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The Weary War in South Africa.

It is about two years since the war began. It was supposed to be finished, at the very latest, on the 15th of last month; but it seems sometimes to be as lively as ever. Of course, the Boer war must have an end, but to all concerned the end seems a long time in coming. It has been a wonderful war, full of strange surprises and dreary disappointments; it is always the unexpected that has happened. Africa has turned out to be as mysterious to the moderns as it was to the ancients; a land of strong contrasts, unlooked for events, and spoiled reputations. If the things that have taken place there had been predicted, they would have been laughed to scorn. And what is to happen there in the future, who can tell? We are told that British policy there in the past has been superficial and changeable, and who can be certain that it will be strenuous, persistent and unified in the future? There are, however, some things certain. The Boers were the victims of ignorance, and bigoted patriotism, as well as the dupes of deceitful men, when they concluded that the path of duty led them to challenge Great Britain to deadly conflict. The British statesmen have little to be proud of in their diplomacy and conduct of affairs during the past six years. The British people, the great sufferers, in many ways, have set themselves with grim determination to the task forced upon them, but they are utterly weary of it. These things are certain, and the future historian will find other certainties with the lessons they bring. All excitement has worn itself out. "Mafeking," to use the new suggestive word, has had its day; the glories of the war have died out; and there is nothing but the prosy, sad reality of suffering on all sides, tremendous burdens of taxation, and a great problem waiting to be solved. We cannot help admiring the steady perseverance with which a man like Lord Kitchener performs the terrible duty laid upon him; but as we approach the anniversary of Kruger's ultimatum, we confess to a strong desire that the work of the soldier might give place to that of the statesman.

Good Advice From Goldwin Smith.

Mr. Goldwin Smith has recently shown in a generous gift his appreciation of King Alfred, and his recognition of the needs of the present time. Toronto University, and through it, the whole country will, we trust, be benefited by his handsome subscription to the Library. From such a man words of advice to students are worth pondering. Some foolish cynic has said that the worst kind of vice is advice, and certainly advice in general is often regarded as something that is cheap and useless. But advice on matters pertaining to English literature from a man of Mr. Smith's experience, a man who exerted an influence at Oxford, the center of classic culture, lecturing to men who were to play a great part, as well as to the man who was to be the King. Critics are sometimes spoken of as men who have failed in everything else. Goldwin Smith is a critic, and from some of his criticism both in literature and theology, we venture respectfully to dissent; but he is not a critic of that class, for no one has a more charming and effective English style. It is both polished and picturesque. We cannot now follow Mr. Smith into a discussion of the authors he names, but we desire to emphasize his advice. Read good books; begin to read them when you are young; and keep on reading. Re-read the great books. Have a few chosen works that you can turn to again and again. For purposes of investigation and education, one must have access to a large library, but for culture in the true sense, it is surprising what a few books will do. Wide reaching these should be, but for many there is danger in the multitude of books. This is wholesome advice, and the young man who follows it will soon be able to make a wise selection for himself.

The warning against promiscuous and continuous novel-reading was especially opportune. "The selections should be carefully made, and novel-reading should not be too freely indulged in. It was pernicious, seductive, at the time, no doubt, but sure to impair the mental abilities." The fact is that in this so-called scientific age there are a great many people reduced to a flabby, mental condition, unfit to form a clear, deliberate judgment on any serious matter, because they spend too much of their time reading fiction of a very low order. We do not preach total abstinence in this connection, but what Mr. Smith calls "careful selection." Fiction has its uses, and at the best those are high ones, but as a mere pastime or mental stimulant it is full of danger.

Dr. Gray's Last Message.

The last issue of the Chicago Interior contains a touching dying message from its late editor, the Rev. Dr. William C. Gray, to his editorial brethren of the religious weekly press. This is the message:

"I expect within a few hours to glide off the stage like a launching ship and be floated on the wide ocean of eternity, and I desire to say to my contemporaries of the press, of whom I am probably the senior, that they have contributed to the pleasures of my long editorial life. I have never met one of the fraternity who did not leave me happier when he retired. There has, therefore, grown up in me a more than a respectful, even an affectionate regard for the members of the religious editorial fraternity, and to them I send a cordial and loving greeting. I expect in a few hours to be in the shadows which are only a brighter life, and from that misty region I call back most cordially God prosper and bless you all. It pleases me to think that this shall be among the last of my coherent thoughts."

