of Many Forms of Manufactured Goods—Had War Record.

Boston, Sept. 7.—Ellsworth D. S. Goodyear, who has died at North Haven, Conn., at the age of eighty-four years, was one of the earliest men to embark in the rubber industry in Civil War days. He distinguished himself as an officer in the service. He was born at North Haven on April 28, 1827, and was the eldest of a family of seven sons in the sixth generation from Stephen Goodyear, first deputy governor of New Haven Colony. His great grandfather was an officer in the Revolutionary War.

As a young man, Ellsworth Goodyear was connected with a newspaper in New Haven, and from 1846 to the outbreak of the war he was associated with his cousins, Charles and Henry Goodyear, the inventors, in the development of the rubber industry then in its infancy. He organized and equipped the first rubber factories in the United States and patented some inventions, among which were hollow rubber goods. He made the final experiments which resulted in the successful manufacture of hard rubber.

Mr. Goodyear enlisted in the Tenth Connecticut Regiment as captain in 1861, was promoted to lieutenant colonel and served throughout the war. He was in many important engagements. Congress made him a colonel by brevet, for "meritorious services during the war," and a brevet brigadier general "for conspicuous gallantry in the assault upon Fort Greig." For many years he was identified with the U. S. customs service in New Haven. He was one of the best known men of his generation in and near his home and numbered among his friends many of the most distinguished public men of the period.

He is survived by his brother, Dr. Robert B. Goodyear of North Haven, and three daughters, Miss Mary Goodyear of that town, Mrs. Joseph H. Townsend (Bertha Goodyear), of New Haven, and Mrs. Edith L. Alger of Providence, R. I., wife of John L. Alger, principal of the Rhode Island Normal School. There are several grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.