

"The Just Reward of the Honest Days Work"

"Every man is an idealist imprisoned in a materialist. Or it might be more accurate to say that he is an idealist imprisoned by a materialist."

"It must be confessed that, during the more comfortable periods of life, most of us do not greatly resent our imprisonment."

"It is probable, however, that in every man, even though he may be unconscious of it, there always survives an idealist longing to escape."

—MR. ROBERT LYND,
in St. Martin's Review.

"It may be said that every man and woman can serve their country by doing honest work. And that, undoubtedly, is as important an act of patriotism as the support of any party in the State," says Mr. Robert Lynd in the St. Martin's Review. "It is extraordinarily easy to persuade people that other people ought to work honestly, but it is not always easy to persuade them that they themselves ought to work honestly."

"Thus nearly all the attacks on the 'laziness' of the working-classes come from the upper and middle classes, and most of the attacks on shopkeepers on the score of comparable vice come from outside the ranks of the shopkeepers themselves. The truth is, however, that there are honest and dishonest workers in every class."

"The shopkeeper who is not content with a just price, and who attempts to maintain war-time prices long after they have ceased to be justified, is as dishonest a worker as the most workshy unemployed he has ever sacked from his establishment; the cook who is content to serve up uneatable meal after an honest worker as the laziest capitalist who ever died of over-eating."

"Manufacturers, lawyers, doctors, carpenters, cooks, artists, writers and shopkeepers, we may all be divided roughly into two classes—those who do the best they can and those who do the least they can. Possibly, it was so even with soldiers during the war."

"One of the most hopeful things in the world at present, I am convinced, is the continued existence of a vast multitude of men and women who do their day's work, not necessarily because they love work, but because they love doing their work as well as it can possibly be done."



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If you go into the great manufacturing towns and visit an engineering works or a shipyard or a silver-smith's, you will see men working as hard and as honestly, I am sure, as men have ever worked since Eden.

Plenty of Honest Workers

"Nor is the honest manufacturer extinct, or the honest butcher, or the honest author, or the honest publican. There are far more honest men alive than ever got mentioned in the papers. You can recognise them by the fact that they seldom waste their time in accusing other people of being lazy. It is the laziest members of the upper and middle classes who most often accuse the working classes of being lazy; and it is probably the laziest members of the working classes who are most firmly convinced that nobody outside their own ranks ever does an honest day's work for a living."

"I do not pretend that honest work is the key to all the problems that perplex humanity; but, apart from religion and the affections, it is the chief means by which the idealist in the ordinary man can escape on ordinary days from the materialist who imprisons him. The trouble is that, in modern times, more and more men are discouraged from doing their best work by the suspicion that, if they do, some one else will cheat them out of their just reward."

"Hence, if we wish to see human beings working for the common good during peace-time, as they fought for the common good during the war, it seems to me that we must by some political or social means establish the principle of the just reward, whether for the manufacturer or for the shopkeeper or for the artisan."

"Just." Both at Home and Abroad.

"The business of the world is still carried on upon a theory of the advantage of buying in the cheapest market and selling in the dearest, which all the history of religion and poetry and scientific progress proves to be a lie. It is the central principle of materialism, while we accept it at home, there is no use in advocating the League of Nations abroad, for if 'grab' is right in one relation, it is right all the world over."

"If, on the other hand, we can establish the principle of the just reward at home, we shall be in a position to defeat the principle of 'the Devil take the hindmost' in the affairs of the world at large. The first step to prevent war will be the first step to prevent war. And there is no other means not only of escaping from materialism, but of helping men in general to escape from materialism. Except in a world that, at least, aims at the establishment of the just reward, the rich man and the poor man alike must live in chains."

"At the construction of Wembley Exhibition the work of the plasterers towards the end, when they were paid exorbitant wages, was so little that I discovered the only way to improve matters was to discharge five out of every eight men. Three honest men could do more alone than three dishonest men with five dishonest men watching to retard them," writes Sir Charles Allom in the Evening News, in a most interesting contribution.

"Three days before opening of the Exhibition painting work had been so wittily retarded that the taking-on of a stepladder was suggested; and one stepladder from a hanging crane painted a minaret in two days; five painters did a similar one in eight days, from a very costly scaffolding."

"Bricklayers could work at least twice as fast as they do. Less coal is mined in a day than before the war. I am convinced that, taking things all round, at least one-fifth of the English working man's day is wasted."

"Everyone can see the immediate result in the case of the painters and plasterers. If these men worked faster far more work at higher prices might be done. As it is people put off for an indefinite time the evil day when they must have these men in their houses. They would pay the same price to be rid of them in half the time."

"The Evening News, a day later, printed the views of other experienced men. Their messages to that newspaper cover a wide field. The Right Hon. G. N. Barnes, formerly secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, Pensions Minister, 1916-18, writes:—

"I am in favour of a man rendering a good day's work and of paying him by results; these things I advocated while I was at the head of the engineers' society, and I have continued to advocate them ever since."

"The conclusion I formed, however, when close up to the facts, was that slackness came not of positive teaching, but of an inherited mentality; men really thought that the less work they did the more would be left for their masters to do. That was at the bottom of the trouble—the perverted conception of work as being a fixed quantity."

"The leaders were really followers, in that they knew of this mentality and did not combat it. I am inclined to think that the same holds

good to-day; and I am not prepared to endorse sweeping assertions of positive encouragement of malingering on the part of the leaders. I think Sir Charles Allom has over-stated the case."

Mr. W. L. Hichens, chairman of Cammell Laird and Co., and a director of the L.M.S. Railway, states:—"It is not my experience that the British workman is deteriorating. In the business with which I am connected he is working hard and well, and can challenge comparison with the workers of any other nation in the world."

