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THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY.

At yesterday's meeting of the Presbytery of St. John the need of candidates for the ministry was urged. In this connection the New York Evening Post has a striking editorial under the heading "To a Certain Young Man." It points out that the call to the ministry must come irresistibly to a man's own soul. It is not a question of reputation, distinction or income, but of service. The Post declares that the world is not hopelessly materialistic, nor really exhausted or spiritually dead. On the contrary: "Thousands of the men and the women are still alive who responded to the appeal of a world in agony, with an utter self-abandon essentially religious, as splendid as any that gilds the pages of the Book of Martyrs. There are still among your neighbors in the cities and on the farms in innumerable supply men exactly like those who, in the unity of suffering and sacrifice, without counting cost or hope of reward, died in the half-fire beyond the trenches to save the world from the ruin of its highest things. There never was a time when folk of every class and kind searched more hungrily for spiritual reality, for purpose in their lives, for the real significance in personal and social life of the teachings of Jesus; for ways to invest personality in activities that really count. In every corner of the world men and women are thinking urgently of these things, seeking to find the Way. They will not be satisfied with formalities, however ancient, nor put off with phrases, however eloquent or entertaining. If anything is happening to the church, it is due to its failure to know 'the day of its visitation.' If anything is discrediting the ministry, it is because it has lost the missionary spirit and no longer feels in its soul the 'woe is me if I preach not the gospel, no longer cries 'Here am I, send me!' This is no time for perfunctory job-holding in the places of inspiration and leadership."

It will be noted that the Post writer places the emphasis not upon personal salvation, but upon a spiritual condition which calls for service. We quote further:

"Men no longer have the old awe toward 'the cloth,' especially if 'the cloth' covers nothing more than the person of a titled official. The time is past when live and thinking people can be drawn and held by any kind of compulsion to sit through disquisitions upon the minutiae of theological theory and speculation, or very much or very long absorbed by appeals to mere self-interest in minatory allusions to the saving of their individual souls from imputed sin. No longer can the pulpit as such speak with substantial authority apart from the character and moral conviction of its occupant, to a humanity beset by a chaos of personal, national and world problems."

Applying the whole matter directly to the young man who may be thinking deeply on these things, the Post concludes with this further impressive statement and query:

"If there were any way to get at the facts, you would find, actually, that the men who have turned their backs upon the ministry are those who have weighed it by financial return, by social prestige, by the standards of mere professionalism, and have failed to find it 'profitable' as compared with other occupations. Remain, doubtless, that under-stratum of those narrow, inadequate persons seeking a 'nice, clean, easy job'—though they will not find it so—and those who know they could not succeed in any work calling for anything more difficult or more exacting than talk. Remain, also, and always will remain, those who, without measuring cost or reward, must remain in service; who, though they starve, can count no price too great to pay for the opportunity, the privilege of spiritual leadership. To which of these classes do you belong?"

Of industrial and trade conditions in the United States a writer in Forbes' Magazine says there is a gradual improvement in conditions. We quote: "We are warranted in concluding that the manufacturing revival is a fact, and not merely a hope or a dream. It is slow, and it is neither uniform nor universal. Some industries have not yet joined the march toward better times, but in due course they will. If one's own business is still on the downward trend the best policy should be to take courage and begin calculating when the inevitable revival will reach it, and how best to take advantage of the revival. Faith and hope are not necessary, because all that is required to be convinced of the slow but steady recovery is open-eyed observation. Producers and traders in goods for home consumption may expect almost immediate further improvement, and business in expansion materials promises faithfully to revive as soon as consumption grows enough to pretty full utilize our existing capacity."

When the heat is driving Toronto people to midnight bathing, and Ontario generally is a furnace, the citizens of St. John are enjoying a delightful temperature. The climate of this city in July and August is an asset that should be exploited. Persons arriving from the New England States tell of oppressive heat and relate to breathe the cool air of this city. Our climate in midsummer would attract great numbers of tourists if they knew.

The second enquiry into the extraordinary Yarmouth murder case has ended and the mystery of the death of Capt. Perry remains unsolved. Every possible avenue of evidence appears to have been explored in the two enquiries without fixing responsibility for the crime in such a way as to satisfy a jury.

