



Principal Patrick on the Needs of the West.

Sir,—To set forth what the West needs in the compass of a short letter is as difficult as to preach a three-minute sermon—a difficulty which most sacred orators regard as insuperable. But in compliance with your wishes I shall specify what I hold to be the chief needs of the West at the present moment.

The West needs more Christianity. The Christian is the ideal citizen. The highest manhood and womanhood are possible only through Christianity, and the amount and degree of this manhood and womanhood are the sign of the greatness of a state. Every



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one of us needs to become a better Christian if the West is to become what it should. And no effort must be spared to carry the ordinances of Christianity to the most distant quarters. On our civilization rests our Christianity.

The West needs more education. Why should education in Manitoba not be compulsory? Those who need it most are not getting it. Why, too, should there be no educational test before leaving school? Much of the money spent on education is wasted; witness the bad reading and spelling which are so common. In this country no scholar should leave school

without a love for nature, books and art.

The West needs greater respect for industry, for the plough, the saw, the trowel, the forge, for labor in all its forms. Too many do their work carelessly, coarsely, badly. Bad work is bad conduct.

The West needs to learn how to spend money. We want to have comfort, beauty, grace in the home and all that surrounds it. But we must eschew the vulgar display of wealth, costly viands, sumptuous entertainments, rivalry in expenditure. Prosperity has its duties and one of these is to contribute its full share to the common welfare. The time has come when our wealthiest men should give largely to public objects, should found and endow schools, colleges, churches, hospitals, libraries and public parks. This is the true use of wealth from a Christian standpoint.

The West needs greater freedom from party spirit. The tone of public life is low. Our newspapers are unscrupulous, intolerant, untruthful. Men are loyal to their party at the expense of their conscience and their judgment. Why should not the capable and the honest men who form the great body of the public not refuse to be led by men of whose characters, motives, language, and acts they disapprove.

The West needs more public spirit. The ablest men do not serve the community as they should. They decline to take the necessary pains or to pay the necessary price, but they themselves and their households and the whole community have to endure the loss and humiliation due to ignorance, incapacity, vanity, weakness, and presumption. The West is sound, but it needs leadership.

Finally, the West needs the grace of modesty, humility, reticence and dignity.

Ever truly yours,

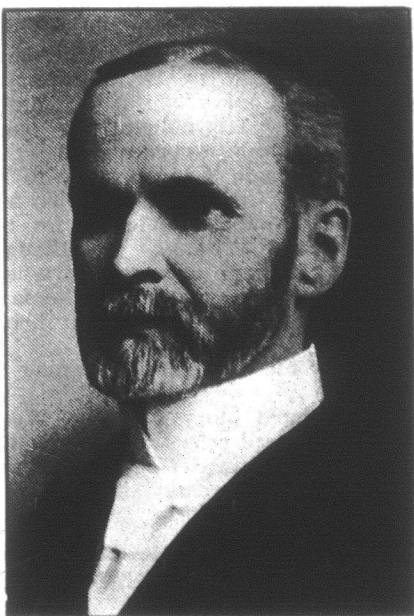
Wm. Patrick.

Manitoba College, May 19, 1905.

Principal McDiarmid on the Kind of Immigrant the West Needs.

The broad expanse of fertile soil in the Canadian West, with climate so propitious to grain-growing and stock-raising, furnishes material conditions for the making of a great nation. Transportation facilities, so necessary also to the development of the nation,

are keeping pace fairly well with the growing needs. But these things alone, however great they are and however commensurate with the demands, will not make a country great. No country can be greater than the people who occupy it and develop its resources. Nor is it the number of people dwelling in a country that makes it great. With the census enumerator every man is equal to every other man. But in making his country great this is not the case. Some men are worth more to a country than ten thousand others. Many people are a detriment to the



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country in which they live. Their presence makes the country less desirable. They are a curse to it, and not a blessing. It is very apparent, therefore, that a first consideration in the making of our Canadian West should be the kind of people being built into its national structure. Right moral principles and practices are of the first moment. There are great evils becoming prevalent that, unless held in check, will work great damage to our country. The growth of the liquor traffic, gambling practices and kindred evils should rouse true patriots to earnest action toward the suppression of these destructive forces. We want a people of high moral instincts, and lofty purpose. We want such a people developed intellectually that they may rise to their highest possibilities of good. Make the people what they ought to be, and with the unbounded material resources of this land, the country will become great.

A. P. McDiarmid.

Brandon College, May 25, 1905.

