

..The Planet..

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A LAST WORD.

Much of the success of Chatham's Old Home Reunion will depend upon the thoroughness and enthusiasm of the organization.

Let us start in upon this undertaking well. Let every citizen who can possibly do so be present at to-night's meeting to manifest the general interest in and endorsement of the project. Let the preliminary organization be such as will presage the successful culmination.

Nothing, it strikes us, is better calculated to favorably advertise this grand convention city than the development of this project.

Be at to-night's meeting.

THE MINISTER'S WIFE.

"You have not seen much of the little woman who stands by my side in the struggle of life, for a wife who would be true to her home and family cannot also be a pastor."

This was the eloquent reference of a minister to his wife when bidding farewell this week to a Toronto congregation. The statement contains more than a kernel of truth and is a testimony to the influence of Canadian mothers who live unselfish and comparatively obscure lives in their devotion to family duties.

The influence that mothers exert over their families, though not realized even by women themselves to the extent that it should be, is tremendous, and it is for the mother herself to say whether that influence shall be for good or for evil. While parental neglect in either father or mother is a monstrous sin, for which no service in any organization or society can atone, the error of the mother is doubly serious, for she is essentially the guardian of the children in the home, where the foundations of good character are laid, if laid at all.

"The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," cannot be repeated in the ears of a mother too often. If she rocks it faithfully, she will have done much—yes, her full share—towards the betterment of existing ills, by sending out into the world young men and women who will disseminate by word and life those high and noble principles upon which a better condition of society must rest.

GREATNESS TO COME.

President Schurman, of Cornell University, has irritated his countrymen by declaring that America has so far produced no mind of the first order—no poet like Shakespeare, no thinker like Bacon or Locke, no scientist like Newton or Darwin. He is stating but a fact; but we cannot see that there is in this fact any cause for humiliation. Up till recently, conditions on this continent have not been favorable to the production of creative minds. For two or three centuries the people of the new world have perforce been occupied with material problems. Little leisure has been devoted to high thinking; the habit of meditation has been lost, and with the habit the capacity for it. Intellectual traits, tendencies and limitations are transmissible, and in that fact may be found the reason why the capacity for the deepest thought and highest imagination was gradually worked out of the American people by inherited tendencies to do things instead of thinking or dreaming about things.

Dr. Goldwin Smith thinks that the matter is to be explained by the fact that the United States were originally colonies. "It does appear historically," he writes in his *History of the United States*, "that greatness has generally come of the wild stocks, not of the civilized offshoots. Hence the colony of any one of the European nations yet produced intellectual greatness of the highest order."

But what were the English people originally but colonies planted by the Teutonic tribes living by the borders of the North Sea—colonies planted by the Danes, colonies planted by the Normans? It was the intermixture of the people of these colonies, with a strong infusion of the Celtic element, which went to the making of the English people.

The same process is now going on in the United States and Canada. Give it time. As yet, there is no distinctive American type, nor Canadian type. But there will be some time. And when that time comes perhaps the people of this continent, will be able to do as much in the way of creative literary and scientific work as they have done and are doing on a lower and more material plane of achievement.

Our citizen soldiers made a good turnout on the park last evening. They have earned the rest they will receive during the remainder of the hot weather.

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Yes, Constant Reader, you may now omit your muffler with perfect safety.

To-night, Eight o'clock. To organize the Old Home Reunion. Be there.

The semi-educated typograph made The Planet say yesterday, in speaking of the sweatbox into which our entrance candidates are crowded, that "the sun beats with unrelenting activity on the heat and oppressiveness," while the grammatical writer desired to add—"of this hall." But, that reminds us—we are told that nothing has yet been done to relieve the suffering students, and the departmental examinations are yet to follow.

A TRUTH WELL PUT.

Berlin News-Record.
If railway crossings were under ground there would be so many people requiring to be put there.

IT WASN'T SO BAD AS THAT.

Brantford Courier.
Lightning struck the Royal Hotel, in Hamilton, and the inmates thought Mrs. Nation had arrived with her hatchet.

WELL GUARDED.

Life.
"Can your wife keep a secret?"
"Yes, if she has a dozen or so of her friends to help her."

A TROLLEY CURE FOR SLEEP-LESSNESS.

London Free Press.
A Philadelphia trolley car conductor recommends riding on cars after nightfall as a cure for insomnia. It is the result of his observations and experience.

IT IS MERCY IN BOTH CASES.

Buffalo News.
If it is kindness to chloroform a dying monkey to shorten its hours of misery, why is it not permissible to shorten hopeless human suffering in the same way when release is begged for?

ROCKEFELLER'S HUMOR.

New York World.
Some of Mr. Rockefeller's humor is exceedingly subtle. Take for instance, his claim that paying wages is the best form of giving, when wages are so graduated as to leave 48 per cent. dividends.

OUR FINE CANADIAN ENGLISH.

London Advertiser.
Not long ago there was some talk of introducing a change in the Canadian schools in accent and pronunciation, but it has not come to anything. We do not think the Canadian accent can be much improved. We doubt if there is any part of the King's vast empire where the English language is on the average, spoken as correctly by everyone as in the greater part of Canada, certainly in no part of Great Britain itself, with its numerous dialects.

"We were very much pleased with the design you sent. It was beautiful and appropriate." The Victoria Ave. Greenhouses receive such words of commendation every day. Telephone No. 181.

Verdi and Bismarck on Titles.

The composer Verdi was offered a title of nobility by King Victor Emmanuel. It was intended that he should be created Marquis or Comte de Busseto, after the estate upon which he lived. The composer refused the offer energetically. He considered that Verdi was somebody and that the Marquis de Busseto would be nobody.

Even Bismarck was unable to parry a blow of this character. When the young emperor broke with him, he conferred upon him the title of Duke of Lauenbourg. Bismarck received the parchment with this exclamation: "A pretty name! It will be handy for traveling incognito."

Some days after a parcel arrived at Varsin bearing the address "Mme. la Duchesse de Lauenbourg."

Bismarck, to whom it was delivered, being then at table, arose and, offering the letter to his wife, remarked ironically: "Duchess, enchanted to make your acquaintance!"

Where He Shone.

A thespian who spent several years trying to get beyond "the carriage awaits milord" station in first class Broadway productions was induced by his brother to join him in the dairy business in the City of Mexico. While on a business trip to this city recently buying new machinery and appliances for his prosperous Mexican creameries he met one of his former companions who was still struggling for an opportunity to "say lines." An exchange of confidences revealed the fact that the former actor was now making a snug fortune in the milk business, and his friend, the persevering player, remarked: "You're all right, Billy. You could never have shone in a theatrical way, but you are a star in a milky way."—New York Sun.

The Word Gazette.

The "gazette" is from the name of an old Venetian coin worth about one-half cent of our money. The name is applied to newspapers because it was the sum charged for reading the first written journals that made their appearance in 1550. After the paper was read it was handed back to the owner, who charged the next comer a gazette for taking a peep at it.

English Robes of State.
Every robesmaker in London always keeps some of the most expensive robes of state—those of a registrar, for instance—ready and lends them out when officials have to use them at any great ceremony. Many a peer, when his portrait is to be added to the family picture gallery, has obtained the crimson and ermine from his tailor for a small consideration.

Why She Discarded Him.
"Don't despair, Edward, even if father does say you'll be young enough to marry five years from now."
"Oh, I don't care for myself, but how about you?"

Puzzling.
"But ze foot of ze bed," the bewildered Frenchman said, "it ees not on ze end of ze laig!"—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed, you have a rumbling sound, or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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