

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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MISDIRECTED CHARITY.

While it may be premature to accept the tramp theory of the horrible murder of Thursday, there being some features of the case as revealed by the narrative of the naturally terrified and hysterical sister of the victim which do not seem to fit it perfectly, there are reasons for believing that far too much consideration is given by many of our people to tramps and vagrants who seek to live upon their fellows. Mr. Kinrade and his family are not the only ones whose generosity and laudable desire to help the distressed are taken advantage of by the pests of society who have a quarrel with honest work, and who grow cheeky and insolent upon the kindness of the charitable. From various quarters we have from time to time received reports of the doings of insolent beggars who annoy women and children with their importunities. In some cases they become almost openly menacing. Moreover, there appears to be some kind of organization among them, and a house at which a few of the gentry are entertained soon becomes known as "easy" and calls upon the family's generosity rapidly increase. Sometimes any hesitation on the part of the housewife to cater to these callers draws upon her a torrent of abuse.

Admirable as all must hold the desire to help the needy to be, indiscriminate is apt to have evil results—even to increase the demand upon benevolence, when to give is to foster idleness and vice. There should be no need, in a city like this, for able-bodied men to go from door to door begging. There would be much less of it if those appealed to were to direct seekers of aid to the city authorities. The City Charity Department should be equipped to deal with all deserving cases, and on a basis that, while relieving the immediate needs, would not cultivate the begging habit—would rather tend to preserve the self-respect of the needy. Goodness of heart that finds expression in helping vagrancy to subsist on industry by indiscriminate almsgiving is not an unqualified virtue.

Whether Miss Kinrade was the victim of a tramp or not, there is much need for a reform in the popular methods which enable the fraternity to get their living without work, giving a return in insolence. The city should so organize its Charity Department as to deal with the able-bodied applicants on the principle of "He that will not work, neither shall he eat." And our citizens should be discouraged from entertaining them in their homes and at their doors, and urged to refer them to the proper city official. And meantime the police should make Hamilton a less desirable gathering place for them than it has been for some time past.

THE CANADIAN VOICE.

In the University Monthly recently there appeared an address by Professor Hutton to the women graduates of the Norman Schools, Toronto, in which some references were made to the character of the Canadian voice, of which it can hardly be said we should always be proud. Professor Hutton, in the course of his remarks, thus referred to this "enormous trifle":

"The voice of a ghost, says Homer, is a squeaky voice; it squeaks and gibbers like the voice of a bat; and the phonograph, that modern nuisance, is the ghost of a voice, and it also squeaks and gibbers like a bat. But why should living Canadian children, neither ghosts nor phonographs, cultivate the voice of phonography and ghostliness, and squeak metallically and harshly and stridently? It is so little a thing, and it makes so vast a difference in life; just a pleasant voice. Why, many men have nothing else, and many women make a fortune by it. Use your influence to remove the reproach from our children that they are copying the phonograph and use your influence to persuade our mechanicians to make their phonographs, if they must have phonographs—a little more like the pleasant voices of the older generation and a little less like the voices of our children."

It is gratifying to find this matter occupying the attention of our educators, and especially so to find it taken up and impressed upon the teachers in such an influential quarter. It gives hope that improvement may be looked for in the teachers whose attention the matter has been brought, and through them and their efforts, in the pupils who come under their training.

The unfortunate prevalence of slang and contempt for purity of language and elegance of diction, which is so marked, even among those who attend our institutions of learning, is hardly less to be regretted than the fault to which Professor Hutton refers. The harsh, metallic, nasal, or "phonograph" voice is far too common a fault of Canadian speech. True, there are differences in localities, but very many of our people are acquiring a habit of speech little less admirable than that of the nasal, down-East Yankee, whom Lowell takes off so neatly. It is a real pleasure to meet with an educated Canadian, who has avoided those mannerisms of pronunciation and accent, and whose voice retains the flexibility and softness which enable him properly to use that magnificent instrument for the expression of thought, our English tongue. No person who has observed the difference between the enunciation of the average conversationalist and that of the educated people from the old land, can have failed to be struck with what we lose to carelessness. We are not now speaking of the dialects so frequently presented to us by newcomers from the old country, nor of the exaggerations and abuses which are to be found plentifully there. There is a happy medium be-

