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Our Scholastic Institutions.

BISHOP SPENCER COLLEGE. (By our special representative.) On Wednesday afternoon we experienced the privilege of inspecting Bishop Spencer College, the Church of England Educational Institution for girls. This college, which was founded during the latter part of the past century, was for many years conducted in the Synod building, where it remained until nearly two years ago, when it was removed to its present quarters, in what was formerly the British Hall. This building is a great improvement on the old one, the rooms being laid out in a much more convenient manner, and there is also a great deal more space. The first floor contains four form rooms, to wit, the Kindergarten, Lower Fifth, Upper Fifth and the Fourth. All these class rooms are very spacious and are excellently fitted. The teachers' dressing room is on this floor, as is also the headmistress' study. The second floor contains the Hall, and the Third Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth Form Rooms. The Hall is quite a large apartment and has a stage at the far end. The girls assemble here each morning and afternoon for prayers. On the top floor there is a gallery, and also a small though well lighted room which is to be fitted up as a studio. We were informed by Miss Richards, the new headmistress, that amongst the innovations to be introduced in the near future is a moving picture projector for the purpose of showing educational pictures to the pupils. This will undoubtedly be appreciated by the latter as a welcome relief from the monotony of ordinary lessons. Another innovation is a reference library, which will be kept in a small room set aside for the purpose, for the use of the Seniors only. The headmistress, after consulting the directors, decided not to enter candidates for the Primary and Preliminary grades of the C.H.E. this year, so that a better and less crammed curriculum can be arranged. Personally, we have always thought that the C.H.E. Exams should be abolished altogether, and we must congratulate Miss Richards and the directors of Bp. Spencer College upon taking this step, the wisdom of which, will, we think, be apparent to all. Miss Richards has also devoted a great deal of attention to forming a group of Girl Guides in the college.

All the teachers and pupils are very enthusiastic, and already quite a number of patrols have been formed, although it will take some little time before everything is properly organized. The navy blue uniforms which the Guides are wearing look neat, and the whole thing reflects great credit on Miss Richards and her capable assistants. A lot of attention is also devoted to athletics, the most popular games being basket ball and hockey. Basket ball is being played during the present season, and no little interest is taken in it by the girls. In conclusion, we must express our satisfaction at the manner in which Bishop Spencer College is conducted, and we must again congratulate Miss Richards, and her able staff, to whom all the credit is due for this satisfactory state of affairs.

The Lost Highlanders.

(From "The Bookman," in the Winnipeg Free Press.) Under the caption, "Wolfe's Lost Highlanders," a writer in the current number of Chambers' Journal writes about the Scotchmen who remained in Canada after the fall of Quebec and married French women. And he tells again the story of their gallant defence of that fortress, sixteen years later in the American invasion. These Highlanders called to the colors from their farms responded to the number of twenty-one officers and two hundred and seven men, "no bad muster after sixteen years of peace, not forgetting French wives of doubtful loyalty." And he says that but for these Highlanders, speedily called into action by Sir Guy Carleton there is not a doubt that "the Stars and Stripes would float from the Rio Grande to Baffin Land" today. It is the last time that Wolfe's Highlanders appear as fighting men. In the battle, the British lost fifteen men and the Americans four hundred. "It was the decisive battle for Empire in Canada, and it was the Highlanders who turned the fortunes of the day." Henceforth they are devoted to the arts of peace in town and country, and are racially absorbed by the French-Canadians, their surnames only remaining to this day—Campbells, Frasers, MacLarens, etc., all speaking the French language, "they are French-Canadians, but every trait and gesture shows the inheritance of the men who made and saved Canada for Britain."

Poison Fish.

