

WEEK END NOTES.

(I. C. M.)

Following out the topic of last week in reference to the child problem and infant mortality, it may not be amiss to go into the consideration of the matter a little further, and see, or at least try to see, our real attitude towards these things.

More or less we all approve of reform, and profess to believe in it; but sometimes when the reform interferes with our self-interest and we see the possibility of a dollar being lost, some of us are very ready to cut short our good intentions and to curtail our philanthropy. We are willing to see the health of the community safeguarded, and we join in the making of laws for the betterment of the same; but we immediately draw the line when our own little sanctum is in danger of obstruction. It is quite proper to advocate reform, but anybody can put up with the inconvenience of it, and shoulder the responsibility of it; but our own property must not suffer injury, nor must we be at one dollar's risk. Let who will be the loser, and let who will take chances, but we ourselves will not run any risk—this is how some people look at it.

This spirit of extreme self-interest was duly manifested a few days ago and we beheld a living illustration of these people who believe in reform, but who will not assume their own share of the responsibility in the matter.

It so happened that a certain landlord had a house to rent, and seeing it I spoke to him about it on behalf of another family. The price of the house was agreed upon, the time of occupancy was stated, the mode of payment was understood, and the house was promised. So far, so well. Just at the closing of the conversation the proprietor asked how many in family the persons had for whom I was acting, and let who will take chances, but we ourselves will not run any risk—this is how some people look at it.

The incident will bear its own interpretation, but whatever way it may be interpreted, and whatever analysis may be arrived at, the plain English of it all is that because the people interested had seven children the landlord would not have them for tenants. The house was a plain one, but the children might destroy it, and of course that would never do; the house was greater than the children, and if they were to be housed, then someone else must take the risk.

The incident clearly illustrates the depth of our sincerity in matters of

hygienic reform and it shows us that after all much of our talk along these lines is but as a "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." The family is the cornerstone of the State, and the home is the basis of society, and the children represent the dearest interest of them all, and the greatest blessing that the Almighty can give to any parent is to entrust them with children. Such is the law and such are the prophets, but modern society seems to be greater than these sacred institutions, and it has become almost criminal to have a large family, and race suicide is rampant among the leading peoples of the age. We are getting greater than our Maker, and adopt agencies to frustrate His purposes.

The family in question are respectable and healthy, but they must be penalized because they are among those who are considered large; and scores of other families are under the same ban, and have been refused houses for the same reason. This seems a narrow policy and not conducive to the growth of the nation, nor the development of the State. A nation's best asset is its people; but if houses be greater than the people, then the order of nature is reversed, and the material side of life has supplanted and superseded the domestic interests of mankind. The claims of the children should not be overlooked but due encouragement should be given for their training and welfare, and family people should not be so unconditionally penalized and unmercifully ruled out.

I cannot close better than by sub-joining Denis A. McCarthy's poem on this same subject, and which for beauty of thought, and depth of soul, and love of children, can hardly be surpassed.

THE CHILDREN.
"The house that has the childer is
The house that has the joy in it,
To me 'tis only home that has a girlie
Or a boy in it.
An' every one that's added only makes
The place the cheerier;
If childer are the gifts o' God, the
more He sends the merrier.
Sure, every little one I've had gave
something to my bliss the more,
An' every little baby face my lips were
drawn to kiss the more.
An' though I know the trouble an' the
trials and the care they are,
An' though I know how often wild
how wayward and how queer they are,
An' though 'tis many a night I've
watched beside the little beds of them,
An' held their little hands an' cooled
the fevered little heads of them,
An' though I know the surly moods
that fall upon the best of them—
Can one who is unkind outweigh the
love of all the rest of them?
No, no, the trouble that I've had,
through them, I'll never rue at all.
An' sure, without the childer now,
I don't know what I'd do at all!"
—Denis A. McCarthy.

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FIVE GOALS TO ONE.