tween extremes. There is an abuse which broadens every "a"; makes "black," "blawk," and "dawnce," as well as our too common Canadian fault of recognizing but two sounds as indicated by that vowel, "a" as in "fat," and "a" as in "fame." How many speakers make not the slightest difference in the pronunciation of the "a" in "that," "far," "father," "hattle," "palm," etc. Indeed, does it not appear at times that some of our people fear to pronounce the commonest English words properly, lest they should be suspected of affectation? Professor Hutton's words are timely, and we hope that they will not be without effect. It is bad enough to endure a plague of "sloppy" pronunciation; it is even worse to have the voices of our people, especially of our women, taking on the harshness and nasal quality of the phonograph or gramophone. Teachers and parents may confer a real benefit on their fellows by directing their efforts to a reform in the voices and pronunciation of those within their influence. We should gain immensely if we could cultivate a little of the softness, flexibility and purity of the educated English voice.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Look out for the tramps, but do not neglect other theories in seeking for Miss Kinrade's murderer!

A seven-shooter of .38 calibre is somewhat unusual. Did the murderer reload or had he a magazine pistol?

The proposed increase of a cent a package on cigarettes by United States manufacturers will cost the smokers \$55,000,000.

The offer by the Provincial Government of \$500 reward, in addition to that offered by the city, should stimulate the search for the murderer of Miss Kinrade.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane advised the Beach and county people to compromise their dispute over taxation, but was unsuccessful. The Legislature or the courts—perhaps both—will have a try at it.

One of Lowell's municipal ownership officials is to serve six months and pay a fine of \$500 for "grafting." If this thing should become common, municipal ownership cities will have to enlarge jail accommodations.

We fear that if Dr. Carman were inquisitor-general in dealing with Rev. George Jackson, that heresy suspect would be grilled to a turn. Dr. Carman does not qualify his opinions of the matter.

Already it is discovered that Robin's reduction in telephone rates in Winnipeg is very much of a gold brick, the great body of telephone users for business purposes will still pay \$50, the cut affecting party lines almost entirely.

The prompt offer of the city of \$500 reward for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Miss Kinrade is an act to be commended. It is in the interest of justice and the individual safety of every Hamiltonian. Let us hope the reward will be speedily earned.

The authorities should be careful, not to allow the fact of a tramp suspect being arrested at Buffalo to cause any relaxation of their vigilance in the search for the murderer. Scores of tramps apparently answering the description given might be taken into custody while the real criminal was getting away.

The Toronto Telegram has had a new conviction fit. A local choir in response to a request for the Canadian National Anthem, sang "O Canada." The bigot of the Telegram declares that Canadians of British extraction "are getting tired of having 'O Canada' thrust upon their hearing," and ridicules misused authority for pronouncing it a great tune, because, it avers, "a nation must rely on the average man to fight its battles," therefore it is all plain enough to the Telegram we cannot afford to have a great National Anthem, but must take a second or third rate one—one that is not sung in Quebec. There is such a thing as throwing pearls before swine, but the general application of good music is not to be measured by the Telegram standard.

Something like ten years ago Mr. G. Arndall Reid wrote a book on "The Recent Evolution of Man," in which he dealt with alcohol as a benefactor of the race. He attempted to prove his case by pointing out that alcohol is not only efficient, like other forms of destruction, in hindering the multiplication of the less fit, but that in a way it tends to work its own cure by destroying those who can neither drink it safely nor let it alone. Savages to whom alcohol is a novelty are killed off by it with extreme rapidity. Civilized men stand it much better, and though they cannot be said to thrive on it, many of them use it habitually and in moderation without much detriment, and some of them drink it very much too freely for a long time before they succumb." He declared himself as opposed to doing away with liquor drinking, as he argued that such a thing would result in the persistence of too many of the "unfit to survive." But what has never yet been explained is why the manufacture of unfit by intoxicants should continue.