In the waters around the Barbadoes dwells fish called "Caranx plumieri." Very properly deeming this a stilled sort of name, the people of those parts call it the John and Goggie-Eye. At some seasons of the year it is poisonous. When a John and Goggie-Eye is caught its fate depends entirely on the local price of ducks. Why? you ask. This is why. If a duck costs 30 cents, the angler must catch 40 cents worth of Johns and Goggie-Eye before it is worth his while to consider marketing the fish. For the test of the safety and edibility of a haul of Johns and Goggie-Eye is whether eating them will kill a duck in a couple of hours. If the duck dies, the Barbadoes angler holds the catch to be murderous. If the duck lives and looks quite happy after eating a selection of these temperamental fishes, the catch is held to be safe and saleable. The yellow-tailed sprat of the Leeward and Virgin Isles also is poisonous at times, but it is not used for offering risky hospitality to ducks. Poisonous, too, are the ocean pike, or barracuta, and the beautiful "Algula caninus." Practically all those lovely tropical sea fishes in gaudy blues and yellows and purples and pinks are poisonous or semi-poisonous. When in doubt you keep only the least picturesque for the pot and let the gay jazz-jumped catches go.

Veteran of World War Now Relates His Experience

"I Just Feel Fine All the Time," Says McDougall, After Taking Tanlac.

Howard McDougall, well-known carpenter and life-long resident of Harcourt, N.B., is still another who has cause to be glad that he was induced to give Tanlac an honest trial. Mr. McDougall is a veteran of the recent world war, having served overseas for more than two years with the famous 26th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Forces, and participated in a number of the hardest fought engagements. Here is his statement regarding Tanlac: "Ever since I returned from overseas about two years ago, I have been in a mighty bad fix, that is until I got Tanlac recently. I suffered terribly with indigestion all the time, nothing tasted good to me, and my appetite was so poor I couldn't eat half a meal. I suffered dreadfully from bloating, would wake up every morning with a severe headache and some days it wouldn't leave me at all. I had such awful pains in my back every morning it felt like it would break in two when I stooped over, and it would be late in the day before the pain began to ease up. I didn't know what it was to get a good night's sleep, and I simply felt miserable. "One day one of the boys where I was working told me about the good Tanlac had done him, and got me started on the medicine also. Well, sir, it just knocked my troubles sky-high, and has put me in the best of health. I'm eating great now, my stomach never troubles me, and I'm picking up in weight right along. I sleep good and sound every night, never have an ache or pain, and just feel fine all the time. I don't know what it is but there's something about Tanlac that certainly does the work, and I can't speak too highly of it for what it's done in my case." Tanlac is sold in St. John's by M. Connors, in Paradise by Mrs. Martin F. Byrne, in Upper Gillies by Heber Andrews, in Portland by H. C. Haines, in St. Joseph, Salmonier, by Mrs. J. Gushue, in Millertown by Exploits Valley Royal Stores, Ltd., in Flat Island by William Samson, in Jamestown by Christopher Haines, and in Lewisporte by Uriah Freake. -adv.

The Cradle of the British Navy.

