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THE ROTARIANS.

We in St. John need not lament the rather sorry trick the March weather played on us on the eve of the Rotary Conference. Our friends from other cities and towns who are with us today with songs on their lips bring their own atmosphere. They will do us good, and we were glad to leave the lath-string out. For what is Rotary? It is the gospel of service, and of good cheer in service. It is the golden rule in action in the lives of men—in business as well as in social relations. If any man be otherwise he is not a true Rotarian, and has as yet failed to see his task and the joy of it. Rotarian Warren G. Harding, president of the United States, has written—

"Of all the splendid organizations serving society, none is more helpful than the Rotarians, with their high conceptions, their splendid spirit of helpfulness, and their practical devotion of service to their fellow-men."

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales is an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Windsor, Ontario, and King Albert of Belgium of the Rotary Club of San Francisco. They leave their titles at the door, as does our friend Warren of Washington, late of Marion, Ohio. For in Rotary, rank and wealth merely spell greater opportunity, and the king as well as the commoner is required to put service above self. If Rotarians are not in the forefront in community service there is something wrong with the motive power. As to Rotary in business, hear Rotarian John J. Jones of New York, chairman of the International Committee on Business Methods—

"Rotary is one of the influences that is bringing into the business world the right conception of the responsibilities and duties of the business man. Were all business men to live up to the Rotary creed of service, there could be no such depressions as we have just passed through, because the confidence of the buying public would be such as to keep them in the market for the purchase of all articles they need. The business man should make his customer his partner, because, after all, business is a partnership of seller and buyer that must be carried on on a basis of mutual confidence and trust. Just as Rotarians base their business on a foundation of service, so should all business be organized."

It is not for a lack, or the mere enjoyment of fellowship, or for business profit, that men representing so many branches of business in different towns are here for a two-days' conference. Ideals will be presented and matters of national community interest discussed, quite apart from the individual concerns of any member. But through it all will float the ribbon of song, the jest and the merry laugh; while the presence of the ladies will quicken the wits of the speakers and add to the brightness of the whole affair.

Good fortune to you, merry gentlemen! May we all catch something of your cheerfulness, your brightness of outlook, your faith in humanity, and your desire to make ideals count for more than they do in the relations of man with man in the business and social world of today.

OUR MENTAL DEFECTIVES.

Dr. Mabel Hannington, medical inspector in the schools of St. John, reports that there are in the schools fifty-three feeble-minded children; fifty-seven who are retarded and probably feeble-minded; and thirty-eight also retarded who may perhaps be classed as nervous cases, but calling for special treatment.

The plea for special classes for these children must meet with a favorable response. The really feeble-minded cannot master the ordinary studies. Unless given training specially suited to their capacity they simply leave school to become a social burden if not a menace, as they grow in years. The Canadian National Committee for Mental Hygiene, truly says—

"Our blindness to the presence of mental defectives has been the cause of vast expense and untold sorrow. With little or no special provision the feeble-minded have fallen to the bottom of the heap in Canada. Although they comprise a small proportion of the total population, they recruit the ranks of a vast and grim procession of criminals, prostitutes, unmarried mothers, and paupers. Thirty per cent of the inmates of prisons throughout this country are feeble-minded. A proper system of psychiatric classification must be instituted in public schools so that the mentally defective and sub-normal may be discovered early, when there is still time to redeem a great percentage of them from lives of dependency and misery."

There are two kinds of mental defectives, the good and the bad, but there need be no delinquency in either case if they are taken early, and adequate training, supervision and control given them. In the case of the really bad this control may mean permanent segregation, but each case must be determined on its merits by those competent to decide. Rather than have a young delinquent frequently in court, sent out again and again on probation, only to be brought back again, growing worse as years passed, and never contributing to self-support, it would be infinitely better to segregate such an one permanently as soon as it becomes manifest that the case was hopeless, and before real

delinquency and perhaps crime began to stain the record. We quote again—"The right way to deal with mental defectives is to find out who they are and where they are and then cope with each case on its individual merits. No thing can be gained by the old ostrich-like policy of burying our heads in the sand and refusing to face facts and responsibilities. An authority of international repute has said: 'The keynote of a practical programme is to be found in the fact that those defective whose defects are recognized while they are young children, and who receive proper care and training during their childhood are, as a rule, not especially troublesome after they have been safely guided through the period of early adolescence. Here we have the basis of an adequate Dominion programme for handling mental defect. We must recognize the needs of the mental defective while he is a child. Educate him according to his capacity, make him industrially efficient, teach him to acquire correct habits of living, protect him from evil influence, and when he has reached adult life continue to give him the friendly life and guidance he needs. These advantages should be accessible to every feeble-minded person in Canada.'"

