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SLANDER

(By G. H. H. Nase)

"Only the base believe what the base utter," Bellur.

One of the most insidious forms of unadulterated iniquity, is gossip. Gossip is usually allied with other easy virtues and invariably springs from polluted sources, aggravated by the craving, minus the opportunity, to commit acts contrary to the laws of decency. In only a few cases is it where it is not disseminated with intent to do grievous harm, but nevertheless irreparable.

Numerous incentives might be attributed to this loathsome form of mental aberration, but the three most potent are envy, malice and ignorance. Anyone afflicted with these three plagues and a well-greased tongue, can wound more hearts and blast more hopes than the greatest scourge that ever took place in the world's history.

Slander is inspired frequently by one being prevented from consummating the highest thought in their rotten minds—prostitution—and invariably has some other ulterior motive. It wages war against common decency and it goes to the highest bidder if they are willing to pay the price. It is bartered in exchange for trivial favours, both to the blind and the seeing who stagger under its morbid influence until the light bursts in—if it ever does—and they stand agape at the havoc they have wrought; friends alienated, brother set against brother, sister against sister, husbands and wives against each other and children against their parents. The evil still goes on unchecked, the ghoul of today harvesting where, yesterday, the carrions spread their foul and filthy trail.

To see people branded with almost every infamy, wasting their all too short and anxious years in a vain and abortive effort to injure someone with whom they are travelling the short and tortuous path to eternity, is extremely sad. Evil begets evil, and he who enters into whose mind evil thoughts are constantly, generating and perpetually generating are of the evil possibly the lowest; for evil thoughts ultimately drift to evil actions.

All gossips and slanderers are branded, be they men or women; and if they think they are covering up their tracks, they are living in a fool's paradise. They bear the impress of their treachery stamped indelibly in their features or in their actions.

Passy-footing, sneaking, spying, hypocrisy, lying, back-biting and suspicion, are all serpents from the same illegitimate brood. Behind each one of these malicious tendencies lies a motive, and the motive is the lowest that can be instilled into the human heart. If some beastly and the power of speech, they would possess all these attributes. Given the motive, it is easy to produce the character.

In all communities there are unsophisticated and credulous people, who swallow slander, hook and line and sinker, reverting to old moth-eaten, oft-misleading proverb, "Where there's smoke, there's fire." Where there's hatred, there's malice, too; and so the proverbs are often mixed, the one substituted where the other is implied. It may be quite true there is often smoke, but there is not always the fire of infamy that blackguards are on the lookout for.

Every community has its broadcast station and every station has some purpose to serve. Whispers are shouts from the house-tops, and mountains are made where there were only molehills.

People given to this form of debasement are, without exception, mental weaklings, degenerates, or just non-entities imbued with a sense of their own importance, striving without let or hindrance to serve their own unprincipled ends. Some are fortunate—if one might use such a term in connection with characters of this kind—in making their own rotten lives, lives which are a veritable disgrace and a constant menace to any neighborhood and any society. No matter how much we may dislike such people, there is nothing to exult in. It is deplorably sad. "Be sure your sin will find you out" is just as true today as it was nineteen hundred years ago; a precept that men in their blindness fail utterly to take to heart.

The hot rank breath of gossip, like some violent poison, gnaws into the vitals and sears everything with which it comes in contact, with a ven-

om for which there is no antidote. It has wrecked kingdoms and caused devastating wars, wrecking it cruelty to the innocent. This constant ridiculing and damning everybody and everything is nothing but a depraved habit and an infallible symptom of a disordered mind and an ill-regulated life. We have a herculean task to keep our own doorway clean, let alone raking over somebody else's dirt. They who give credence are on a par with those who utter it, for birds of a feather are always seen in flocks.

Some are so impregnated with the spirit of evil or with dirty, licentious thoughts that they see evil in everything they see or hear. They cannot possibly conceive in their non-existent minds how things should be that are, if a man or a woman steps aside from the beaten path which these pseudo-arbiters of social conduct have hewn out in their slit-like minds, they fall irrevocably. In fact their career is at an end; they are finished. It is laughable and at the same time disgusting.

There is little hope for those saturated in this form of debauchery, but chicken hearts come home to roost, and in the closing days of their lives when the past is over and done with, the words uttered so thoughtlessly and with such vindictive savagery, will have gone too far and sunk too deep to be recalled, and remorse to the bitter dregs will be their sole reward. If such people could only realize what they are missing in life—and life, after all, with its ups and downs, even for the most miserable, has its ray of sunshine and its need of compensation—the days would be shorter and the nights sweeter. Roses would take the place of thistles and life would have a real purpose and an abiding peace where now everything hinders and sleep is dressed and futile.

Life, at its best, is a grind from the cradle to the grave, and the man or woman who takes its victories and its defeats with humility and courage, are the ones who get the most out of it. The greatest in the world are the one that is the least crowded is "Minding one's own business." It may be a grinding task for "meddlesome Mattys" and inquisitive male-nuisances, but it pays big dividends. It wins respect and confidence in the place of mistrust and disgust.