THE NEW CHAIRMAN

The appointment of Hon. H. A. McKewen as chairman of the board of school trustees to succeed Dr. Emery, whose term of office has expired, meets with universal approval. It is greatly to the credit of the chief justice that he consents to devote some of his time to this form of public service. His education and experience in public life, his progressive views, and his sympathy with all that pertains to the welfare of the young are guarantees that he will favor a broad and advanced policy in connection with the educational affairs of this city. He enters upon his duties at an important time in the history of our schools. As chairman of the vocational committee he will have to do with the placing of vocational training upon a satisfactory basis, and nothing else in the conduct of our school affairs is so greatly to be desired. Dr. Emery rendered valuable service in this connection, but there is much to be done before next winter's classes begin, and the new chairman will have an opportunity to render signal service in a cause which involves the interests of nine-tenths of the boys and girls of school age. There is also the matter of new school buildings, which is now under consideration of the board. Thus the appointment of a new chairman comes at a time when there is much real work ahead, that is worthy of the best efforts of the board. Incidentally it may be hoped that the board will definitely and finally set the seal of its disapproval on any attempt to close the Centennial playground to the little children of that area, who have no other place to play.

Montreal Herald: "The Vancouver Sun, in a position to see something of the possibilities of the near future, drops a timely hint to a people standing at the beginning of an age that may see a large transference of commerce from the Atlantic to the Pacific, of leadership in art, scholarship, industry and all the sciences of civilization from Europe to the Western world. 'We must be very careful,' it says, 'that we do not see a transference of Europe's ancient national grudges and political prejudices along with other things that are moving in our direction. The Oriental nations are awakening. They are realizing their full power and force. The problem of their adjustment to world relations must be met on the Pacific. They are opening up vast new markets; produce to and from Japan and China must be moved over the Pacific.'"

Those Presbyterian clergymen who declared yesterday that they would resign rather than accept an increased number of parishioners, displayed a true Christian spirit; but the parishioners, if they have the same spirit, will hardly assume that any minister would become notoriously rich on the minimum salary offered. In view of the constant calls upon him throughout the year, a spiritual leader should as far as possible be relieved from financial worries, since he has to share the burden of the worries of his flock.

Any suggestion that the press is moved by a desire for sensationalism in connection with the present labor dispute is so unfounded as to be positively ridiculous. A really sensational press would pursue a policy entirely different from that which has been pursued in this city. The press is too often charged with an eagerness to get anything at all to fill its columns. If those who entertain this view sat a new editor's desk for a few days they would change their minds—or perhaps they would be the kind of news editor they describe.

Toronto Globe: "There is no important public or business building in course of erection in Toronto except an addition to a hotel and the Exhibition Park Arena, the construction of which could no longer be deferred. The men engaged in the building trades, employers and employees alike, should ask themselves why, year after year, big building programmes are laid aside."

The Allied forces may have serious trouble with the Turkish Nationalists, according to one of T. A. J. J. cables, as the Nationalists are threatening Constantinople. Their ambitions must be frustrated as a preliminary to peace in the near east.

Baltimore Sun: "The remarkable thing about the English system is that the politician stands for office. The remarkable thing about the American system is that the public stands for the politicians."

The tenth of October is the probable date of the referendum on the importation of liquor into New Brunswick. There is ample time for the organization of the dry forces, and the task should be thoroughly done.

DEVONSHIRE IN ENGLAND BEFORE SUCCESSOR SAILS

Quebec, July 6.—The Duke of Devonshire will not pass Lord Byng and the members of his household in mid-summer, according to custom. The departing governor-general will reach England before his successor will have left for Canada.

THE FIELD BY THE SEA.

(Bliss Carman.)
On a gray day by the sea,
I looked down from the window and saw
The beautiful companions of the daisies
bow
And toss in the gusty flow.
For the wind was in from the sea:
The heavy scuds ran low,
And all the makers of holiday were
abashed
Caught in the easterly blow.

My heart, too, is a field,
Peopled with shining forms,
Beautiful as the companions of the grass,
And herded by swift gray storms.

A thousand shapes of joy,
Sunlit and fair and wild—
All the bright dreams that make the heart
of a man
As the heart of a little child.

They dance to the tune of the world,
The star-trodden ages run,
Glad as the wind-blown multitudes of
the
White as the daisies in June.

But over them, ah, what storms—
In from the unknown sea,
The uncharted and ever-sounding desolating
sea,
We have called Eternity!

