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FARM FOR DRUNKARDS

The Times yesterday dealt with the great need of an institution for drunkards. The existing system does not cure, while the custom of fining men works a very great hardship in many cases, where wives and children must suffer the loss of money. That the inebriate can be cured, is the assertion made by Dr. Crothers, of Hartford, Conn., who during the past 25 years has devoted his time to the work of helping unfortunate of this class. Dr. Crothers, who is superintendent of the Walnut Lodge Hospital for Drunkards and Drug-takers in Hartford, and the editor of a journal devoted to this subject, came to Toronto this week to address a meeting held by the Ontario Society for the Reformation of Inebriates.

We learn from the Telegram's report that after outlining the early history of the work Dr. Crothers said that drinkers were divided into two classes, alcoholics and inebriates. The former are habitual drunkards, and keep themselves in a state of poison, and are the more incurable. The latter have alternating periods of excess and sobriety, and are somewhat like epileptics.

Referring to the custom of sending drunkards to jail, Dr. Crothers said that the only way to give these men a chance to lead useful lives was to establish a farm colony, where strict discipline, coupled with wholesome outdoor work would make decent members of society out of them. It came out in the course of discussion that the city of Toronto proposes to establish such a farm. We quote:—

"Property Commissioner Harris told what will undoubtedly be done towards providing a farm colony for the city of Toronto. Under present legislation, the city has the right to buy property for such a purpose, but this leaves a chance for rapacious real estate speculators. Therefore it has been decided to make application at the coming session of the legislature to expropriate or acquire land for a farm and to issue debentures to cover the cost of equipment. Prof. G. M. Wrong, the president of the Society, who occupied the chair, said that the farm was a practical certainty, as the leaders of the legislature were all pledged to obtain the power of expropriation. Dr. Chambers, governor of the jail, and Dr. Bruce Smith, Provincial Superintendent of Asylums, spoke in strong terms against the present condition of things in Toronto, and both expressed hearty approval of the farm colony project."

Why should not the example of Toronto be followed in New Brunswick?

CITY GOVERNMENT

The Ottawa Journal in an article defending a board of control as compared with the old city council system, makes out even a stronger case in favor of a commission, which would not find itself forever in conflict as boards of control are with boards of aldermen. Where there is a board of control there is also a city council, and the two do not work well together. Where there is a commission of five men, all elected by the people, and by the recall system kept constantly amenable to popular opinion, there is no divided responsibility and no deadlock. The Journal puts the case thus:—

"When you come to want to put a big business man's nose to the municipal grindstone in a big city—to ask him to give hard work and continuous time to the multitudinous affairs of a hundred thousand people, to do it amid the conflicting ideas and tempers of a couple of dozen other aldermen, and to do it free for the convenience of a hundred thousand people, ninety-nine thousand of whom he doesn't know, and who don't know him and who care nothing about him, and won't likely trouble to thank him for anything he does—why, that is a horse of another color. The larger a city gets, the more steadily the principle of aldermanic government tends inevitably to deterioration."

In other words, in a city like St. John, a group of five able men, chosen by the double election system, and made absolutely and always responsible under the recall system to the popular will, would do the city's business promptly and wisely, because they would always be on the job, in

touch every day with the details of every department, and conscious that there could be no evasion of responsibility by shifting it to the shoulders of others.

MUST HAVE HOSPITAL

That the St. John Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis acted wisely in starting a fund to provide a home for advanced cases is made clear from the address of J. C. Adams, M. D., L. P. S., president of the Canadian Association, at the annual meeting in Montreal this year. Dr. Adams said:—

"More and more I am convinced that the crux of the problem lies in the treatment of the indigent and incurable consumptives. Isolate these and forthwith the main source of infection is removed from the midst. Permit them to remain in the bosom of their families, to live and sleep in the same rooms with other members of the poverty-stricken household, expectorating and discharging the bacilli broadcast, weakened by the disease to the point that they no longer have the energy or even the inclination to protect those around them, and they become the centres from which the whole family and succeeding tenants of the rooms become infected."