No Sir. (Guelph Herald.)

The question is asked, "Are Women Cowardly?" A thunderous negative will be the reply of every man who has arrived home from a few hours with "the boys" to find his wife patiently awaiting his appearance with a few remarks.

OUR EXCHANGES

Fudge! (Toronto Telegram.) Toronto's Hydro-Electric credit is filling the trough at which Hamilton fatens.

Foster Homes. (Toronto News.) Canadian experience has amply proved that children thrive and develop character and capacity in foster homes much more rapidly than in machine-run institutions.

Important Question. (London Free Press.) It is already suggested that the murderous Hamilton tramp was mentally deranged. The question will soon force itself to public attention just how far men are to be held irresponsible who know enough to take life and escape.

Cut It In Two. (Dunville Gazette.) Allan Studholme, the Labor representative of East Hamilton in the Legislature, has been complimented on all sides because he succeeded in compressing his speech on the address into forty minutes. If he had made it twenty minutes his reputation for effective oratory would have been assured.

The Tramp Evil. (Toronto Star.) The terrible tragedy at Hamilton may arouse public interest in the tramp danger. In the United States they are fully alive to the danger, and there is an association which distributes literature about tramps, and discusses plans for dealing with them. In many States the tramp is handled with a severity which we in Canada might think severe. We go to the other extreme of good nature, buying boot laces from beggars, feeding them, and handing them the dimes for which they ask. Cheaply and liberally a public danger, and when we encourage him, instead of handing him over to the police, we endanger the lives of helpless women and children.

The Kickers' Column

A RULE OF THE CHURCH. To the Editor—Will you "bill me" who on earth the Catholic "bill me" should forbid to join the Oddfellows, Masons or Sons of Temperance, or refuse those who belong to them the sacraments.—Harold E.

We believe it is a rule of the church of which all Roman Catholics are aware. If they agree to the doctrines of the church and to submit to be guided by her authority, they will not regard the prohibition as a hardship. At any rate, if they would maintain their standing in the church there is no alternative but obey.—Ed.

WHITE SLAVERY. To the Editor.—I have read carefully the arguments put forward in connection with the white slave traffic in your columns, and find each deserving of credit.

You do not think, however, that it is time to leave sentiment out and have the matter taken in hand in a proper manner? There is no use going on beating about the bush, there is no use thinking its existence can be wiped out by acts of Parliament or any other body. It exists, and will exist, and the sooner the authorities realize this the better.

Houses of ill-fame ought to be placed in a central station, frequenters then could be judged by the company they keep or seek after. The young and innocent could then be taught to regard these haunts with fear.

As things are at present, young and old alike see more going on on the public streets than would per contra, the firm handling of the matter, and mind you, Mr. Editor, the future generations have to be better informed on the subject on hand is not bettering.

I have seen in places where this "firm handling" was adopted that a better tone of morale existed, and it is reasonable to conclude that the younger age cannot see their thoughts do not seek after.

THE TRAMPS. To the Editor.—It seems to me there are more tramps in the city this winter than ever before. Why are they allowed to loaf around here? The honest unemployed are welcome, but the man who is idle because he does not want work is not wanted here. Whose fault is it? Hamiltonian.

DUNDURN PARK. Editor of Kicker—I want to know if the Parks Board intends to keep the travelled path across the prettiest part of the park and keep the grass from being trampled bare again. It's too bad that the park has been allowed to be so disfigured. If people must walk across then better make a proper path. Park Admirer.

Dear Editor—Will you please give space in your valuable paper for the articles written below.

