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## Reflections on our System of Education

(Continued from last week.)  
But now we come to the burning point, the real crux of the situation, the religious question. Is religious teaching really given in all these denominational schools? One wonders whether the great upholders of denominational teaching have ever visited the many small schools of this country and really examined and made enquiries as to the definite religious instruction given? Do we really expect young uneducated boys and girls, as many of these teachers are, to teach religious doctrine? The thing is absurd. If parents really cared so much for the religious training of their children, they would give it to them themselves. Where this is impossible through ignorance, definite religious teaching should be given by the clergy and in the Sunday schools. Again, however, the objection may be raised, "Our clergy are scarce, and in many an outpost where there is a male teacher he combines double duty, acting as a lay-reader for whatever denomination he favours, on Sundays also teaching in the Sunday schools, as well as in his own school throughout the week." Is this fair to the male teacher he is paid to teach school during the week, why should he do clerical and ministerial duty on Sunday for which he is not paid at all?

But does this denominational system hinder educational work in St. John's where many more schools must be required owing to its larger population? It does hinder real educational work. As matters now stand there is no co-operation between the various colleges, each school must have its special set of teachers of one denomination, there is no technical school, no general training school, the teachers, except those attending the same place of worship, rarely meet. Some of these schools are over crowded and would not be passed by any good inspector for hygienic reasons. Shortage of funds is constantly urged as a reason for unfit buildings and shortness of staff; but these evils result largely from the inherent wastefulness of the separate school systems, and would be removed or minimized under a system, applicable to our colleges as well as to our board schools, of graded and State schools. Of course, drastic changes are never made easily, and there will always be objectors. But surely in this twentieth century, when such stupendous efforts are being made in the oldest colony of the British Empire should we begin seriously to consider the question, "Why are we not going ahead like other countries, why are we behind in so many ways, cannot we do anything to sink our religious differences and all pull together to improve our educational system?"—The People.

## Binah and the Funeral Club

Mrs. Binah had in her employ a colored maid who belonged to a funeral club which binds all its members to attend every funeral of a member up on receipt of notification. One morning Dinah asked for time that afternoon to attend a funeral, and Mrs. Binah knowing that Dinah would have to pay a fine if she did not attend gave reluctant consent. At the appointed hour Dinah's mistress saw her come down the stairs, ready to go out. To Mrs. Binah's horror Dinah was dressed in a bright scarlet dress, with a large willow plume on her hat, and a red parasol in her hand. "Why, Dinah, I thought you were going to a funeral," she said. "Yes, I'm going to funeral," said Dinah. "But you ought not to wear red to a funeral," said Mrs. Binah. "You ought to be dressed quietly in a dark dress!" Dinah poked the toe of her shoe with her parasol, and meditated a moment and then said, "Well, sh reckon I won't go back and change now, I'll just wear this."

Some three weeks after this Dinah approached her mistress and told her that she was going to leave, because she was going to be married. Mrs. Binah expressed her astonishment, saying that she didn't know Dinah even had an admirer. Dinah simply and twisted the corner of her apron and said: "No I didn't have one until just lately! Does you remember that funeral we went to one time when I wore my red dress? Well, missus, dat shade of red done kothed de eye of de corpse's husband!"

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## The Old Year And The New

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light;  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.  
Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring happy bells, across the snow;  
The year is going, let him go,  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.  
Ring out the grief that saps the mind  
For those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.  
Ring out the slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.  
Ring out the want, the care, the sin,  
The faithless coldness of the times;  
Ring out, ring out our mournful rhymes,  
But bring us fuller minstrel in.  
Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civil slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.  
Ring out old shapes of foul disease,  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.  
Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kinder hand,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be!

## Recruiting Rally

London, Jan. 2.—New Year's Day was a splendid one in the lives of many Britishers. Thousands of men of military age who had been granted temporary leave for other arrangements for carrying on business were called to do their national duty, and were doing work of national importance and whose places now have been taken by women of by men over military age. There was a rush at all recruiting offices all day long.