They shudder and quake and are torn,
And the stormy moods race by,
And then in the teeth of remorse, the
tempestuous
Once more the hardy cry:

"Fear, not, little flock of my heart,
Being children of light, ye are made as
the
flowers of the grass."
To endure and survive and prevail!"
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LIGHTER VEIN.

She knew the Reason.
It is a solid fact that a man should never apologise to a woman. Apologies, instead of softening women, harden them in their own conceits.
An old woman lay dying. Her husband, kneeling at the bedside, said brokenly:
"My love, all the harsh and unkind words I have ever used to you I now take back."
At this the old woman's brow darkened, and in her weak voice she said:
"No, you don't. I know you. You want to use them all over again in case I get well."—Answers.

A Success.

Wife—"Yes, dear, I thought I'd buy you something you'd never think of buying for yourself."
Husband (as he gazes with horror at the canary-colored socks).—"Yes, dear, and you have succeeded."—Tit Bits.

Fishy Record.

First Steno (reading).—"Think of those Spaniards going 3,000 miles on a galloon!"
Second Steno.—"Aw, forget it. You can't believe all you hear about them foreign cars."

Necessary.

Flatbush—"Why do they have those glass cases with the axes, crowbars, and other implements in 'em in the railroad passenger-cars to you suppose?"
Bensonhurst—"Oh, they are put there to use in case some one wants to open a window."

A Previous Engagement.

On the Friday evening when the great strike had been planned to take place an old lady got into an omnibus.
Husband, who was with her, said, anxiously, "Are you coming out this evening?"
The conductor shook his head and said, "I'm afraid I can't, mum. I've got to get home to my old woman."—Tit Bits.

LOCAL NEWS

BEULAH CAMP MEETINGS.

The steamer D. J. Purdy will leave for Beulah Sunday, July 10, at 9:30 for Brown's Flat, arriving in time for morning service, returning to the city about 8 p. m.

BASEBALL AT ST. PETER'S TONIGHT.

Commercials vs. St. Peter's, on St. Peter's field, this evening. Regular league game.

BEULAH CAMP MEETING.

S. S. Sisiboo leaves Indiantown 9:30 Thursday morning for Beulah Camp, returning 9 p. m., calling at Westfield both ways. Return fare \$1. For picnic ring up Main 2616 or Captain Rowan, Main 2292.

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Regular dance at Strand tonight.

NOTICE.

Teamsters' and Chauffeurs' regular meeting Thursday 8:30 p. m. Daylight time, in their rooms at corner Prince William and Germain streets. All members please attend.

Dancing at Seaside Park tonight.

Jones' Orchestra. Buses leaving King Square every half hour from 6 p. m.

GIVEN A SHOWER.

Many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McNulty gathered at the home of Mr. McNulty's parents, 60 Moore street, and tendered them a novelty shower. Many beautiful presents were received and a very pleasant evening was spent with games and music. Refreshments were served.

EMPIRE MATTERS

Cheaper Communication Being Studied by Committee of Imperial Conference.

London, July 6.—Reparation payments by Germany and plans formulated by the Allies in connection with indemnities were discussed by the Imperial Conference today. Sir Robert Horne, chancellor of the exchequer, was prepared to give details of the situation regarding reparations.

A committee composed of Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary of state for the colonies, and one representative from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India, began today a study of cheaper communication between distant parts of the empire.

Naval affairs, particularly the fixing of the Dominion's part in the sea defences of the empire, have been deferred for a time, pending exchange of views by the United States, Great Britain and Japan relative to a conference dealing with limitations of armaments.

CHIEF JUSTICE TAFT.

(Bradstreet's)
President Harding's nomination of William H. Taft to the vacant post of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States has met general expectation. The name of the ex-President has been the most prominently mentioned in connection with the office since the death of Chief Justice White, who, it may be recalled, owed his appointment to his successor in the post, when the latter was President. The new Chief Justice, who is in his sixty-fourth year, was a judge of the Ohio

Superior Court thirty-four years ago and later Solicitor-General of the United States and Federal Circuit Court Judge. In the intervals of legal and judicial work he was Dean of the Law School of the University of Cincinnati, President of the Philippine Commission and Civil Governor of the islands. He served as Secretary of War under President Roosevelt, whom he succeeded as Chief Executive, and after leaving the presidency became a professor of law at Yale and was chosen president of the American Bar Association. During the war he was co-chairman of the National War Labor Board, on leave of absence from Yale, returning to his professorial and judicial duties after the war. Because of his well known judicial habit and temper, he has been chosen as arbitrator in many important controversies; indeed, he was serving in such a capacity in Canada when news of his appointment and confirmation reached him. His legal training and experience, broadened by his service in many public capacities, including the highest office in the country, give promise of a faithful career as head of the country's greatest tribunal.