The C. E. I. are close runners up for championship honors, and even if they don't capture the silverware, they will, in all probability, have the consolation of knowing that they administered the worst defeat to any team for the season, as last evening they put the St. Andrew's under by five goals to one. There was a small sprinkling of spectators present and conditions were unfavourable. A high wind prevailed making it difficult to control the ball. Neither team had their regular players, but the substitutes showed up well and the game was lively throughout. Just a minute from the start Jerrett picked up a pretty pass from Harris and scored for the C. E. I. A few minutes after Jerrett recorded No. 2. The St. Andrew's made several attempts to score and failed. The combination of the C. E. I. forwards could not be repulsed by their opponents and when the first half of the game expired the Institute team had registered two more goals. On resuming the St. Andrew's showed up better and found the net once, as did also the C. E. I. The game was notably clean. Mr. T. Duggan refereed.

Here and There.

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Acknowledgement.

The Committee of the Convalescent Hospital for Soldiers and Sailors gratefully acknowledge the following gifts received during the month of August:—

Miss Ruth Hickman, fruit and books; Master E. Hickman, cigarettes; Sir Edgar Bowring, weekly supply of flowers; Sir Joseph Outerbridge, flowers and vegetables; Supper Committee of the Teachers' Entertainment, four cakes; Mrs. McNell, carnations and sweet peas; Mr. S. "Huby," bag of greens; Mrs. R. B. Job, eggs, magazines, lettuce; West Vale Farm, cabbage; The Misses Calver, brown bread and cakes; Mrs. M. E. Martin, magazines; Mrs. Moorg, fruit and chocolates; Grand Falls, box of books; Miss Coughlan, ice bag, air ring, R. tube; Miss Snow, tea buns; Mrs. MacDougall, eggs, books, games; Friend, new potatoes; Mrs. R. G. Reid, lettuce; Miss Flora Clift, magazines; Lieut. John Clift, magazines; Mrs. Lester, freezer of ice cream; Holiday Club, candy and brown bread; Miss B. Stick, magazines; Mrs. F. Morris, 2 baskets of fruit and magazines; Mrs. Glendenning, 2 boxes homemade candy; Mrs. J. S. Munn, fruit; Miss Snow and Friends, picnic; also motor rides from the following: Mrs. R. G. Reid, Mr. Cyril Tessier, Major Macpherson and Mr. B. Outerbridge.

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Reckless Motor Drivers

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—Your editorial in connection with motor cars and their operation is a timely one. It is time that the authorities should call a halt to excessive speeding and the use of blinding headlights; the latter, in some cases, being supplemented by powerful searchlights. Traffic rules should be made for all intersecting points such as Rawlins' Cross, Adelaide and Water Streets, compelling cars to halt or slow down before crossing.

The suggestion to have a Motor Association is an excellent one, and such an Association, if formed, by working harmoniously with the authorities, should do much in the way of rounding up and prosecuting reckless drivers. To-day, although we have many careful drivers in the city, all are more or less under the same ban, due to the recklessness of a few, and only by weeding out the incompetent and reckless drivers can motoring be restored to a careful basis.

Very truly yours,
PASSENGER.
St. John's, Aug. 31st, 1917.

While out motoring the other even-

Household Notes.

Never paint the flower pots for house plants. It closes the pores of the pot, which are essential to free passage of air.

If white potatoes are inclined to turn black when being boiled, add a few drops of vinegar to the water they are boiled in.

Cornmeal may be used with wheat flour, about one-quarter of the first to three-quarters of the second, in making white bread.

Fish will be crisp and brown if it is thoroughly dried on both sides, then dipped in fine cornmeal and plunged into boiling fat. It will thus not reduce the temperature of the fat.

To kill worms around the root of a rose, pour a mixture of a teaspoonful of ammonia to a cup of water around the stalk, but not on it.

After exposure to poison ivy, the ill effects can be warded off by vigorously washing with soap and water; use a hand brush. After this wash with alcohol.

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Everyday Etiquette.

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"Wedding gifts are always sent to the bride and acknowledged by her. Of course they are virtually owned by the groom too, but they are never sent to him," answered his father.

STORE FOUND OPEN.—NIGHT Watchman Skeffington, who is ever on the alert, discovered the door of the F. P. U. store open while making his rounds at an early hour this morning. The police were at once acquainted and Sergeant Savage got in touch with Hon. Mr. Coaker, who came and locked the door.