

EVENTS.

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A STORY WITH A MORAL

Recently in a popular weekly there appeared in two installments a short story, which in its appeal to the student of human character is scarcely less forcible than the realistic productions of the imaginative Balzac. The theme and characters, while not by any means original, are deftly and originally handled. In fact the novelty of treatment gives the story distinction. There are three characters and we will first deal with them separately. The most important one—if we accept his own estimation of himself—is a very wealthy young man of gentility. He is wedded to the form and convention of the ultra smart world and unwedded to any sort of manual labor. The next character in importance is his fiancée, whose chief conformity to good forms we take it, is found in her entrancing contours. Unlike her fiancée she is of a decidedly romantic turn of mind. The other character is a man servant who possesses many qualities not to be found in the average person of his station in life. He is handsome, educated, tactful and like the woman in this story is quite ready to meet the demands of a romantic situation. In short he is chiefly distinguished for his gallantry. Well, the rich young man, his fiancée and his servant as a result of a yacht wreck are cast away on an uninhabited island in the southern Pacific, far from the tracks for ocean vessels. Immediately the servant "gets busy" and in an incredible short time erects a suitable abode for the young woman. He also cooks good meals and makes himself generally useful. The rich young man does what he can, which is very little. He finds it extremely hard to reconcile himself to the exigencies of the situation. He attempts to treat his servant in the same manner as he would in civilization and even goes so far as to tip him for a slight favor. He regrets that he is without his evening clothes; declines to enter the hut of his fiancée because it is her "boudoir" and even excuses himself for fainting from over exertion. In fact he acts in a perfectly ridiculous, though conscientious manner. The woman chafes under the extreme restraint exercised by her affianced husband and longs to take advantage of the opportunity offered for extreme relaxation. She begins to admire the splendid physique and capacity for work of the servant. While the rich young man sleeps at night the servant steps up to the door of her hut. He sits on the stoop and she sits near him. The conversation invariably takes a romantic turn, and it does not take the servant long to discover that he is happier on that island than he possibly could be in civilization. Under the influence of a full moon the girl tacitly agrees to marry the servant providing the trio form a government. On the following day the unsuspecting rich young man is a party to the formation of a government. Alas! Just as this ceremony is concluded a ship heaves in sight and in answer to a flag of distress a boat is lowered and sent to affect a rescue of the three castaways. On the arm of the rich young man the woman greets the rescuers. The servant follows at a respectable distance with the luggage in each hand. It will not be difficult to imagine the state of his feelings. There is plenty of food for thought in this story and we should like to have seen it followed to its logical conclusion. It would be well for prospective bridegrooms to profit

by the moral and contrive to be cast away on a lonely island in company with their fiancée and a handsome young man.

No less than forty two hunters met death in the state of Wisconsin during the game season which closed on Nov 30. The deaths were due to carelessness. Wisconsin is evidently the state of careless people.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT.

"The darker the criminal, the lighter the punishment," writes a philosophic friend in commenting on our observations of last week on "crime and punishment." I quite agree with you, he says, "that a man reared amid the influence of refinement and respectability should not receive the same punishment for a crime committed in a moment of weakness as that which is meted out to a hardened and habitual criminal. There should indeed be a very great distinction made."

Yes, and we believe the time is drawing near when such distinction will be made. It is not a question as to whether the punishment fits the crime, but a question as to whether the punishment fits the criminal. This, it seems to us should be the all important law governing the conduct of jurists. There are at the present time in the province of Ontario, three or four men under indictment for a serious offence. Previous to the disclosures which brought about their arrest they were citizens in good standing. Doubtless they have already suffered much. Will the province of Ontario or Canada in general be at all benefited by these men undergoing lengthy terms of imprisonment? Again have these men violated an obligation to their fellow citizens, which if any greater than that which, if disclosed, merely disqualifies a member of parliament and does not imprison?

Apologies of reciprocity between Canada and the United States, a conductor of the Boston elevated refused to accept a Canadian gold note from a fair Toronto passenger and addressed her in an extremely humiliating way. Again, six Sydney hotels refused lodging to Prof. Graham Bell's colored valet. Reciprocity! Ha, ha!

TREATMENT OF CONVICTS.

It is pleasing to note that such an eminent journal as "The Medical Press," inclines to our way of thinking on the subject of "crime and punishment." "The Medical Press" is peculiarly fitted to deal with the subject. The physician studies crime and vice from a scientific standpoint in a measure, as symptoms of a disease, and, therefore views them rather from a curative than a punitive point of view. "The Medical Press" says: "The desire for revenge and for punishment is now of the most elemental of human forces, and the sheer stupidity of giving it unrestricted play in dealing with delinquents has been demonstrated in the criminal annals of every country that possesses annals. Humanity in the treatment of offenders has shown itself to be not only the right but the wise course, and the old savage punishments are, happily, passing out of fashion."