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## German Prisoners

Paris, Dec. 31.—In the course of the year 1916 French troops, while breaking the assault of the enemy against Verdun fortress and forcing the enemy to withdraw on both banks of the Somme, have taken 88,500 German prisoners.

## Calls Move A Great Mistake

New York.—The Tribune profoundly regrets that President Wilson should at this time have been moved to make any gesture which, however honestly intended to promote the cause of peace, will inevitably tend to complicate and not to clarify the situation. To the allies this gesture, following the speech of Lloyd George, will seem a deliberate effort to give force and power to a German manoeuvre made in the name of peace, but intended to promote the process of profit-taking as a result of a violation of right and justice.

To the Germans the President's course will seem not alone an endorsement of their contention that they come clean-handed to the discussion of peace, but it will enable those in charge of German policy to declare to the German people that, have honestly sought peace, having earned the support of the President of the United States for their peace proposal, they were blocked by the allied determination to destroy Germany, which expressed itself in a demand for more war and for suffering. If only Mr. Wilson could have waited until there was any sign that Germany desired peace, it only he could have waited until there was a single fact to show that Germany renounced the crime against humanity, which was and is Belgium. But now American influence for real peace, for just peace, is abolished.

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## Making Greece Apologize

Paris, Dec. 31.—A Lavas despatch from Piraeus says, the Ministers of France, Britain and Russia yesterday signed a note for presentation to the Greek Government, demanding the following guarantees:—(1) All Greek forces outside of Peloponnesus to be reduced to a number strictly necessary for the preservation of order and police duty, and all corresponding arms and ammunition to be transported to Peloponnesus, including all cannon and machine guns. This situation to last as long as the Allies judge necessary. (2) The prohibition of all meetings of reservists of Greece north of the Isthmus of Corinth. No civilian to carry arms. (3) The re-establishment of Allies' control, and reparations: (1st) All persons detained for high treason or for other political reasons to be released forthwith; (2d) The dismissal of the Commandant of the First Army Corps, unless the Government shows this measure should be applied to some other General; (3d) The Greek Government to make apologies to Allies' Ministers, flags in some public spot in Athens. The note concludes with the statement that the Allies reserve liberty of action in case the attitude of the Greek Government is unsatisfactory. The note undertakes on the part of the Allies not to permit the armed forces of the national Government to profit by the withdrawal of royal troops by passing the neutral zone established in agreement with the Greek Government, and states that the blockade of Greek coasts will be maintained until full satisfaction with regard to the above points has been accorded.

## Dominion-Wide Prohibition

The Dominion is evidently in dead earnest upon the prohibition issue. The pivotal Province, Quebec, has been stirred to belated action, thus marking the steady progress from West to East of the movement. It is a justification of the policy of The Family Herald and Weekly Star, which has always set its face against the traffic, and, at considerable financial loss, refused the assistance of its advertising columns. The movement must, however, follow not proceed popular sentiment. A law which is not really based upon the will of the majority, it is difficult to carry out, if not finally impossible. Educate! Educate! Educate! are the three most necessary steps towards the effective carrying out of this great reformation—Family Herald.

## Tommy To His Wife

Dear Wife,—When this great war is over  
And I return again to you,  
I mean to sleep upon the floor  
That for two years I've had to do.  
I'll tell you just how you and I  
Can practice real economy.  
Since I've been fighting Britain's foes  
I've never even dunned a night;  
I've always slumbered in my clothes,  
I'll do the same when back in Brighton.  
For sleeping suits I will not crave,  
Then see what money we shall save.  
And, lovely, I would have you note  
That blankets you need never buy;  
My Whitney is my overcoat,  
No matter be it wet or dry.  
And pillows, dearest, you may ban,  
I always use a petrol can.  
And, sweetheart, don't go buying  
crochery,  
Dinner or tea sets, jug or plate;  
Cash spent on these would be a  
mockery,  
Food served in time is really great.  
You'll realize its merits fully  
When dining—if the joint is Bully.  
And so you see, dear, this great war,  
Although it has been one of strife,  
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