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HAVE FEARS FOR NEXT WINTER

Dominion G. W. V. A. Executive Discusses the Unemployment Situation.

Port Arthur, Ont., July 6.—G. C. McNeil, secretary of the Dominion committee of the G. W. V. A., the executive of which is in session here, said last night that dates for the Dominion convention were set between September 19 and October 22. Invitations to all Dominion officers and members of the G. W. V. A. will be dispatched. General Pershing and General Currier will also be invited. Yesterday's session was devoted to a discussion of the unemployment situation in Canada and the re-establishment of a continuous system and the outlook for next winter very grave. There are no existing provisions made to cope with the situation, it was said, and a national effort is necessary.

SISTER-IN-LAW MARRIAGES.

(Montreal Herald)
A very old question was raised again in England by Lord Hugh Cecil in the debate upon the bill legalizing marriage with a deceased brother's widow. Lord Cecil wished to give the bishops the right to refuse to celebrate such marriages and to exclude the parties from communion. The battle was fought and is claimed was lost for all time upon the Deceased Wife's Sister marriage. One of the difficulties of a state church is that it is and must be subject to regulation by parliament. They cannot have one authority in a country declaring a marriage to be legal and proper, and another affirming it an offence to morals and good conduct. An independent church may teach what it pleases, but when it is part of the organizations of the state it must accept what the state has decided to be right and proper. Some of the clergy have strong feelings in regard to these marriages, and provision is made for the individual conscience, but a general regulation by the bishops is refused.

It seems only yesterday when this was a very live question in Canada, and when the forces led in the press and in the lobby of parliament by "Gunnilda" (Mrs. E. Stone Wiggins) carried the day so that in Canada a child's own might legally become its mother. It was some years after before such marriages became legal in England, owing to the continued opposition of the House of Lords. A bill similar to that passed in Canada in 1882 was made law in all the self-governing British colonies and Jersey, but was not passed by the British parliament until 1907. Probably no statistics of such marriages are available, and they are probably rare in this country, but we never hear anything about them now.

MARSHAL FAYOLLE AT WHITE HOUSE YESTERDAY

Washington, July 6.—Marshal Fayolle of the French mission, who have been in Canada to express the French government's gratitude to the Canadian armies for their aid in the war made a call of courtesy yesterday to President Harding. They were presented by the French ambassador.

THE SPANISH CABINET.

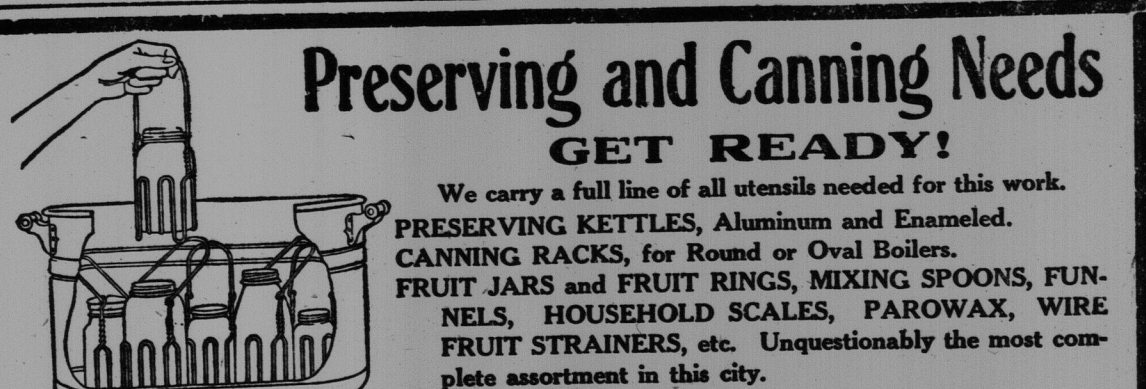
Madrid, July 6.—After a lengthy cabinet conference, last night Premier Salazar announced that his colleagues had reiterated their confidence in him and requested that he fill the two vacant posts in the ministry. Consequently the premier is making efforts to find substitutes for Manuel Arguñales and Vincente Pinies as minister of finance and minister of Justice.



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