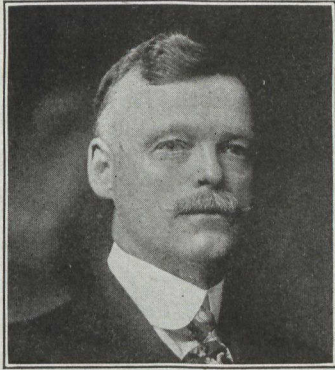
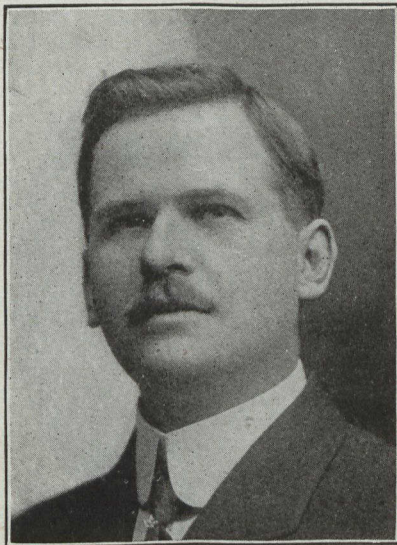


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EX-MAYOR LAVIGUEUR, M.P., OF QUEBEC.

MR. OSCAR MORIN, K.C.,
Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, Quebec.MORE INTELLECTUALITY IN THE RISING
GENERATION

That the rising generation is taking life more seriously is indicated in the decision of the London County Council to discontinue the presentation of medals in favor of books for which the children show a decided preference.

Speaking from long experience, I say without hesitation that the rising generation excels previous generations as regards average intellect," said a librarian, who has also been a school teacher, to a newspaper representative. To the library, which is reserved exclusively for the use of those residing in a poor district of London, no fewer than 150 children come daily for books.

"Just fancy! Little nine-year-olds call here now for books on history and literature. Quite young children today deliberately avoid silly books, and prefer history, travel or adventure. They read now when they used to play in the streets. And they do not read vapid literature.

"We can detect improvement in intellect by many definite signs," said another teacher. "One difficulty, as regards children, used to be their limited power to express their own thoughts. But a steady average improvement appears evident in verbal expression and in a power to express in writing.

"In every way the race of the future tends to become more independent in thought than in past days; and on a distinctly higher grade intellectually."

THE IDEAL COMMUNITY.

Loyalty went out yesterday and kept its rendezvous with death. It is returning to day and asking in a way that none of us can evade: "What is the meaning of it all? Wherefore do we live at all?" If Goethe is right, our society rests upon the twin trunks of hunger and love. Hunger is symbolized by the shop, factory, and warehouse, the production and distribution of wealth. Love is symbolized by the home, school, library and the church; those things which make life worth while. With this force we are primarily concerned with romance, and romance is the quest for the ideal; and, when we pause to think of it, we recall that society has climbed up by constructing its Utopia. Have we an ideal that will challenge the best spirits in our community—the adventurers, the crusaders—those who are eager to sacrifice if there is something worth while sacrificing for? Surely we have it here—a venture that will seek to restore to men their sense of dignity and power in an age of dehumanized slavery, that will help to recover for mankind everywhere his spiritual birthright. The prehistoric man believed that if he failed society failed. Can we not bring this sense of individual responsibility down into the life of the present moment? The Carpenter taught men how to strike the fetters from off their souls, their minds and their drudgery-warped bodies. Will not men rise up in His name and enable men in our communities to strike off their chains, to stand upon their feet and go free?—Dr. Lorne Pierce.

COMMUNITY PARLIAMENTS WANTED

By B. McCREADY (Local Service Council of Ontario.)

In some respects it seems absurd to talk of further organization in these days; indeed, most people are agreed that we should have less instead of more; that has been overdone; that society should be protected against those who wish upon it further organization Let us briefly analyze the social organization of a town or village community.

Municipally there is the town or village council, with committees on finance, management, etc., with special commissions in some cases for the management of parks, waterworks, cemeteries, etc. In education there is the Board of School Trustees with its sub-committees; the Library Board; the Home and School Association. In religious fields there are the numerous Churches with Sunday Schools. Missionary Societies, Epworth Leagues, and Men's Clubs. In recreation and athletics there are likely the usual baseball and football clubs the tennis club, curling and bowling clubs, and the unorganized play of the streets and school. In patriotic and philanthropic work there is a Red Cross, the Daughters of the Empire, the Children's Aid, the Women's Institute and the Board of Health. In fraternal concerns there are half a score of lodges. For the promotion of business there is the Board of Trade and the Agricultural Society. For social entertainment there are whist clubs, euchre clubs, assembly clubs. For music there are choirs, bands orchestras and possibly a choral society.

Surely, with all these organizations, the social well-being of the community is secure. It is just here that danger lies. As the man in the woods cannot see the forest for the trees, or the man in the crowded centre see the city because of the houses, so the people of a community often cannot see or do not see their community needs because there are so many groups hindering one another by overlapping. While the School Trustees are busy looking after the machinery of education, a great many boys and girls are leaving the schools inadequately educated. While the Library Board is diligently providing reading facilities, a large part of the population never use them or even discover them. While the Missionary Society is concerned with the faraway problem, heathenish conditions may be developing at home. While the older men are enjoying their leisure at their bowling green, the younger fry of the village are greatly in need of a decent "swimming hole." While the lodges are selfishly enjoying their fraternalism, the young people are growing up without the benefit of a wholesome community fraternizing in social clubs.

There is a great need in such cases of a **Community Parliament**—a clearing-house for social agencies.—Social Welfare.