Three months after the saloons closed in Kansas City, Kan., 600 boys and girls attended the public schools for the first time. They did not attend formerly because they had to assist a drinking father to get a living. If the Christian nations are not more thoughtful they will some day find Japan mistress of the world. In Japan no boy under 20 is allowed to smoke, and if he does his parents are taken up and fined. Tell it in Gath and publish it in Askelon that all these Owen Sound papers are against the repeal of the local option by-law in that town. The longer prohibition is in force the fewer evils there are in the history of this legislation in North Dakota, where in many counties there are no jails. The State of Kansas (prohibition) is the only other State

in the American union that can parallel this record. It is unusual for criminals to cheer behind prison bars, but 1,300 prisoners who own their incarceration directly to the drinking of liquor in the Ohio State prison cheered when they learned that Ohio counties were going dry. That noted surgeon, Dr. Lorenz, of Vienna, says "No man can take alcoholic liquors without blunting these physical powers, which I must keep always on edge. As a surgeon I must not drink."

FRUIT CROP IN ANCASTER.

Prospects Are Good—Farm Properties Sell Well. The Rural Telephone Company has not been very active of late on account of the absence of Mr. Fred Heinke in New York, who was bitten by a mad dog some weeks ago. He is expected home in a few days. The company has 25 miles of poles put up, and wires strung, and it is hoped that the system will be in operation soon.

The fruit crop in this section is expected to be large, as the buds are safe so far. From 25 to 75 per cent. of the peach buds are alive and in good condition, according to the variety. There are some farms for sale in the vicinity at increased prices over a year ago. Although the rush to the West has caused the loss of many good citizens, the farms vacated have been bought by others. One farm sold two weeks ago at \$1,000 advance on what it was purchased for two years ago. A number of farms between Dundas and Hamilton have been divided into small lots of five and ten acres, and are selling fast as market gardens.

The evaporator is offered for sale. The owner lives in Montreal, and cannot leave his business to operate it. A paying proposition the last two years. There are a great many complaints about the passenger rates charged by the R. & H. Electric Railway from Hamilton to Ancaster. The charge is 35 cents return, 61 1/2 miles. From Ancaster to Alberton is only 25 cents, and the full rate to Brantford is not in proportion. If the company would reduce the fare it would be patronized much better. The fare is now 75 cents to Brantford. Cheap lumber in this township is a thing of the past. There are very few large pieces of woods left.

St. Andrew's Church has decided to make alterations to keep up with the times. The basement is to be made into a Sunday school, and a new pulpit and vestry, with alterations for the choir, will be proceeded with at once. The church and manse are free from debt, and the congregation has a legacy of \$500 from the late Wm. Loder, of Ancaster, which they propose using. The pastor, Rev. A. F. Webster, and Mrs. Webster are very well liked, both here and in Alberton, both taking a great deal of interest in both churches.

NATIONAL CONGRESS

Of the Laymen's Missionary Movement—2000 Delegates.

The executive committee of the Canadian Council of the Laymen's Missionary Movement has sent out a form of programme for the great Canadian National Missionary Congress to be held in Toronto from March 31 to April 4 inclusive. Among the noted speakers in Canada and the United States are: two from Asia, have been secured. The list includes: Robert E. Spier, New York; Bishop Thoburn, India; Dr. Ziemer, Arabia; S. R. Capen, Boston; Ansonia laymen's movement; J. Campbell White, New York; general secretary laymen's missionary movement; Hon. D. F. Willbur, Halifax, American Consul General; Silas McEneaney, editor of The Christian; Charles A. Howland, U.S.A., chairman, N.S. Pres. laymen's movement; N. W. Hoyle, L.L.D., Osgoode Hall, Toronto; J. A. Macdonald, Toronto; J. Lovell Murray, New York; principal wanderer; Toronto; N. W. Hoyle, L.L.D., Toronto; S. J. Moore, Toronto; Canon Tucker, Toronto; Hon. S. H. Blake, Toronto; Canon Cody, Toronto. In addition to these commissioners to the Orient and representative men from Great Britain will speak, and special reports will be furnished by the Association Male Quartette.

It is expected that over 2,000 delegates will be present, not including those representing the Toronto churches. From 50 to 75 will likely attend from Hamilton. The meetings will be held in Massey Hall.