Dr. Gray was a born editor. Like every real editor with cumulative experience and influence, his personality was inseparably inwrought with the Chicago Interior, just as the people of Canada so long as he lived thought of George Brown and the Globe as interchangeable terms. Rev. Dr. Hillis paid Dr. Gray a noble compliment when he said that "things seemed a little safer with his presence in the world."

A Great Newspaper.

The special issue of the Philadelphia North American for Sept. 29 magnificently commemorates the new 20-story building and the new and energetic plans of what is conceded to be one of the leading daily newspapers in the world. The North American was founded in 1852, but the new impulse of energy under direction of W. B. Wanamaker (son of John Wanamaker, the great merchant) has been such as to thoroughly modernize and practically re-create the paper. The special issue to which we refer takes the reader, by illustrated description, through every part of the process of making of a great newspaper. The Philadelphia North American is a great newspaper; it has achieved a great standing, and The Advertiser wishes it a continuance of its great success.

Yacht Racing.

There seems to be naturally what we may call a sporting element in human nature, and within proper limits it may not be unhealthy. It is perhaps partly a remainder from the earlier days when the lives of men were not so artificial, not so much hemmed in by the machinery of civilization, but were freer, more adventurous, and in closer contact with nature. In this land, with its forests, lakes and mountains, there is still something of the primeval open to those who care to seek it. But in the large cities of old or new countries where men are confined and cramped, there are close, stifling influences, which drive men to seek excitement. When this is sought in drinking and gambling, it begets a feverish life, which in most cases leads to shallow ruin. It is a fair amount of recreation, if recreation becomes the main thing, then it becomes a small thing, harmful instead of helpful, but though there are dangers, all sensible men recognize that it has a place in a well-balanced life. Life is very largely a competition; this has its evils, but it does not seem possible now to get away from it; and it is a great thing for men to learn to fight fair. Hence a contest like that between the Shamrock II. and the Columbia has interest for a wide circle of people. These two boats represent the energy and enterprise of two great peoples. It is evident that two boats have been built, manned and equipped on the most scientific principles, to attain certain ends; that no expense, thought or skill have been spared, and that the result is something like equality. Of course, these are mere racing machines; that is the end and aim of their being, and everything is made to work towards that end. Such sport is an expensive luxury, only open to a large purse or to a combination of purses; but the spirit of healthy rivalry that has been produced and the temper of fair play that has been shown can be carried into less ambitious sports and many homely enterprises. It is no dishonor to lose a contest, especially when the loss is but by a hairsbreadth, after every means has been used to win. The great thing is to be defeated and to carry victory in a spirit of fairness and moderation.

The Hamilton Post, a daily morning paper, has suspended publication after sixteen months' trial. The chief difficulty in making a morning paper successful in Hamilton was, of course, the proximity of that city to Toronto; the morning newspapers of the provincial capital arriving and being delivered in Hamilton before breakfast. The Spectator a few years ago had a morning issue, but found it more profitable and judicious to drop the morning edition and confine operations to the evening field. The arrangements of modern life are such that the evening affords with most people the principal opportunity for newspaper reading; and as the evening newspapers bring up the news of the day from all parts of the world to within a few minutes of publication, naturally it is the evening newspapers that are principally read.

A Candid Confession.

[Toronto Star.]
You can't drop a nickel in the slot and get religion.

'Not Wanted' Mr. Whitney.

[Kingston Whig.]
Mr. Whitney is great as a destructive force, and there is no demand for his service. The province may trust him, as the obstructor of the government in all its efforts to open up New Ontario, but it is hardly likely. The party which has some constructive service, which has contributed to present results, which is allied with the men that are producing the wonderful changes in this new country, which has saved the land itself to the people, merits the commendation of the electors, and will receive it when the time for action arrives.

Humor and Pathos.

