

W. C. T. U. Notes

Women's Christian Temperance Union first organized in 1874.
ATM-The protection of the home, the abolition of the liquor traffic and the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law.
MOTTO-For God and Home and Native Land.
BADGE-A knot of White Ribbon.
WATCHWORD-Agitate, educate, organize.
Let us not judge one another any more; but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.
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REFUSING TO LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE.

(By Dorothy Dix.)
There is an old proverb which says: Experience is a hard school, but fools will learn in no school. This is a mistake. Fools never learn anything in the schools of experience. It is only the wise who profit by the education they acquired in the University of Hard Knocks.
The most amazing thing in the world is that one, with intelligence above that of a congenial idiot, will go on making the same mistakes and getting the same results in trouble and suffering. Even a dog has sense enough not to make a second meal of laundry soap or stick his paw in the fire again. But we humans, who esteem ourselves so clever, let our past mistakes erect no warning against the future.

We know that certain dishes will make us sick if we eat them, but because we like the taste we gorge ourselves on strawberries or lobster and pay for it, as we have done a dozen times before, with indigestion and a doctor's bill. We know that if we overwork and overplay and do not get enough rest and sleep we will have another breakdown. But because we get a lot of tempting invitations to go night and day until the crash comes and we are invalided for months.
By the time we are grown we have all found out from experience the things that will make us ill if we do them and we could keep ourselves fit and well if we would profit by what we have learned about the idiosyncrasies of our bodies but we don't. We die twenty-five years before our time because we refuse to take care of ourselves.

Our inability to learn from experience is at the bottom of the divorce question. Young couples have many clashes and disagreements; if they had sense enough to learn from experience they would never have a disagreement on any subject but once.
As soon as the husband found out what his wife's little peculiarities were he would sidestep them. As soon as the wife discovered the subjects upon which her husband and she differed, she would avoid them as she would the plague. And the dove of peace would hover over that domestic.

It is impossible for any two people to live together, day after day, without each knowing just the things that most irritate the other; just what topics are as good for a scrap as a nickel is for a ginger cake. Yet in spite of this knowledge, in spite of a thousand experiences that all turned out the same way, husbands and wives deliberately say to each other the fighting word.
There are millions of households that are places of torment and strife instead of havens of love and peace, because people will not let each other's religion alone, or their politics alone, or they will harp on some old mistake, or will try to dominate over independent souls who will not stand for it.
What a pity that wives an never learn from experience that nagging their husbands only drives them away from them, and that the only way you can keep a man at home is to make home the pleasantest place there is to go.
What a pity husbands cannot learn from experience that knocking a wife's fault does no good, and that you can lead a woman anywhere but you cannot drive her an inch! What a pity parents do not learn from experience that they only antagonize their children when they try to keep them in leading strings after they are grown up and that there is nothing else on earth so insulting to the young as unsought advice.
But they don't. In spite of perpetual family rows and tears wives keep on harping on their grievances, husbands keep on finding fault with everything their wives do, parents keep on meddling in all their children's affairs, and trying to put grown-ups to bed at 8 o'clock after a bread-and-milk supper. A lot of people are miserable who might be happy if they'd only learn from experience.
And, perhaps, the most curious thing of all is that experience teaches nothing about money. You would think once bit, twice shy, and that those who had sought gold bricks, or had their money charmed

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from their pockets, by some glibtongued talker, would be forever wary of anything but the most gilt edge investment. Not at all. Not only is a sucker born every minute but the suckers come back again and again swallow the same bait. It's the same class of people who buy fake stocks and get caught in crooked bucket shops and invest in boom town real estate.
Among the most pathetic people in the world are those who have inherited money; who have always been used, to luxuries of life who have extravagant tastes and who spend or lose their money and come to poverty. They do not know how to be poor, and every detail of the life of the poor is a crucifixion to them.
Sometimes these people come into money again, and you think that their bitter experience would have taught them thrift and economy and the desire to grip every nickel until the buffalo howled with agony, but it seldom does. Nearly always they go back blithely to spending and come again to poverty because they have learned nothing from experience.
It is inevitable that we should all commit a thousand follies and make a thousand blunders. Happy those of us who can learn from experience, and who never make the same mistake a second time.

WHEN THE PAPER DOESN'T COME
My father says the paper that he reads ain't put up right. He finds a lot of fault, he does, persuin it at night. He says there ain't a single thing in it worth while to read. And that it doesn't print the kind of stuff the people need. He tosses it aside and says, it's strictly on the bum. But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come!
He reads about the wedding's and he snorts like all get out; He reads the social doin's with a most derisive shout. He says they make the paper for the women folks alone. He'll read about the parties and he'll fume and fret and groan; He says of information it doesn't have a crumb. But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come!
He's always first to grab it and he reads it plumb clean through; He doesn't miss an item or a want ad—that is true. He says they don't know what we want, the 'blamed newspaper guys; I'm going to take a day sometime and go and put 'em wise. Sometimes it seems as tho' they must be deaf and blind and dumb. But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come!—Selected.