The report of the British Directors of Convict prisons recently issued pays special attention to the treatment of juvenile prisoners. It dwells on the working of the so-called "Juvenile-Adult" system recently organized at Borstal. This system was inaugurated as an experiment to exploit the plan of treating young criminals with a view to curing, instead of merely punishing, them. From the London prisons were collected cases of youths sentenced to terms of imprisonment of six months and upwards, and these were put to learn useful trades, such as carpentering and brick-laying, under beneficent supervision, in-

stead of performing the old routine of purposeless prison tasks. The conduct of prisoners under the new set of circumstances completely changed; they showed great anxiety to improve, and they were granted extra privileges, became great readers and good chess players. Nor was this improvement only temporary. So far, a hundred and twenty-two "juvenile-adults" have been discharged, and of these fifty-four are now known to be in employment and leading useful lives, whilst thirty have been lost sight of. Of the remainder only twenty-four have been reconvicted and fourteen are still unplaced.

It must be taken into account that the offenders included in the foregoing experiment are bred in the worse sections of London, under the worse possible conditions and many of them had already been convicted several times before and served time. If such results can be produced under such circumstances how much better results should be anticipated where boys do not belong to the vicious class and have, in nine out of ten cases, been led astray by bad example. Our whole contention is this, if you are going to correct, which of course you should, do it in such a way as not to make reform impossible and jeopardise their whole future.

NEW MATERIAL NEEDED.

The congregation of Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church, this city, has extended a call to Rev. A. M. Hubley, of Sussex, (N. B.) to become their pastor. Belleville, Ont. Despatch.

NOT BY ORDINARY MEANS.

We are told that Mrs. Leroy Chadwick, a leader of Cleveland's smart set, obtained fabulous sums of money as "loans" from wealthy bankers without giving any security. We have not yet been told how Mrs. Chadwick managed to obtain such loans. At this writing Herbert B. Newton, a Boston Banker, who loaned Mrs. Chadwick \$190,000 and subsequently sued her in order to recover the amount, is likely to have his claim satisfied. We are inclined to believe that Mrs. Chadwick was in a position to give excellent security for all the loans she received and that her creditors were satisfied for a time with the knowledge of this fact. But after a time it seems that one or two began to get a trifle uneasy, hence the suits of Mr. Newton and others. We judge that Mrs. Chadwick's means of providing security for loans was not of the ordinary kind.

MR. RUSSELL'S SELFISHNESS.

David Russell of Montreal admits that he induced Mr. Blair to resign his position as Chairman of the Railway Commission. Mr. Russell does not offer an explanation to the Canadian public as to why he became the self appointed ruler of Mr. Blair's destinies. We are inclined to believe that the Canadian public should demand a satisfactory reason for Mr. Russell's action in tampering with public servants. We have been told that no one available possesses the capabilities of Mr. Blair for the position of Chairman of the Railway Commission. If such is the case the Canadian people have suffered a distinct loss through the personal ambition of one, David Russell. It certainly goes without saying that Mr. Russell's conduct was of a distinctly selfish nature and that the notorious promoter of Abbey's Salt is not in the least public spirited.

Let our newly organized board of trade inaugurate an energetic campaign on behalf of an extension of our telephone system.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONES
Supt Hoyt of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, who was here yesterday, was asked by a reporter of the Advocate if his company contemplated an extension of the long distance service to Campbellton. Mr. Hoyt stated that the matter was under consideration but that nothing definite had yet been decided upon.

We judge from the foregoing paragraphs that Campbellton will have direct telephone connection with St John within a reasonably short time. The fact that the project is now under consideration is a sufficient guarantee of the early establishment of such a service. The line would doubtless be constructed along the line of the I. C. R. from Newcastle to Bathurst and thence along the road leading to Petit Rocher, Belledune, Yacquet River, Nash's Creek, Black Point, New Mills, Charley, Eel River, Dalhousie, Jct. Dalhousie and Campbellton. We are inclined to think that the maintenance of a long distance telephone service which would tap the above points would prove highly remunerative to its promoters and we are confident that such a service will be established at an early date. It is a matter which our newly organized board of trade might profitably deal with.

BONAVENTURE ELECTION

Official Statement		
	Clapperton	Kelly
Matapedia No 1	8	29
" 2	18	55
Restigouche No 1	41	59
" 2	61	39
Mann Township	43	57
Nouvelle & Shool	44	40
West	34	48
Centre	19	45
Miguasha	23	35
St. Onge	23	45
Carlton Township	26	40
Maria West	100	25
Maria East	35	36
New Richmond	31	54
Centre	56	66
East	6	55
Musellyville	46	65
St. Charles de Caplan	111	176
West	10	38
Bonaventure West	5	166
Bonaventure Centre	2	98
New Carlisle West	12	83
Pasphebe West	16	34
Pasphebe East	3	110
Hope West	33	43
Hope Centre	105	57
Hope East	8	108
Port Daniel West	17	62
Port Daniel East	17	126
L'Assac au Casques	19	126
Kelly	2287	2287
Clapperton	2287	2287
1467 Majority for Kelly		

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