"I believe that many of the complaints of inefficiency are the result of bad supervision and organisation." Mr. W. A. Appleton, secretary of the General Federation of Trade Unions, too, in an interesting comment, asserts:—

"The generalisations of Sir Charles Allom are too sweeping and too inclusive. It is true that there are some labour officials and a large number of workmen who advocate and practice restrictions of output. They believe that in doing less work themselves they are leaving more for the other fellow. Neither the official nor the workman in these cases seems to understand that restriction of output adds to overhead charges, and ultimately decreases the probability of an effective demand for even the restricted output."

"It is amusing, however, to suggest, even inferentially, that one of them understands this economic truth and that none of them seeks to either preach or practise it. The unfortunate attitude of mind which exists in some quarters—though nothing like so seriously as Sir Charles Allom seems to suggest—is mainly due to two things: First, to the practice of cutting wages when the employer believed they were too high; and, second, to the fact that has been encouraged during the last twenty years in political solution of economic problems."—Public Opinion.

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A Master Journalist

TALES OF A GREAT SCOTSMAN.

It is given to many people to be handicapped by illness. It is given to few, however, to be thus handicapped and yet live a strenuous, successful life of over seventy years. Sir William Robertson Nicoll, C.H.—whose biography has been recently written by T. H. Darlow—was one of the few.

From being the eldest son of a Scottish minister—whose income was often much nearer £100 than £200 a year and largely went in books—young Nicoll rose to be the founder and editor of The British Weekly, and one of the greatest journalists of his time.

Yet for the greater part of his life he was gravely handicapped by a weak lung which made a semi-invalid of him. But in spite of this drawback he managed to get through a tremendous amount of work.

His literary output was amazing. On occasion he was known to dictate as many as 10,000 words a week—the equivalent in length of about eight-een short stories in "The W."—and even then two or three days of the week he would have to spend in bed.

As a proof of his capacity for work, an incident that took place during the great Tariff Reform struggle may be mentioned. Nicoll had undertaken to write an article on the subject for a "Big London" paper, and it was arranged that he should call at the office after a big meeting, and write an article on the whole business for the next morning's edition.

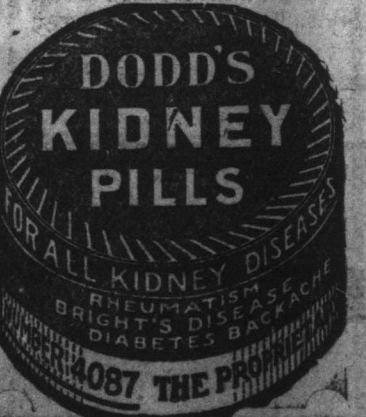
He arrived half an hour before midnight with a big pile of Blue Books under his arm and looking almost too frail to be at work.

"Can I have a stenographer?" he asked. "I am going on somewhere else and can't spare more than twenty minutes."

One of the staff volunteered to "take down" for him, and was no sooner seated than Nicoll began. He went on without a break, touching on statistics from the Blue Books as they were needed, and never hesitating for a fact or word.

As he said his last word he got to his feet, and was gone before the twenty minutes were over. It was a masterly article on a complicated and highly technical subject, yet it was quite unnecessary for him to hear it read over.

As is the way with Scotsmen, he

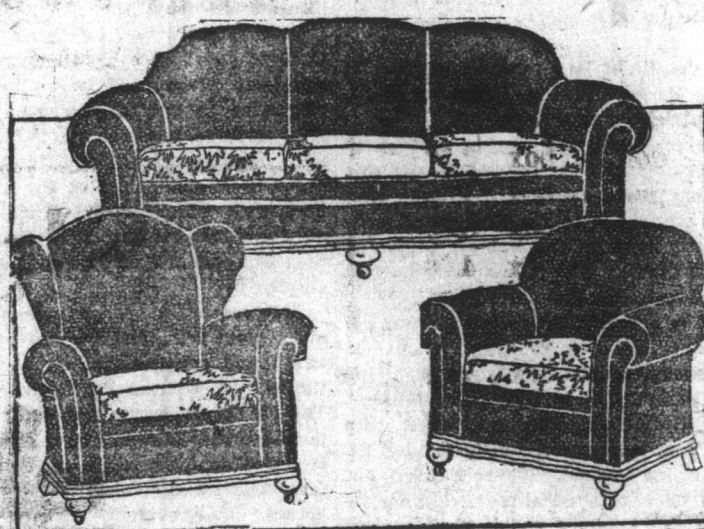


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England. It would have been built long ago but for the immense cost of the tunnelling work required in the densely populated area it crosses. In all, £200,000 has been spent upon it. The traffic expected, however, is correspondingly large, the new service providing for 140 trains daily.—Christian Science Monitor.

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A Lone Highwayman

HAS EIGHT HOLD-UPS TO HIS CREDIT AT MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—A lone highwayman is operating in a small way in Montreal, having in his list to date eight hold-ups which netted him \$513. His last robbery was thirteen

dollars from Dr. Dominique Duperron at the latter's garage, Sherbrooke Street, East. He told the doctor to "hold them up," and rifled his pockets. Other work credited to the lone worker was the taking of ten dollars from a negro, forty-five dollars from a small store, ninety-six dollars from a candy store, in the Forum Building, and forty-six dollars from a butcher shop. His only recorded failure was in a Craig Street restaurant where the proprietor resisted. The marauder, who had first asked for charity, was given two apples, then fired a shot and ran out. The proprietor chased him and fired three shots without effect.

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