

etc., no doubt there are some folk connected with most "Churches" and "Denominations" who hold that their interpretations (in this so limited life) contain "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," and that lacking acceptance of these by others, the latter's admittance to some Region Beyond is hopeless. May be. But we rather think that many such will wake to find that their viewpoint here, at best, was narrow, and that all may be born to a wider, grander vision Beyond.

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UNLESS THAT WERE TO BE SO, and we were all subject to fuller light on life when we pass from this sphere, it is reasonable to infer that many people would be lonely THERE—no matter by what name the Region or State is called.

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THOUGH THE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT ON THE RECENT CIVIC ENQUIRY has not been published at the time of this writing, we have no difficulty in supplementing our former reference to the meeting and criticism that led to the suspension of the Vancouver city solicitor by Mayor Tisdall, and to the enquiry itself.

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IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE MAYOR felt he had some cause for his action, else he would not have taken it. But many who attended that "Ratepayers'" meeting in the Hotel Vancouver may hold that it would have been better and fairer to the city solicitor had the enquiry come before any such action was taken.

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THE FIRST SPEAKER AT THAT MEETING was both tedious and tiresome, as, apart from anything else, his manner and tone of delivery were such as prevented a large portion of the audience hearing him consecutively. Even then he seemed more concerned about drawing conclusions than capable of clearly stating facts. But the evidence he afterwards gave at the enquiry as to what he held "copies" of cheques, was in itself sufficient to make even "the man on the street" understand that, however well, or even "nobly" intentioned he might be, he had a woeful idea of what constituted "a copy," and a deplorable disregard of the opinions or evidence of other men.

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THAT MEETING may congratulate himself on one thing, namely, that he was responsible for the opening speaker not making public the names of the ALLEGED officers of the new contracting company. But perhaps they were made public enough to make some folk wonder, question, or express regret, according to individual knowledge or experience of the men whose names were given.

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WE ARE SINCERELY THANKFUL that certain names given were evidently, like much else, based on HEARSAY OR ASSUMPTION. At the same time we hope one result of this enquiry will be that more care concerning facts will be exercised by any citizens or associations in making charges against our public servants, whether they be City Council officers or civic officials.

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BY ITS VERY NATURE, public office lays men open to criticism, and all the more so if a salary of some kind is attached to the office. But how can we expect men of experience and tried capacity in business to enter for such service, if it is generally understood that they may be made the object of underhand attacks?

Verse by Canadian Writers

HOME'S INFLUENCE.

Dear, plain old Home, I bare my head to you,
And thank the Lord for what I took away
From your kind hand that unforgotten day
I sought the world. I took no wealth, 'tis true,
For luxury your children never knew.
Glad, curly heads that rose around your board,
But there the noblest virtues were adored,
Whose influence fell on our young hearts like dew.

I took a faith in God I never lost,
And well I know how it has often been
An anchor when life's sea was tempest-tossed;
And if at Wrong's appeal I e'er was seen
To hesitate—that time the touch was felt
Which I received when 'neath your roof I knelt.
—Alexander Louis Fraser.
Halifax, N. S.

JUSTICE.

O Justice, dweller in the stars' domain,
Thou fair Astraea of the Golden Age,
Will e'er it be, what fervent souls presage,
That thou wilt live among mankind again?
Without thy presence, Liberty is vain,
And Love doth languish, failing to assuage
The lust of power and gold, whose heritage
Of ancient wrongs still follows in their train.

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