SETTLED.

Sewing Machine Case Will Not Go to Trial.

In November last Mr. Cyrus Stewart, who had formerly been the local representative of the Standard Sewing Machine Company, brought an action in the High Court against the Standard Sewing Machine Company for various matters arising out of the agency business. His claim amounted, in all, to something over \$600, and there was every prospect that the matters would be ventilated in court. Representatives from the office of the company in Cleveland came to Hamilton and after some negotiations between the parties a settlement of the various matters was arrived at. Mr. Stewart practically obtained all that he was suing for in the High Court as the result of this settlement, and that the action has been withdrawn and will not now be tried.

EMINENT PREACHER-LAWYER.

The Christian people of this city will be glad to know that another spiritual feast is in store for them at the Gospel Tabernacle, corner of Merrick and Park streets. For three days, Mr. Philip Mauro, one of the foremost lawyers of Washington and New York, will give addresses on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week, the first meeting to be held at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Mauro has been a Christian five years, and by his ministrations the faith of many has been stimulated and greater devotion to divine things incited. He is a clear, vigorous and instructive

SHEA'S BARGAIN DAY

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1909. A REGULAR SLAUGHTER of all winter goods and winter garments in stock. The list below only gives a small portion of the good buying chances that await the thrifty buyer on Monday.

Table listing various clothing items and their prices during the bargain day. Items include women's coats, suits, dresses, blouses, waists, undershirts, skirts, corset covers, knitted goods, and more. Prices range from 19c to \$2.50.

CHURCHES TO-MORROW

Special Services and Special Music. Canon Almon Abbott, M. A., will preach at both services in Christ's Church Cathedral. In Charlton Avenue Church the pastor will preach at both services. Morning, "Lenten Thoughts," Evening, fifth of "Christian Virtues," "Godliness." In Gospel Tabernacle Pastor Philpott will preach on the morning on "Heart Service and Sacrifice," and in the evening on "A Lost Soul." In the German Evangelical Lutheran Church the pastor, Rev. H. Rembe, will conduct both services. Morning text, H. Cor. vi, 10. Evening Passion services. The pastor of Zion Tabernacle will preach at both services. Morning subject, "Preaching the Word Everywhere," Evening subject, "I, Your Heart Right With God." Gospel songs at the evening service. Rev. Richard Whiting will occupy the pulpit of Centenary Church to-morrow, his morning subject being, "In What Does Forgiveness of Sins Consist?" and the evening, "The Two Wills." Appropriate musical services by the choir. Rev. W. DeLoz Smith, minister of the First Unitarian Church, will discuss "The Religious Faith of American Presidents" to-morrow evening. On Wednesday evening he will give an illustrated lecture, "Tour to Europe, and Beyond." In Eyreton Methodist Church the pastor, Rev. J. T. H. Simpson, will take both services. The subjects will be: "The New Creation and Its Evidence" in the morning, and "Judah the Traitor, His After Life and Doom, a Study and a Warning" in the evening. All are welcome. The services in First Methodist Church will be especially interesting and instructive. At the morning service Mr. John A. Patterson, K. C., of Toronto, will give one of his noted addresses. At 7 p.m. Rev. Dr. Manning, of Toronto, will be the preacher. Every one should hear these strong and earnest speakers. At James Street Baptist Church to-morrow the pastor will preach morning and evening, 11 a.m., "Like Minded According to Christ Jesus—His Gospel," anthem, "Send Out Thy Light;" quartette, "White Life," Summer Days, etc. Evening subject, "The Seven Words From the Cross," No. 1, "The Object of Redeeming Love;" anthem, "Softly Now the Light of Day;" quartette, "Will You Let the Saviour In?" 8:15, believers' baptism. Bright song service before and after evening service. Rev. A. E. Mitchell will continue to-morrow in Knox Church the series of sermons recently begun, his morning topic being, "The Church's Forgotten Secret," and in the evening, "Nehemiah's Threefold Encounter." Mr. Harry J. Allan will give the weekly organ recital immediately before the evening service. Services in Knox Mission will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. D. Cameron, and Miss Marie Macartie will sing a solo at the morning service.

