

ECHOES OF LIFE

OVERHEARD IN LEONARD'S CAFE

Leonard's Cafe, opposite the General Post Office in Vancouver, is one of the most popular restaurants of its kind in the city. If a stranger were to happen in these some winter evening he would probably hear fine singing from many strong male voices, the words of which he would not likely understand unless he came from the land of Lloyd George,—the mountain fastnesses of the ancient unbeaten Britons,—Wales. Welshmen are, of course, famous the world over for their singing powers.

Another evening about the same hour—between ten and eleven—a visitor might hear the strains of "Annie Laurie," or some other equally well-known Scottish or Irish song coming from a group of Westminster Hall students, as the men of successive terms have made Leonard's the rendezvous for occasional late supper meetings since the Hall came into being.

PHILISOPHY AT THE LUNCH TABLE

The other day three men sat down in Leonard's opposite the writer, and while they waited for lunch, conversation among them drifted to "the times,"—the adjective used can be imagined or inserted according to the inclination and experience of the reader. Said one, in effect, to the other two; "Well, it is like this: You see the new C. P. R. station, which is being built down there: to the casual observer it looks at present as little else than a thing of ends and ugly posts or scaffolding; but we know that there is an architect behind it who has a design which we will appreciate when it is finished. Now then, let us apply the same thing to the world and the universe. The times may be 'out of joint,' there may be much that seems awry to us, but surely there is an Architect with a Plan!"

A simple simile that, but one well worth pondering in the individual and national life too. In the same way does not our old friend, Marcus Aurelius, ask somewhere: "Would you quarrel with a carpenter for having shavings in his workshop?"

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It is always interesting to see or hear that our articles earn the attention of our contemporaries in the western press and elsewhere. A church monthly published in Toronto reproduced the article from Dr. S. D. Gordon which appeared in our pages, and some weeks ago the British Weekly quoted from Principal Mackay's article on the Australian Assemblies with reference to "Compulsory Training."