TRINITY HOUSE AND ITS ROMANTIC STORY. Ask ninety-nine men out of a hundred what Trinity House is, and they will not know. Yet Trinity House is one of our great national institutions. It has been truly called the "cradle of our Navy," the saviour of England, and the sailors' best friend. Its story is crowded with romance. No one can tell definitely when this venerable corporation first came into being. Some declare it was born as long ago as Alfred's time. We know, however, that five centuries ago its parent was an association of pilots and mariners at Deptford Stronde, in Kent; and that, when Henry VIII. awoke to the discovery that he had no fleet with which to fight the pirates who swarmed around our coasts, he gave the Deptford pilots a charter empowering them to form a Guild "in honour of the Holy Trinity of St. Clement, in the church at Deptford Stronde," to "improve the Navy." As the years passed, new powers were granted to the Guild—to provide pilots, to erect sea-marks, to increase and control shipping; and in Elizabeth's reign, to take charge of "the Queen's Majesty's Navy Royal." The Trinity Guild, founded by a handful of Deptford pilots, had now become the supreme ruler of England's ships and English waters. When the Armada came insolently sailing up the Channel, it was the tiny vessels mustered by the Guild that, with the help of the elements, scattered and destroyed its proud galleons. Twice in later years the Guild did its best to save England. In 1797, when the British fleet mutilated at the Nile and threaten to join the French, the Guild destroyed all the beacons and buoys at the mouth of the Thames, thus closing the passage to the sea. Again, in 1803, when a French invasion was imminent, the Brethren moored a fleet of frigates across the Thames, thus barring approach to London. It was in early Stuart days that Trinity House reached the zenith of its power. All the buoys and beacons round our coast and the shipbuilding yard and naval stores at Deptford were placed under its sole charge. It had entire control of all shipbuilding for the Navy, the appointment of pilots and naval officers, and of Consuls at foreign ports. In fact, the Guild was the autocrat of our seas. To these duties it added those of charity, providing almshouses in which "decayed masters of merchant vessels, their widows or maiden daughters," could live in peace and comfort. Trinity House has lost many of its old-time powers and dignities, but it still plays a vital part in the world of seafaring men. It is responsible for all the lighthouses, light-ships, beacons, buoys, and fog-signals which do sentinel duty round the coast of England and Wales, and has a partial control over the lighting and buoying systems of Scotland and Ireland. Many Models and Relics.

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Dick Whittington.

Dick Whittington never became Sir Richard, though popular approval has given the accolade which King Richard II. and the fourth, fifth, and sixth Henrys, under whom successively he lived, denied to him, observes Walter G. Bell in the "Daily Telegraph." And the pretty story of his devotion to the cat which brought him fortune, current for so many centuries, England holds in common with other countries of the world. And "Turn again, Whittington, thrice Lord Mayor of London," was, in sober fact, not only thrice, but four times Lord Mayor—in the years 1387 and 1398, and next century in 1408 and 1419. The dry facts of historians, dull, unimaginative people I agree, ought not to be interjected into Whittington's romantic story, one of the most precious possessions of our nurseries, and useful in pointing the good lesson of the rewards of industry. Actually, he was a much greater citizen than the legends make out, and his vast benefactions and public works left an enduring mark upon the London of his age.

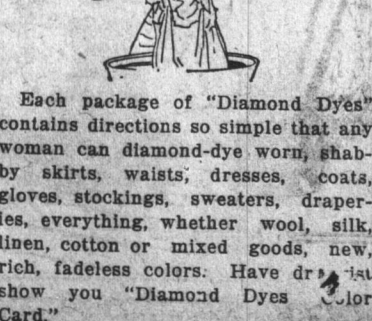
A Scandalous Pardon.

(From the Boston Transcript.) Franz von Rintelen, alias (Hanson, alias other names, the busiest of

German busy-bodies in America during the early years of the war, and the man convicted of conspiracy to place fire-bombs on ships leaving New York, has been pardoned out of the Atlanta penitentiary, to which he was sentenced for the very mild and easy term of four years and two months and permitted to sail for his beloved Germany. This is an exercise of the executive clemency which could not find it in its heart to pardon Eugene Debs, for whom more than 2,000,000 American citizens voted for President of the United States. It may be well for Mr. Debs to continue to reside at the Atlanta penitentiary, for the sake of the salubrious example to his fellow citizens, and the expiration of his term, but the granting of the pardon which he committed is as nothing to that of which the man Rintelen was guilty. Rintelen's finger was in every pie of activity that was developed by German ingenuity and depravity in New York for about three years of the World War. Noble son of German imperialism, to connect himself with plans to place bombs in ships carrying women and children! How supremely worthy of the tender executive clemency! What a recommendation of American magnanimity, and of the national intelligence, he will be to the hard-struggling democracy of Germany when he reaches Berlin! The pardon of this man is in truth a scandal and a disgrace. The fire-bombs were not an example of his operations. He flouted the officers of the law for a long time, and now his easy pardon abuses the patience of the people and stains the national honor.

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