A MERRY PARTY.

Last evening about thirty of the most intimate friends of Mr. Campbell pleasantly surprised him at his residence, 60 Sherman Avenue, it being his birthday, and a right jolly time was spent. An excellent programme, vocal and instrumental, was enjoyed during the early part of the evening, after which dainty refreshments were served, followed by dancing. Jennings' orchestra supplied the music, which was much appreciated by all present. Many expressions of good will were tendered the genial host and hostess, after which the company joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

CARLISLE LADY'S DEATH.

The many friends of Mrs. Thomas A. Alderson, of Carlisle, will be surprised to hear of her death, which took place at the family residence yesterday afternoon. Deceased was the eldest daughter of the late Samuel Newell, and was in her 51st year. Mrs. Alderson was not in good health for several months, yet the end came much sooner than was expected. Besides the husband, a family of one daughter and four sons are left to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and mother. The funeral will take place on Monday, March 1st, at 2 p.m. Interment at Carlisle.

DUNDAS.

Fine Address on Banking by Mr. T. C. J. Minty.

Dundas, Feb. 27.—The address given by Mr. T. C. J. Minty last evening in the parlour of the Y.M.C.A. on Banks and Banking did not draw a very large audience, but to those present the talk was one of great interest, and abounded in information seldom available to public audiences. The address occupied about an hour in delivery and was given in a pleasing, fluent, conversational manner. Its core was largely taken in the establishment of the first banking institution in Babylon, and tracing the history of banks and banking down to the present time. The diversified functions of the modern banks were touched upon and explained in a manner so lucid and interesting that the rapid attention of every hearer was maintained. At the close of the address many questions were put to the speaker, all of which were answered in a manner entirely satisfactory to the questioners and showed that the speaker was entire master of all banking matters, whether of Canadian, British or foreign systems. The asking and answering of questions and the general conversation resulting was not the least instructive feature of the evening. At this address many questions were put to the speaker, all of which were answered in a manner entirely satisfactory to the questioners and showed that the speaker was entire master of all banking matters, whether of Canadian, British or foreign systems. The asking and answering of questions and the general conversation resulting was not the least instructive feature of the evening. At this address many questions were put to the speaker, all of which were answered in a manner entirely satisfactory to the questioners and showed that the speaker was entire master of all banking matters, whether of Canadian, British or foreign systems.

Tomorrow, Rev. Dr. Shiner, secretary of the Presbyterian Moral Reform Association, will occupy the pulpit in the Presbyterian Church in the morning, and in the evening will preach in the Methodist Church. After the evening service he will address a union meeting of all the churches in the Presbyterian Church. Miss Grace Hemphill, a former well-known Dundas lady, died in Galt on Friday, where she has been residing with her brother Cyrus. She had been ill since the new year. Interment will take place in Dundas on Monday afternoon.

LIFE SAVING.

Six Hamilton Young Men Receive Their Certificates.

The first six of the life-saving class of the Y. M. C. A. swimming club passed successfully the severe tests of the R. L. S. Society last evening. The six candidates to receive the proficiency certificate and medal are R. McBride, S. Job, C. I. Rath, C. Hogerhoff, H. Fleming and T. Fleming. It is gratifying to know that this is the first class to secure those honors under the recently formed branch of the Ontario Royal Life Saving Society. Mr. T. W. Sheffield, the instructor, was congratulated on the splendid work of the class by Mr. J. H. Crocker, the secretary of the Ontario branch, who took the examination in conjunction with Mr. Sheffield.

Advertisement for Shur-On Eye-glasses. Text: "Don't wait until you drop your eye-glasses and break them before you find out about Shur-On Eye-glasses. Come in and let us show you how comfortable they are and how firmly they hold without pinching. Big Assortment Guaranteed Fit. GLOBE OPTICAL CO., 111 King East."