Which, then, is the wiser course? To permit the feeble-minded children to grow up without special care, going out into life to swell the ranks of crime, to become vicious members of the community, to reproduce their kind, to end as inmates of poor-houses, prisons, or insane asylums; or to make the good ones safe and self-supporting and segregate entirely the hopeless cases? One course or the other we must choose. It is not merely a matter of providing classes for retarded pupils in the schools. The problem goes much deeper. It involves permanent institutional care of those who cannot safely be trusted at large. The psychiatric clinic and special classes must be supplemented by efficient and continuous supervision through life for many, and complete segregation for some whose conduct cannot otherwise be controlled.

But there are also the adults who up to the present time have received no better treatment than punishment for crime committed. They are not merely a burden but a menace. They commit crimes, they spread diseases, they reproduce their kind, they are not self-supporting. Every one of these cases that has been proven serious should be permanently segregated. Society must protect itself or pay a high price for its callous indifference to the call of duty in this regard. "Mental defect and disease," says the National Committee, "are a deadly menace to us than tuberculosis; for they are at the root of much of our crime, poverty, disease and degradation." Every social worker who has to do with courts and institutions, and the conditions in the more wretched tenement sections of cities, knows this statement to be absolutely true. There is, therefore, a national call to duty and to action for the remedy which alone can affect the desired change.

THE MERRY WAR.

"What we object to," said a citizen of Halifax, when the first outcry went forth against the recent senatorial appointment, "is having the new senator thrust upon Nova Scotia. He is yours—not ours." But now, to save the face of the government, it is suggested that the new senator be thrust upon Nova Scotia, thus quelling a New Brunswick vacancy. Of course Nova Scotia will have something to say about that. The Conservatives of Nova Scotia will naturally remark that if it is necessary to consult the party in New Brunswick before making an appointment the same rule should apply to their province—and Mr. McDonald might not be their choice. If he were appointed to Mr. McKeen's place, what would happen to Nova Scotia? The government would simply be jumping out of the frying-pan into the fire. This is quite plain to Senator Thorne, who would be as much grieved to see the party get a black eye in one province as in another. Hence his counsel to let bygones be bygones, and start all over again with a convention, and a re-affirmation of the old faith in the party as one which can do no wrong. It sounds well, but will the objectors come to heel?

Meanwhile a carefully selected group of stalwarts in different parts of the province has come forward to support Senator Thorne's demand for a party convention. It is not to be a "Liberal and Conservative" convention, but plain talk of the old brand. One stalwart hopes it may "undo the harm that has been done." Another says there is "a measure of dissension in the party ranks," and if the party is to win it should reorganize. Still another asserts that the party "can only be saved by re-organization." Another says there have been "many mistakes made," and "it would be a pity to see the party wrecked by the injudicious acts of a few men."

There is no intimation as to what re-organization may mean, what it might do to Mr. Wigmore, or on whose shoulders the mantle of leadership would fall. The general public, with a memory of the last two Conservative conventions held in this city, will await the event with a fair degree of expectant relish. It is not their funeral.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY. (1921.)

Fair Isle! The land of Goldsmith and of Moore,
The land of Lover, and the land of long;
Thy harp's wild throbbing anthems that endure
Are hushed in discontent and fancied wrong.

Thy enemies abound within thy gates,
And worst of these are they who pose as friends;
Revising ancient strife and long-dead hates,
To serve alas! ignoble, selfish ends.

Killarney's lakes, and sweet Avoca's vale,
Like Shannon's banks, are fair beyond compare;
But 'midst thy beauty stalks a spectre pale,
And 'God save Ireland!' still must be our prayer.

HOPE A. THOMSON. IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Some one told a good old story and the inevitable better one followed: "I had a cat at home," related the quiet man in the corner, "which was fond of playing with the wife's ball of yarn. One day the cat swallowed it, and some months later, when kittens were born, they were all wearing jumpers."

"Is this the hosiery department?" asked the voice over the phone.
"Yes," replied the weary saleswoman.
"Have you any flesh-colored stockings in stock?" asked the voice.
"Yes," replied the saleswoman. "Do you want pink, yellow or black?"

Glass was the possessor of a very red nose. An acquaintance chaffing him upon his ruddy hue, a quarrel ensued. An apology was offered and accepted, and a drink followed. Then a second and a third. Just as they were saying good night the offender wanted to make quite sure that he was pardoned.
"Awfully sorry, old man, about that silver mark of mine. I didn't mean—"

"Enough said. No more apologies needed. Can you say anything about my nose you like now. You're a shareholder."
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LOCAL NEWS

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Everything modern and up to date at 80 King street (formerly the Chocolate shop). Watch papers for opening announcement.

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NEW KING STREET STORE.

Formerly the Chocolate Shop, No. 80 King street, now Levine's Shoe Store, opening in few days. Watch and Wait.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

Rev. J. A. Jenner is conducting special evening services in Charlotte street United Baptist church, West St. John, every evening with good success. To-night Mr. Jenner will preach; Thursday night, Rev. C. E. Clark of Fairville will be the speaker. There will be special music at all these services, commencing at 7.45 sharp. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

FIRST SHOW TODAY.

