

---and the Worst Is Yet to Come



BISHOP OF LONDON AT HOLLOWAY AGAIN

Decides That Militants Are Pursuing Wrong Course—They Cannot Win Support.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Feb. 9.—Another surprise visit to Holloway jail to investigate the conditions under which two militant suffragettes, Miss Kitty Marion and Miss Phyllis Brady are incarcerated there, was made today by the Bishop of London, in response to a request from the Women's Social and Political Union, the militant organization.

Miss Marion is serving a sentence of three years' penal servitude for arson and Miss Brady is awaiting trial on a similar charge.

The bishop in his report says Miss Marion feels much aggrieved at being forcibly fed instead of being released under the "cat and mouse" act. As a protest against her continued imprisonment, the bishop says she always gave four or five shouts or screams when subjected to the operation, but she did not look ill as a result.

"Very Well—Considering." When the bishop asked her what message he should give to her friends, Miss Marion replied: "Tell them I am very well—considering."

She added, however, that forcible feeding always made her sick and she thought she was gradually growing weaker, but she made no complaint of harshness on the part of those who administer food forcibly.

Miss Brady told the bishop she hated forcible feeding, but that it did not make her sick. She thought, however, it gave her indigestion.

Both women refused to undertake to refrain from militancy in case they were released.

"I cannot conclude," writes the bishop, "without telling you that in my opinion, you are pursuing a wrong policy if you wish to win educated and thinking men and women to your cause."

DIED IN NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 9.—The Rev. Patrick Barrett, C.S.R., for the last five years connected with the Brooklyn Community of the Redeemed Fathers, died yesterday at the age of 58 years. Dr. Barrett had served as a rector in Toronto and Quebec.

LECTURES ON BROWNING'S "MESSAGE TO YOUTH" HAD TO STOP WORK FROM THE PAIN

Rev. W. J. Knox Tells First Presbyterian Guild of Poet's Appeal of Strength.

Rev. W. J. Knox, M. A., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, delivered an interesting lecture on the subject, "Browning's Message to Youth," in the lecture hall of the church last evening. Mr. Knox's delineation of the message was exceedingly well thought out and given in his usual interesting way.

E. E. Reid presided and Alex. Riach sang a solo. The affair was under the auspices of the guild. In his address, Mr. Knox claimed that Browning was a poet who appealed very strongly to youth—not to children whether young or old, who had not yet felt the thrill of the larger buoyant life which looks forward with interest and hope to the coming years. He said that youth was not so much a thing of years as of mental and spiritual attitude. The spirit of youth was the spirit which believed in a golden age in the future, which believed in a coming kingdom in which his large hopes would be fulfilled, to such a spirit Browning appealed with peculiar power.

An Appeal of Strength. Mr. Knox went on to illustrate with quotations from the author, the various features of his work which exemplified the strength of spirit. Browning's writings, he said, breathed that broad cosmopolitanism which was characteristic of the altruistic youth before his interests became narrowed down to some limited sphere. The writer had given frequent expression to that spirit of freedom and democracy which found so generous a response in the heart of youth, which was ready under any restraint which did not appeal to him as yet.

Another feature of the writings of Browning which appealed to the vigorous young man was his sympathetic treatment of physical strength. "The soul helps flesh more than flesh helps soul," yet physical life was merely a means to a higher end. It must serve to "project the soul on its lone way."

Full of Optimism. A striking feature of Browning's poems was their buoyant optimism. He had had faith in the "best of the world," of youthful ambition, of confident assurance, of ultimate victory, had never allowed Browning to grow weary of his faith in God. "The world's all right with God," he said, "all's right with the world."

This faith was an ignorant belief. It was held in the face of everything that ordinarily weakened faith. The speaker went on to show that the poet dealt with doubt, failure, evil, old age and death itself. None of these had terrors for him. The honest, true-hearted kind made for a stronger, more intelligent faith. Failure was the evidence that the individual had a heart lifted above the transient possible. It was the sign of a spirit greater than its material conditions. Evil to him was a condition of a greater good, by reacting against the ills of life we grow strong and virtuous. Old age and death were the avenues to a larger and higher life beyond.

Browning's Christian Faith. In closing Mr. Knox said that this faith was distinctly Christian in its nature. Christ was pictured as the Saviour of men, lifting them above the limitations of the flesh, the explanation and completion of the whole universe.

LONDON LIFE COMPANY HAD A RECORD YEAR

Over Forty Thousand Applications For Policies Accepted.

The thirty-ninth annual report of the London Life Insurance Company shows the largest increase in surplus in the history of the company. Since its inception, the company has never experienced so prosperous a year, all departments showing an appreciable growth.

Proof of the company, a substantial position is demonstrated in the increase in membership. Through a policy of square dealing a feeling of confidence has been established which has become general. During the year, 41,190 applications were accepted for policies amounting to \$3,228,189.50. The net premium and interest receipts for the year were respectively \$1,034,816.77 and \$261,022.88, a total of \$1,295,839.65. The increase over the previous year is \$145,072.80. The assets, consisting of first mortgages on real estate and other approved securities, amount to \$4,645,695.13, an increase of \$586,319.06 over the previous year. The liabilities and the outstanding policies and in all other respects, have been provided for in an ample manner, the whole amounting to \$4,419,584.50. The surplus on the policyholders' account, exclusive of the unclaimed but unexpired capital, is \$226,110.69, and after deducting the paid-up capital, the net surplus over all liabilities and capital is \$176,110.69.

AILSA CRAIG. A number from Ailsa Craig attended the shredded wheat banquet at Brinsley and report a good time.

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