

writer, and all his work had the marks of high literary merit. No doubt in the larger field of Toronto, he will reap the reward which his genius deserves.

Bad sanitation is a very costly luxury. In England, according to an insurance journal, the average expectancy of life is forty years. In Manchester, however, owing to the abominably unsanitary condition of that city, the expectancy is only twenty-five years. That is, the earning period of the people is reduced from about twenty-five years to only ten years. To save a slightly higher percentage of the taxes necessary to make the city more healthy. The incoming city council of Victoria might make a note of these facts and govern their sewerage policy accordingly.

One of those charitable gentlemen who interested themselves in making Christmas a happy day for the poor informs me that the amount of destitution in this city is simply appalling. Hundreds of men and women are out of work, without any immediate prospect of employment. Penniless and hungry, they cry aloud for bread, but receive only a stone. This destitution does not, it is said, reach to the Chinese quarter, where, as a matter of fact, all have sufficient to supply their wants—because white people give a preference to Chinese labor. This is another problem in connection with Chinese immigration which must be solved in the near future.

Much has been written about the meanest man, but a well authenticated story is in evidence that meanness is not exclusively a masculine attribute. A few benevolent women found a worthy widow, the mother of several small children, in destitute circumstances. A collection resulted in the contribution of \$20 for her relief, and one of the women was delegated to give the money to the widow. In due time a note from the widow was received expressing heartfelt gratitude and acknowledging receipt of \$7. An investigation was declared in order. It was found that the widow was the tenant of the woman who had been intrusted with the presentation of the money and owed \$13 rent to her landlady. This sum the lady Shylock retained from the none to generous fund and delivered the pittance remaining to the widow and fatherless.

The latest English importation in the line of language is the expression "Oh, I say!" and it now rivals "Don't ye know?" in popularity among the Anglomaniacs. Lord Dunraven and his party on their recent arrival were looking at newspapers illustrations of the Valkyrie, and at each glance his lordship exclaimed, "Oh, I say!" Then he pointed them all out to his big, handsome companion, the Marquis of Ormonde, who exclaimed as he saw each illustration, "Oh, I say!" After Lord Ormonde had examined all the papers he started aft with them to where the Countess of Dunraven and her daughters stood, severely regarding New York harbor. Lord Ormonde gave the impression that he was going wading, so high were his trousers turned

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up at the bottom but he only went as far where the countess and her daughters were standing and directed their attention to the illustration in the newspapers. As each of the ladies examined the papers she exclaimed, "Oh, I say!"

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