The first performance of Rose of Kil-dare, in aid of the orphans in St. Vincent's Auditorium today. Few seats for tonight can be obtained at theatre before the show. Matinee this afternoon.

NEWS NOTES ABOUT PROMINENT BAPTISTS.

(Maritime Baptist.)

Rev. W. J. Hurlow is apparently making himself felt in his new charge at New Glasgow. A local paper speaks of him as a preacher of unusual ability. Rev. Benjamin Beatty has resigned the pastorate of the Getchell street church, Waterville, Maine, and will become one of the pastor-evangelists of the state convention.

As we predicted, the good people of the Millstream held have given a warm welcome to the pastor's bride. At a reception held in her honor, she and Pastor Young received a purse of gold containing more than \$100. Before marriage Mrs. Young was a trained nurse, and her knowledge thus gained will prove of much value in her work as a pastor's wife.

The church at Sydney has extended an urgent call to Rev. A. S. Lewis, now pastor of the church at Regina. His decision has not yet been announced. Quite recently we announced that Rev. A. C. Archibald had been compelled to give up for a time his ministry at the First Baptist church of Brookline, Mass., and seek the restoring of his shattered nerve force by a prolonged rest. We learn with deep regret that so serious is his nervous breakdown that he has felt impelled to resign the pulpit of Brookline church.

Rev. E. B. McLatchy is about closing his winter's special supply at Perth. Rev. L. R. Ross, who has been pastor of the Baptist church at Malone, N. Y., since his graduation at Rochester in May, has accepted a call to the church at Rome, N. Y. Evangelist and Mrs. L. F. Wallace will have the deep sympathy of all in the trial through which they are now passing. A week or two ago Mrs. Wallace left Yarmouth, where they were engaged in an evangelistic campaign, to secure expert medical treatment in Boston. Word has reached us that she had to undergo a serious operation last Saturday.

ANCIENT HISTORY OF RESERVOIRS.

Toronto, March 16.—The history, construction and uses of reservoirs were described in an interesting address delivered recently before the Civil Club of the University of Toronto by William Gore, a prominent consulting engineer. After pointing out that irrigation reservoirs had been constructed three and four thousand years ago in Babylonia, he said that similar work was undertaken in ancient Egypt, Persia, India and Ceylon, the materials used by these almost prehistoric engineers being much the same as those used today, with the exception of iron and Portland cement. The old constructors would take advantage of some local debris, generally on a catchment area, and dam the low parts with stone, clay and compact earth.

Owing to the difficulties of providing proper outlets and overflows, however, these works were almost abandoned to ultimate disintegration. There are only one or two instances of ancient reservoirs remaining in use today. The Spaniards, however, were more successful with their massive masonry dams. KAISER MUST BE MAKING PERMANENT HOME IN HOLLAND.

Berlin, March 16.—Apparently the low value of the German mark in Holland is causing Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm some trouble. Quite recently it made the purchase of furniture in Holland impossible and the former Emperor instructed his advisers to write asking the government to allow the following articles to be sent to him: Twelve pairs felt slippers, twelve care-bottomed chairs, twelve curtain rods, eleven dining-room chairs, twelve swinging electric lamps, twelve ceiling electric lamps, two wash-stands, two cupboards for brooms and dusters, six night tables, six small tables, twelve lamp shades, one electric, two petrol and twelve oil lamps.

It was explained that the articles asked for were purchased by him in 1888, were still in Berlin, and constituted his personal property. The Prussian government sharply refused his demands, and for so doing brought down on itself the anger of the Junkers.

NETTED A MILLION FOR THE HOSPITAL.

London, March 16.—Sir Squire Bancroft, famous actor, who will celebrate his eightieth birthday this year, has been giving some reminiscences to the Times. He recalls how he read "A Christmas Carol" to a Montreal audience in 1898, for the benefit of the funds of a hospital. A Scotsman said to him the next day, "Do you know you made me cry last night?" "Well, that will do you no harm," replied Sir Squire.

"No, and it won't do the hospital any harm," said the Scotsman, taking the actor's hand and pressing it warmly. Years afterwards Sir Squire learned that the Scotsman had left \$1,000,000 to the hospital.

Quincy, Mass., March 16.—Captain Daniel Higgins, one of the old school of Cape Cod sailing skippers who had been shipwrecked several times and always found a way to shore in safety, is dead of old age. He was in his eighty-ninth year.

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The following brief descriptions will give a slight idea of the variety being shown:

CREPE-DE-CHENE—

Colors—Flesh, White and Maize. Styles—High button to neck, round and square necks, and fancy embroidered. Prices—\$3.98 and \$4.98.

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The popular hard-wearing natural colored Silk. Several most attractive styles to choose from:

Shimmy Style hand embroidered with bright colored Silks, laced neck and short sleeves. Special \$4.65.

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Colors—White, Flesh, Navy, Sand, Taupe, Maize, etc. Styles—New overblouse, hand embroidered and beaded; short or long sleeves,