[New York Observer.]
It is well to be as cheerful as possible under the most untoward circumstances of life. President McKinley has given marked proof of his bravery by his calmness and cheerfulness under trial. One day he humorously complained to an attendant of the narrowness of the hospital cot on which he was lying. "Why, it's no bigger than a bunk on a warship," he said, "and I am supposed to be commander-in-chief of the navy!" Such humor is not levity, but true kindness to one's fellow-men. Everyone has burdens to bear, but a little wit mingled with the wisdom of life will do much to lighten such loads. How true the president's heart was to the solemnities of existence was evidenced by the fact that as he passed under the influence of the ether, as the operation was about to be performed, he was heard by the attending physicians to murmur softly the Lord's Prayer.

DON'T TALK ABOUT BEING NEGLECTED

Ella Wheeler Wilcox Says: "Take the Mental Attitude That No One Can Slight You."

LIFE'S HARMONIES.

Let no man pray that he know no sorrow,
Let no soul ask to be free from pain,
For the gall of today is the sweet of tomorrow,
And the moment's loss is the life-time gain.
Through want of a thing does its worth redouble,
Through hunger's pangs does the least content,
And only the heart that has harbored trouble
Can fully rejoice when joy is sent.

Let no man shrink from the bitter tones
Of grief, and yearning, and need,
For the rarest chords in the soul's harmonies
Are found in the minor strains of life.

Do not, I beg of you, go whining through the earth and complaining that you are "misunderstood," "neglected" or "slandered." The person who forever talks of being misunderstood is one who is too easily understood. We see his egoism and selfishness, and leave him alone.

The man who believes that he believes himself a mere humble worm on earth, as a rule, possesses color, vanity, and the one who finds his selfish nature hurt at every turn, and suffers from being "slandered," is rarely thoughtful of other people. If you really do put a very low value upon yourself, rest assured the world will not raise your price. It will take you at your word and buy and sell you cheaply.

If you desire to be looked up to, never say that anyone has "looked down upon you." People are like sheep, and follow a leader. You will win pity but never sympathy, for such confessions, and what is more humiliating than the pity of our associates?

We pity the sick, the physically or mentally afflicted, the fallen men and women; but it is little less than a blow in the face to give pity to the abject and mentally equipped.

We create the opinions of others about us by our own. If you respect yourself wholly, others will respect you.

Whatever your misfortunes may be, poverty, lack of family background or religious faith, ignore all these things in your thoughts. Regard yourself as an individual personality, worthy of all respect, courtesy and admiration which is bestowed upon noble qualities—and believe that every soul capable of appreciation will bestow it upon you.

Learn to entertain yourself and to entertain others. Insist upon being talked to by your friends about your woes and how much you are misused by fate and people, talk to them of their own misdeeds, and when you speak of yourself relate happiness and success.

The world likes to hear of these things, if they are not told in a boasting or purple-prose manner. It never loves to hear of misfortune and discontent and failure.

You can, of course, speak to a near friend of your family troubles, but it is a relief, and a friend's sympathy is comforting.

Gas On the Stomach

result of imperfect digestion pressing up against the heart. It excites, alarming symptoms. Instantly relief is afforded by taking half an hour after the meal, ten drops of Polson's Nerveine in a little sweetened water. Nerveine aids digestion, expels the gas and imparts a sense of comfort. Nerveine is good for lots of other things, and wise people keep a 25¢ bottle in the house for rheumatism, cramps, neuralgia, toothache, etc. Try it.

DEBATE OVER KING STREET TAR MACADAM

Ratepayers Seek to Delay Passing of Bylaw.

Mayor to Issue Proclamation About Royal Reception.

Cessation of Business From 10:30 a.m. Till the Departure of the Royal Party.

Last night's council session lasted nearly two hours and a half. The chief topic of discussion was the King street tar macadam pavement. The bylaw received its second reading, and the third reading is set for the next meeting of the council. The vexed question is nearing its quietus as it appears from the mayor's statement that the only matter to be considered by the council is the bylaw, and any petitions cannot be taken up. During the discussion, a lively verbal duel occurred between Ald. Jolly and Olmsted, with the honors about even. Others matters which came up for consideration were the regulation of bicyclists, the reception of royalty on Saturday, the death of Inspector Bell, the construction of coal sheds, and the death of R. R., and minor routine matters.