This is an expression of the views of an expert. It is a plain statement, the truth and force of which must be apparent to every reader. There are many such centres of infection in St. John, as these of which Dr. Adams speaks. To stop the spread of the disease these centres must be dealt with, and the patients isolated. Hence the need of an institution at the very outset of the struggle. Let us quote a little further from Dr. Adams' address, to discover the attitude of provincial authorities toward this question. New Brunswick is singled out as the province most backward in this respect. Dr. Adams says:—

"In accordance with a resolution passed at the Hamilton meeting last year, I wrote as president to the various provincial governments and to the general hospitals throughout the Dominion, calling attention to the urgent need that indigent incurable cases be not treated as social outcasts, but that when a general hospital is in receipt of government assistance, and where in a district there is no institution for incurable cases, there is a distinct call upon such general hospitals to assume the care of such. This principle, I may say, is set upon by all the western provinces, from Manitoba to British Columbia, and to all intents and purposes is acted upon under the Ontario law. The eastern provinces alone do not yet admit it, and, as I learn, this official communication on my part was received with not a little opposition in New Brunswick."

Dr. Adams points out that in the east there is not a per capita grant for hospitals as in the west, and that nevertheless action should be taken. The thought of the Association was that if the hospitals expressed a willingness to perform a necessary public duty there would be such a demand upon the government and the municipalities to assume the care of such cases that they would be powerless to resist, "seeing that this duty is now recognised by all governments that can be called civilized throughout the world."

Dr. Adams takes the view that it is an economic mistake to multiply special hospitals, where it is possible to utilize existing institutions. The chief point to be noted is, however, that advanced cases must be taken care of in an institution of some kind, and thus remove the most dangerous centres of infection. This we must do in St. John.

The Ottawa humorist of the St. John Standard regards the invasion of parliament by the farmers as the bitterest blow the Liberal party has yet received. If it is a blow for the Liberals it must be a knockout for the high tariff Tories.

An exchange says:—Almost three thousand years ago a Jewish philosopher denounced him that 'giveth to the rich.' Giving to the rich is one of the vices which display most freely at Christmas time, while all around us are the poor who cannot give again. Try Solomon's recipe for happiness.

The Toronto Globe says:—"Prince Edward Island is talking of rebellion if membership in the Dominion Parliament is reduced. A province that gives a man four years for stealing whiskey and two years for biting somebody's ear will certainly punish rebellion with becoming seriousness."

The Ottawa board of control woke up one day this week to discover that the city engineer, city treasurer and city auditor were all out of town without leave, instead of being in their several offices attending to business. The board of control then asked itself why it failed to control, and there was an interesting discussion on the subject.

Dr. Shroul, M. P., estimates that three and a half millions of Canada's population are engaged in agricultural pursuits. It must be true, the voice of the farmers must come for more in tariff legislation than many people had believed. It is not surprising that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association is saying nice things to the farmer delegation at Ottawa.

MARK TWAIN

(Read by Dr. Van Dyke at recent memorial banquet to Mark Twain.)

"We know you well, dear Yorick of the West. The very soul of large and friendly jest. That loved and mocked the human grotesque of things. In this New World where all the folks are kings. In this World where all the folks are kings."

Your breezy humor cleared the air with sport. Of shams that haunt the demagogue count. For even where the sovereign people rule. A human monarch needs a royal fool.

Your native drawl lent flavor to your wit. Your arrows lingered, but they always hit. Homeric mirth around the circle ran. But left no wound upon the heart of man.

We knew you kind in trouble, brave in pain. We saw your honor kept without a stain. We read this lesson of our Yorick's years—True wisdom comes with laughter and with tears."

IN LIGHTER VEIN

WHAT SHE EXPECTS FOR CHRISTMAS.

A diamond ring.
A solid gold bracelet.
A silver dresser set.
A mantle outfit.
A necklace of pearls.

WHAT SHE'LL GET.

A two-dollar handkerchief (new leather).
Two hat pins (seventy-five cents pair).
Perfume (two ounces).
A book of poems.
A picture calendar.
A box of notepaper.