We are just over the threshold of the New Year and God alone knows what affliction or what blessing may be our destiny. Let us resolve to lead cleaner lives; to stop—leave to scandal and to shut our mouths when whatever spirit may prompt us to speak harshly, unjustly or untruthfully. Let us "Ring out the false and ring in the true."

There are greater things to be done in our everyday life for our less fortunate fellow-men; greater and more humane legislation to be cut into our tablets of law if we are striving for a country that is mighty and which God will make mightier yet. To her statesman and law-giver; to her man of good and womanhood, is entrusted a great responsibility, and much shall be required of them, for each individual's actions whether they are on the throne or in the mart, leaves its impress on the annals of the nation. Whether our emolument be great, our fame lasting, or whether we have but an eye to simple duty, it is given us to fashion and weave the warp and woof in the loom of nationhood into a beautiful texture. Each day as it comes fresh from the hands of the Creator brings us to another milestone on the journey to eternity, to be wrought with sacrifice and noble deeds or wrecked with avarice and misuse. What are we weaving and what shall the web be? In the weaving let us not forget that—

We rise by the things that are under our feet.

By what we have mastered of greed and gain;

By the pride deposed and the passion slain.

And the vanquished ill that we hourly meet.

ON TO GRAND FALLS

Seldom has any proposal submitted to the Legislature of this Province met with so favorable reception as that of yesterday relating to the development of Grand Falls. The reason is plain. The development of

Manuash power and the knowledge that the current from Grand Falls can be transmitted if necessary 250 miles to serve the needs of the people and that also that it can be linked up with half a dozen or more smaller to ring around and intersect the Province with transmission lines, has seized the imagination of the people and given them a vision of the incalculable benefits to be derived from cheap light and power. They do not expect the work to be done all at once but they want a beginning made as will ensure continuous development.

Hon. E. A. Smith, chairman of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission expresses the view that there is already in sight a sufficient market to warrant the beginning of work at Grand Falls. The Opposition may be expected to urge that the Government proceed with caution and the mouthpieces of the New Brunswick Power Company which opposes public ownership and would hate to see the prospects of corporation profits vanish, will have much to say about the folly of a province embarking upon such a policy; but it is only necessary to point to Ontario and to the need of cheap light and power for provincial development and they are answered.

The people of the northern part of the province have the full sympathy of those of the southern part in this campaign. Every citizen of New Brunswick is a shareholder in this great enterprise of power at cost, and stands to benefit by the early prosecution of the policy. What it will mean in the development of pulp and paper mills and other large scale as well as numerous small industries cannot easily be over-estimated, or what it will mean to the farmer and the householder. We have been losing population instead of retaining it. Industrial development will help to cure that evil, and also to give the farmer a better market. With courageous leadership the province is on the eve of great development and the Government while it must proceed with due regard to the financial aspect of the case will have the province at its back in carrying vigorously forward the policy adopted in 1920.—St. John Times.

PROROGATION IS EXPECTED SATURDAY

Fredericton, N. B., April 8.—The result of the unexpected conclusion of the debate on the budget Friday afternoon will be that the Legislature will probably be able to complete the business of the session and reach prorogation by next Saturday. Premier Veniot said Saturday, "If that is not done," he added, "we will have to remain here over the week-end and complete the business on Monday, April 16. I am very hopeful however of reaching prorogation by next Saturday. The government legislation is virtually all before the house now."

Premier Veniot, however, forecasted introduction of a bill which would increase the borrowing power of the New Brunswick Power Commission so as to permit of a start being made on the development of the Grand Falls on the St. John River if the reports which are made to the Government during recess indicate the advisability of proceeding. To what extent the borrowing power will be increased was not stated, but the Premier said it would be in the way of an interim vote so the preliminary work would not have to be held up.

WATERVILLE NEWS

Arthur Kearney, who is attending the Provincial Normal School, spent the Easter holidays with his parents here.

The Women's Missionary Society in connection with the Reformed Baptist church at Victoria, held a very enjoyable concert in the hall here, on Friday evening last. The program was well rendered, especially the reading, "Measuring Jerusalem" by C. M. Shaw, being worthy of special mention.

Rev. Carl Giberson and the Rev. Ziba Lockhart are holding special meetings here.

Mrs. Gerald DeWare and children are visiting at the home of her uncle, at Pembroke.

Mrs. and Mr. Huntley DeGrasse are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born April 9.

GOT SO WEAK SHE FELL IN TRACKS

Toronto Lady Says Stomach Trouble Caused Collapse—Gives Tanlac Full Credit For Recovery

"I don't believe I'd be alive today to tell of my recovery if I hadn't taken Tanlac treatment when I did. I feel so thankful that if I could I would go from house to house and tell everybody about this wonderful medicine. This is the grateful statement made the other day by Mrs. Josephine Brathwaite, 13 Bright St., Toronto, Ont.

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