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Criticizing the Ministers.

NO SMALL amount of newspaper

criticism has been caused by

the discussions that have taken place

at some of the conference meetings

of the Methodist Church, particularly

in regard to the use of tobacco by

ministers, probationers and profes-

sors in theological departments of

their upper schools.

Strange, perhaps, that so much

should be said about this one dis-

cussion, more, perhaps, than about

all the other matters that were taken

up, the reason being that the discus-

sion came close home to the pet

pastime of a good many men. Whether

any good purpose was served by

bringing the subject up at the

conference is another matter.

It is interesting to note the length

to which some of the critics go in

bringing the pipe into the church.

Here, for instance, is part of a long

comment from the Kingston Whip.

"Look over the roll of organiza-

tions of any church, and it will be

found that at least 90 per cent of

them are women's organizations, and

that being the case, they must have

90 per cent of the minister's at-

tention. This is, to some extent, due

to the fact that our ministers, in

many cases, have a tendency towards

effeminacy. The men look upon the

present-day codes of the churches as

too restrictive upon their personal

judgment, and in this matter, which

has been under consideration in To-

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OWN YOUR HOME IS RIGHT IDEA

Experienced Realtor Discussed Various Methods That Have Been Tried.

WHAT is the most satisfactory method of dealing with the housing situation—have a housing commission, buy a lot and build, have a firm build houses, or to try and rent them?

The Advertiser asked a number of realtors in Western Ontario for their experience in these matters. Alex. Simmers, of Alexander, Coleridge & Simmers, Windsor, is a strong advocate of the "Own Your Own Home" idea, and does not look with favor upon the renting of a home. He deals with the matter in a large way, and has an extensive experience from which to draw. Mr. Simmers says:

THE best minds of the real estate profession have been dealing with this question for a great many years, and the National Real Estate Board of America has had a committee at work endeavoring to form a solution that would be permanent. I may say, however, that while the Board of Real Estate Board advocated and endorsed the plan of building houses under the Housing Commission, and if our requisition to the Ontario government had been carried out, with rapidity, the results would have been better than they were. It was my own view, and the view of the majority of the Real Estate Board, that the government should meet the problem arising from the scarcity of capital for home building during the period following the war in a manner that would be almost radical in its nature.

We pointed out to the government at that time that it must be carried on in a business way; that the house building should not be a matter of charity, but that the finances of the province or municipality could be used for building purposes, and should be loaned to the borrower at a sufficient margin over cost to pay for the supervision and operating of the funds. The government in its legislation, however, departed from that view, and loaned it at a lower rate of interest than the government was paying for it. In our opinion that was poor business, and would ultimately lead to disaster.

I CAN speak, however, for the Housing Commission of Windsor, Sandwich and Farnham, which has been under consideration in Toronto. They will find good grounds for their belief. The churches need ministers who are men's men, and the average man likes to see a minister who can sit down and enjoy a pipe with him as they talk over the matters which they have in common. The ministers who are successful in winning the interest of men are ministers who can do this, and that should be sufficient to dissuade any church body from enforcing regulations which would in any way hinder the freest fellowship between the pastors and the men of their congregations.

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Smoking, like many other habits, is a matter of personal judgment, and it cannot be put in any other class. If a man feels he is right in the habit, it is hard to see where any church law can stop him. If, on the other hand, he feels that his example is of greater importance than his personal pleasure, then, by the same code of church ethics, he must curb his desire to smoke. The attempt, though, to build up one standard of living for the pulpit and another for the pew is a hard matter to justify.

Creates Good Feeling. EMBELLISHING a spirit of good fellowship, which is highly commendable, members of the Irish Benevolent Society of London are accomplishing a real mission in making life worth living in the Forest City. Not only are their efforts bearing fruit this year, but they have done so for more than four decades.

Contrary to the expectation of the casual onlooker, who is familiar with the political situation in Ireland at the present time, there is no enmity bred between these London Irishmen when they get together. Politics and religion are relegated to the background.

An ingenious method of selecting officers for the society eliminates all possibility of religious jealousy. The chief officer of the Irish Benevolent Society is elected, to a minor degree, on the strength of his religious persuasion.

That is to say, a Roman Catholic president of the Irish Benevolent Society is always succeeded by a Protestant president, and the same method of selection is adhered to for the position of secretary. When a Roman Catholic president is elected he has for his assistant a Protestant secretary, with the order reversed the following year.

All of which makes for good fellowship, and augurs well for the harmony so characteristic of the Irish Benevolent Society. Membership fees of this organization are devoted entirely to charitable institutions of London each year. The

Murder Comes In. MURDER has come in and taken the place of the peaceful strike that has been carried on by the miners of the United States coal fields for some months now.

Striking miners, according to reports that cannot be doubted, have armed themselves and shot to death men who continued to work in places on which a strike had been called by the organized miners.

Organized labor the world over will regret this practice and call for its punishment as quickly as any

LITTLE 'TISERS

Only 20 cents per person is spent for soap each year in Canada. Saturday night is surely going to the dogs.

Unfortunately times do come up quite often when the whole thing rests on whether you have the money or whether you have none.

And now comes a garage man with a phrase to show that he knows something about advertising. It reads: "Invite us to your blow-out."

Statistics show there is one auto to every nineteen people in Canada, so every nineteenth chap stands a pretty fair chance of not getting run over.

Here's a 1922 definition: My idea of a friend is a man who knows you haven't anything in the cellar and yet comes around to see you just the same.

Glancing at the notices of the June weddings that are running on the woman's page gives a fairly correct answer to the old query as to why girls leave home.

We're feeling a bit safer now that Mars has eased off in its course towards us. It was a fairly narrow squeeze, too, as that planet just missed us by 42,500,000 miles.

Clothing is now made in Italy out of feathers. And right in our own country some folks have been clothed in feathers, accompanied by tar. The costume was never popular, though.

Some of our fruit growers claim the strawberries are so big this year that they can only bring the smaller ones to market, as the big ones wouldn't go in the top of a quart seller.

The Ontario Motor League has out a new set of rules, and right at the start says: "Put yourself behind the other man's steering wheel." Yes, and then the cop comes along and puts you behind the bars for so doing.

Kingston Penitentiary is now so full that it is hard to get accommodation there. The solution should be easy, as many of the inmates would be glad of a chance to get out and give the newcomers a chance.

LEARN A WORD EVERY DAY

TODAY'S word is MORON.

It has not yet been long enough in use to appear in the dictionary, but usually is pronounced MORE-ON, with the two syllables almost equally accented.

It means—a man or a woman who is mentally deficient, but above the mental grade of an idiot; an adult with a child's mind; a person, physically mature whose mental growth stopped at the age—generally so placed—of 8 to 12.

It comes from—Greek "moros," fool.

It's used like this—"A moron, neglected, is a danger to society, but with proper training, he may become a contented and useful laborer."

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Here at Scotch Doubles

Our London Thistles bowlers

Gied out a tourney ca',

Sae, we'd bowlers here as-

sembled

Frae miles an' miles awa'—

Frae miles an' miles awa'—

Oh! I lo'e tae see lawn-bowlers

In competition keen.

We gied them a glad welcome

In spite o' Wednesday's rains:

I spied gladly 'mang their num-