UNKNOWN

Hiram—"Say, Katie, did you see when I was holding yer hand, the funny look yer me gave me?"

"Go on!" Ma didn't give it to yer, you always had it."

A LA ASPHALT

Young wife—"I made the frosting on this cake myself."

Hubby—"Then our fortune is made! I am going to have it patented. It will revolutionize street pavements."

NOTHING DOING THEN.

Singlet—"Do you believe in the old adage about marrying in haste and repenting twice?"

Wedderly—"No, I don't. After a man marries he has no leisure."—Smart Set.

ACCOMMODATING.

"The gifted youth had entered his father's bank to learn the business."

"Son," said the gratified banker, "I am glad to see that you get here promptly at nine."

"I could get here even earlier, dad. Our club, you know, closes at five."

A SHREWD CANDIDATE.

"I spoke in favor of good roads," said the candidate.

"And what did your opponent say to that?"

"He immediately spoke in favor of better roads. That fellow is a shrewd man."

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

SANTA ON THE WAY.

"I can hear him singing faintly. As he urges on his deer."

And his song is mellowed quaintly. While the laden sleigh is creaking.

But the hit of it is jolly. And the words of it are gay:

"Get the milk and the jolly. I have started on the way."

"I can hear the hoof-beats thudding. As the snow is flung behind."

While the laden sleigh is creaking. And the echoes now are ringing.

Broken murmurs of the song. That old Santa Claus is singing.

While the reindeer speed along.

"Little fellow, little fellow, while you sit and dream of me."

And the marvel of the morning that shall show the wondrous thing.

For your trust in all the fancies of the shadow and the gleam."

—W. D. Nesbit in "The Land of Make-Believe." (Harper's.)

WHEN HE GOT BROKE.

This highest sort of living is a problem, I admit.

We set down to the grocery every night. And we don't seem to get nowhere, for all things keep up sky-high.

And a cent or two is added to the things we have to buy.

Even when I am sure to buy 'em, till the outlook, 'nighly gloom.

Why, even while a feller sleeps the price is climbing some.

But I want to go on record that adivin' on this earth.

Just couldn't ever cost a cent more than I think it's worth.

The added cost o' Christmas! That's the thing that makes me sad.

Every Christmas there is somewhere some poor woe, heart-broken lad.

That doesn't get no presents, an' with prices up so high.

There will be a lot more of 'em Santa's likely to pass by:

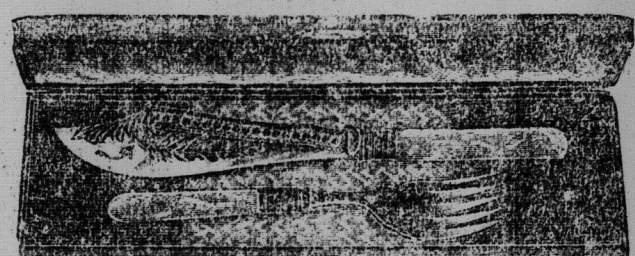
An' that's why I'm sort of kickin' on the boosted price of things.

Like these little dolls an' buggies, an' those little baby swings.

Such as girls like. Don't mistake me for myself. I don't care none.

For I will go broke this Christmas in the way I've always done.

CASE CUTLERY

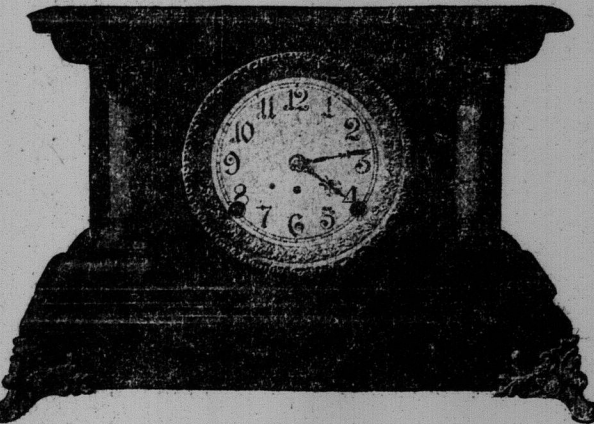


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