FIRST SIGNS OF FALL.
Thermometers are not the only witnesses to the coming of Autumn. Out in the country the shadow of Fall has begun to creep across the earth and to warn men that the Summer has nearly waned.
Falling leaves are bearing testimony in increasing numbers to the approach of the days when the trees will stand gumt and lean before the north wind.
Summer promises this year not to make a valiant fight against the death which is dealt it yearly by the cold. Its ally, the sun, is deserting it all too soon, and alone it can only make an untimely surrender. Its capitulation is still a few weeks off and its warm caress will be felt again by men before it passes. It may even blaze into the passion of its prime, for many times September in misplaced ardor, brings days as warm as those of July.

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THE PATRONAGE SYSTEM

Dr. J. G. Shearer
One of the worst enemies of the true and honest functioning of democracy is the patronage system and its consequences. To the victors belong the spoils, and only loyal party friends can be appointed to office or be given contracts, are its principles.
The mere statement of the practice is sufficient to condemn it as unworthy of any intelligent nation or party. According to it if a contract is to be let only partisans of the Government need apply. A tenderer of another stripe may put in a lower tender, may be thoroughly trustworthy in character and financial standing but his tender will not be accepted. Contracts are let in the interests of the party in power not of the people. If a civil servant is to be appointed the same principle or practice holds. Not merit or qualifications but party loyalty gets the appointment. It was common also for the incoming government to dismiss many appointees of its predecessor to make way for plum-hunting followers of its own. Sometimes an outgoing Government would appoint its own partisans to offices by way of reward for party loyalty thus giving a reason for dismissals later. In one or more cases a Governor has refused to sanction appointments of this kind.

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In the Federal sphere too there are appointments that are not controlled by the Civil Service Commission. Perhaps the most notable of these is the appointment of Senators. These are made invariably on a party basis. The Union Government's appointees of course were mixed. Each new party Government coming into power finds the Senate predominantly of the opposite party stripe and suffers considerable inconvenience in consequence in getting legislation through Parliament, the Senate's consent being essential under the constitution. That however is not the most serious consequence of party appointments to so powerful a body. A considerable number of men of inferior quality receive appointments under such a system. Will any party Government ever have the courage to depart from this miserable system and name for the Senate men of outstanding position in the various walks of life who will in a spirit of service themselves to the solving of the nation's problems and promoting its highest interests regardless of party considerations or selfish or class economic interest or prejudice?

FALL PLOWING.

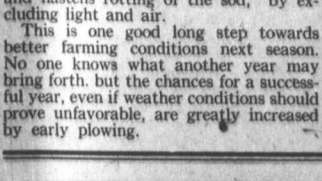
Early fall plowing is on the increase in Nova Scotia. There are many arguments for early plowing and one is that early plowing will always tend to increase the really cultivated area and prepare the way for crop rotations which in turn will result in both better crops and better land condition. The average Nova Scotian farmer depends too much on his hay harvest for the feeding of his live stock. As compared with Ontario, for example, Nova Scotia has usually more than double the proportion of cultivated land under hay than Ontario has, and yet in years of hay shortage in this province we frequently turn to Ontario for our supply. Our reason for this is that the average Ontario farmer forces his smaller hay acreage to produce more heavily. The greater reason, however, is that he grows a much larger proportion of grain and roots for his live stock.
Another argument for early plowing is that the sod is much more thoroughly rotted if turned down before the warm weather is past. There is no better manure than a well rotted sod. It contributes vastly to the supply of vegetable matter or humus in the soil. The tougher the sod the more urgent the early plowing. Yet another argument is that a few days of plowing scattered over the late summer means that the burden of work is well in hand and the risk of being caught unprepared by unfavorable conditions is greatly lessened. It is generally a very unfortunate thing for a farmer to be compelled to leave over the bulk of his plowing until spring. After an early plowing and one or two harrowings even tough sod land may be put in good condition for the growing of potatoes or other hood crops.

There is no better method of overcoming noxious weeds. A harrowing or two some time after the sod is turned down will destroy multitudes of seedling weeds. The best practice is to plow about four inches deep, turning the furrow over as flatly as possible. Rolling or harrowing fills the spaces between the furrows and hastens rotting of the sod, by excluding light and air.
This is one good long step towards better farming conditions next season. No one knows what another year may bring forth, but the chances for a successful year, even if weather conditions should prove unfavorable, are greatly increased by early plowing.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

SEPTEMBER 21
THE ONLY HELP.—For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.—Isaiah 41:13.
SEPTEMBER 22
BETTER THAN RUBIES.—Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me.—John 5:39.
SEPTEMBER 23
CURSE or BLESSING, Which?—He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him; but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.—Proverbs 11:26.
SEPTEMBER 24
GLADNESS IN SERVICE.—Serve the Lord with gladness. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good.—Psalm 100:2, 4.
SEPTEMBER 25
GLADNESS AND SINGING.—Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.—Psalm 100:2.
SEPTEMBER 26
NOTHING TO FEAR.—Thou son of man, be not afraid.—Ezekiel 2:6.
SEPTEMBER 27
SING FOR JOY.—Behold my servants shall sing for joy of heart.—Isaiah 65:14.

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