THE KING STREET MIX-UP.
The much-discussed King street pavement bylaw came up for consideration under the order of bylaws. A largely signed petition of property owners had been presented, praying that the council defer the passing of the bylaw until next year, so as to give further opportunity for testing the tar macadam pavement on Queen's avenue.

Ald. Campbell asked what effect the delay in passing the bylaw would have. Ald. Olmsted thought that it would throw the whole thing over for two years.

Ald. Winnett advocated passing the bylaw and letting the contract at once. The work could not be gone on with until next spring, but it would give the contractors ample time to collect the large quantities of material necessary for the work. The effort to delay the passing of the bylaw was only an attempt to saddle the city at large with the cost of the pavement.

In answer to a question, Mayor Rumball said that the bylaw was the only thing before the council for consideration. No petition now or to be seen in could affect the bylaw. The opposition to it seemed to have become a personal matter between two or three men.

Ald. Cooper, seconded by Ald. Garbutt, moved that the bylaw receive its second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Jolly then moved that the bylaw receive its third reading at the first meeting of council in November, that probably the city solicitor's opinion in writing as to its legality be obtained.

Ald. Olmsted moved in amendment that the third reading take place at the next meeting of the council.

Here it was that the sponsors of motion and amendment came to high words.

Ald. Olmsted explained that he wished to see the earlier date of reading chosen because several of the aldermen would be going out of the city about Nov. 1.

Ald. Jolly—They shouldn't go. They should stay and attend to the city's business. Ald. Olmsted appears anxious to shove this thing through. Some body must be going to make something by having these contracts awarded at once.

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New Black Suitings.

56-inch, heavy, at

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THE above importations are novelties that were not in the market for early fall buying. Newer and later designs, which have been brought out since fall orders have been placed. We are passing them into stock today. They are bright and new, and here just when you want them.

See This Collection While Complete, They Will Be Eagerly Bought.

New Dress Goods.

New Black Panno Finish Cheviots, 44-inch, at 85c, \$1.25 and \$1.40. Stylish suiting for fall season of 1901.
New Panno Finish Zibeline Suits, in black, blue, brown, green, gray and garnet, very new, per yard, \$1.25 and \$1.40.
New Black Silk Poplins, 46-inch, per yard, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.
New Barritz Cloth, black and colors, a beautiful finish cloth, with corded back, 46-inch, per yard, 85c and 95c.
New Cashmere Velours, heavy satin finish cloth, 45-inch wide, for house dress or waists, in pastel shades of green and blue, garnet, cardinal, pink, sky; per yard, 50c and 60c.
New Venetian Suitings, broadcloth finish, in garnet, castor, navy, brown, biscuit, gray and black; per yard, 95c and \$1.50.

Battenburg Collars and Bolero Jackets, Creme and Linen Color. Samples at Makers' Prices.

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Bengaline Dress Silks, black, per yard, \$1.00, \$1.25, and \$1.50. No better and no richer dress silks than the Bengaline.
New Black Taffeta, 36-inch wide, per yard \$1.25 and \$1.50.
New fall colors in Taffeta, 65c, 75c and \$1.00.
New Louisiana Silk, white, black and cream.
New Persian and Paisley designs, in waist lengths, exclusive novelties; no two alike; \$1.25 to \$2.00 per yard.

Beavers, All Shades for Coats.

NEW FRENCH FLANNELS

Light tints in new Paisley and Persian designs; also black and gray tinted patterns; a beautiful collection of designs, and only two waists in each; per yard, 50c.
Persian effects, with satin stripe, beautiful tinted colorings for waists, in exclusive waist ends; per yard, 75c.

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The resolution was carried by a standing vote.

On motion of Ald. Stevely, seconded by Ald. Campbell, it was decided that the council, in a body, attend the funeral of Inspector Bell on Wednesday.

TO SUSPEND BUSINESS.
A draft of the proclamation to be issued by the mayor, re the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, was read and approved. It was published in the local papers on Wednesday and Friday.

The proclamation contains suggestions for the prevention of overcrowding, and provides for a cessation of business from 10:30 a.m. until the departure of the royal party.

From S. S. Glass, 321 Horton street, protesting against payment of income tax, No. 1.

From Mrs. Jessie Simmers, asking that her taxes for the year be placed against the property, No. 1.