The girl who owns a horse should know how to groom and feed him as well as be able to saddle for herself. Thus independent, she will find her horse a source of much pleasure and a sure remedy against megrims, or fancied ailments.

Mrs. George W. Lethbridge, of this City, to Her Friend, Mrs. Earnest Creasy.

King Edward Hotel,
Toronto, May 15, 1905.

My dear Ethel—George and I have just returned from Niagara Falls, where we had the loveliest time, though the weather was just too horrible for anything the first few days, as it rained continuously. I have been going to write you ever so often as I promised, but dear, you know how busy one is kept very minute of the time when one is making a short visit here. George never gives one a moment to stop, what with theatres, dinner parties, 'mobile runs, social engagements and shopping there is no rest. Yesterday afternoon we attended a concert, or rather I should say a piano recital. Knowing how dearly you love music, I felt dreadfully bad because you were not along. That long-haired musician, you know, with the foreign name which I cannot spell, was at the Morris piano, and the way he played made me sit fairly spellbound, and once I found myself fairly sobbing with sympathy. Oh, it was wonderful, but Ethel, dear, while some people marvelled at the performance, I was carried away by the tone of the piano, which was so responsive to every sentiment of the performer—when he seemed in a passion the notes were furiously loud and clear and resonant, and when his anger died away the sweetness and softness of the music was as gentle as a southern zephyr or the limpid waters of a purling brook. George, too, was so enraptured that he says he is going to Barrowclough's as soon as we get home to see on what terms we can exchange our piano for a "Morris." I have heard the Morris Piano company are very liberal and that their prices are actually as low as are asked in Toronto. At the recital I had my eyes wide open to catch sight of the newest in styles, for some of Toronto's most fashionable people were in the audience. A very large hat of rustic straw, tricked out with folds of—but I will be home in a few days, and I am going to see you every afternoon for a week to tell you about the millinery and dresses I saw at Eaton's. They were gorgeous. I hope I will be in time for Eaton's opening in Winnipeg. It will be a great event.

Sincerely,

GEORGIE.

P.S.—If you have time, Ethel dear, do please step in at the Morris piano store on Portage avenue. Mr. S. L. Barrowclough is manager, and is very obliging. Ask him to let you see the pianos, so that you may tell me on my return which case design you most admire.

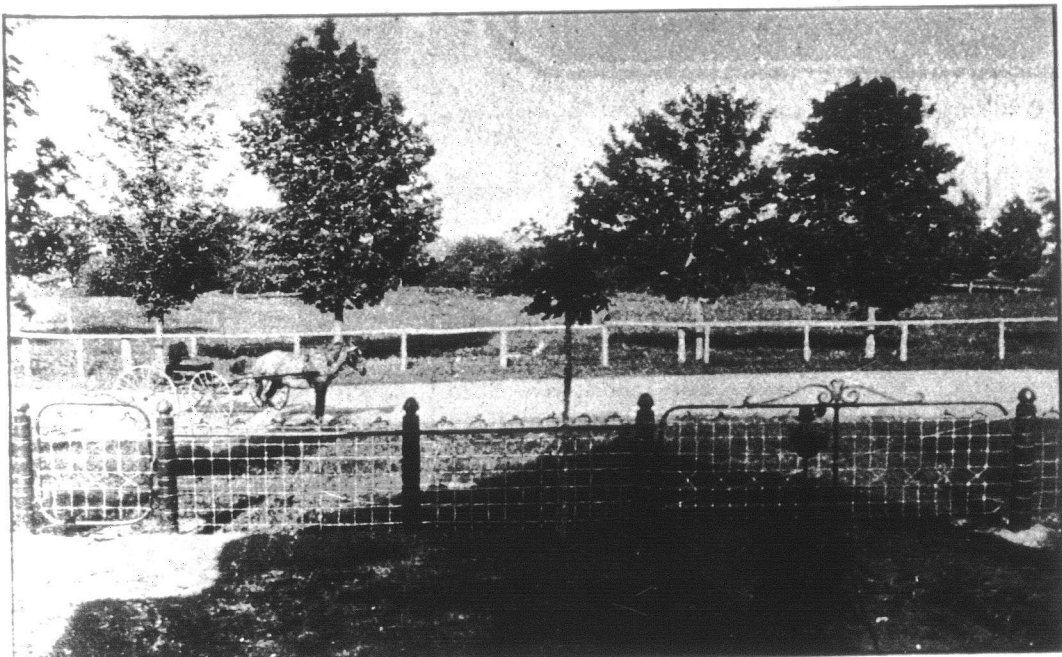
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