From Joseph Young, 82 Elmwood avenue, re error of two feet in his assessment of frontage, No. 1.

From Buchner & Campbell, re damages for injuries sustained by Robert Northgraves on Becher street, No. 2.

From Edward Gillett, et al., petition for cement walk on south side Phillips street, from William to Port Stanley Railway tracks, No. 2.

From Fraser & Moore, re raising of sidewalk on east side Wellington street, north of Cheapside street, No. 2.

From Wm. Guymer and wife, John Deacon and Jane Pearce, applying for admission to the Aged People's Home. Referred to mayor and acting inspector, Wm. Guymer, one of the applicants, died on Sunday.

From John H. Grayson, re state of affairs for the United States, acknowledging council's resolution of sympathy on death of President McKinley. Filed for reference.

RIDOUT STREET SIDEWALK.
A communication from City Engineer Grayson was read. The engineer said that in view of the extraordinary and unfounded statements made by Mr. Thos. Smallman that the engineer had taken advantage of his absence in England and that a conspiracy existed to force the putting down of a permanent walk in front of the property of Mr. Smallman on Ridout street south, and as exception might be taken of the legal right of Messrs. Pope & Beattie to sign the petition and exempt their property, thus involving the city in a law suit, the engineer recommended that the bylaw for the proposed sidewalk be not passed and the construction of the work be postponed indefinitely.

The moral onus of having a sidewalk in such a condition as the present one would not be upon the city or the engineer. The communication was filed for reference.

DON'T WANT COAL SHEDS.
From John Robertson, et al., and 54 others, residents on property abutting on the London and Port Stanley Railway between the Hamilton road and Thames River, asking that the L. E. and D. R. R. be restrained from constructing coal sheds, railroad sidings or any similar works that would prove a public nuisance and lower the value of property near the railway tracks.

On motion the matter was referred to the Port Stanley board with a recommendation that the board use their influence with the lessees in the endeavor to have the company locate any erections of the kind as near the river as possible, so as not to injure property in the neighborhood.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.
No. 3 committee report, consisting of one clause, re the abatement of a nuisance, was adopted without objection.

All but one of the four clauses of No. 2 committee's report were adopted without question. The clause providing that no approaches be made on cement walks except on the order of the engineer and then only in cases where absolutely necessary, provoked some discussion. The vote on its adoption stood 5 to 5, but the mayor voted with the committee, and the clause carried.

No. 1 committee's report referred to council the matter of the city's claim against Contractor Robert Grant, of \$275 for use of the stone crusher; Mr. George C. Gunn addressed the council,

explaining Mr. Grant's impression that the crusher was to be paid for only according to the number of days used, and making an offer of \$150 in full settlement. The offer was accepted. The balance of No. 1's report was adopted.

TO REGULATE BICYCLISTS.
Ald. Beattie's motion that a bylaw be passed compelling bicyclists to keep to the right side of the road and to carry a bell and a lamp was considered. After discussion, in which some aldermen expressed their opinion that the bicyclists were restricted enough, while others advocated the passage of a bylaw, the whole matter was referred to No. 1 committee to report upon the provisions of the suggested bylaw.

Bylaws providing for the construction of cement sidewalks were passed.

OVERCHARGING HORSEMEN.
Ald. Jolly arose to a question of privilege. The horsemen selling horses to British army buyers, he said, were being compelled to pay an exorbitant rental for the horse sheds at the fair grounds. If this was continued, it would be detrimental to London's chances of securing the remount station, which St. Thomas is making a fight to get. These horsemen come in to the city and spend \$3,000 or \$4,000 for fodder, and it is foolish to affront them for the sake of \$200 or \$300 rental.

The matter was referred to No. 1 committee to confer with the Western Fair board.

Council then adjourned.

Those present were: Mayor Rumball, Ald. Winnett, Campbell, Olmsted, Jolly, Garratt, Gerry, Stevely, Cooper, Beattie, Cronyn and Greenlees, and Secretary Kingston.

ABANDONED IT
For the Old Fashioned Coffee Was Killing.

"I always drank coffee with the rest of the family, for it seemed as if there was nothing for breakfast if we did not have it on the table. The passage of a bylaw, the whole matter was referred to No. 1 committee to report upon the provisions of the