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MORAL AND SOCIAL REFORM.

A good deal has been said of late concerning the work that is being carried on under the name of moral and social reform. In connection with the central organizations of the various religious denominations. The work has been accomplished by officials specially appointed for that purpose. And the fact that the churches have appointed these special agents has been accepted as an indication that the churches were awakening to new life.

In this campaign against wrongdoing there has been a good deal of shouting and usually something to shout about. These agencies have given valuable aid in the campaign against the saloon. They have been exercised in the suppression of gambling and there has been a constant war against the business of prostitution, while the provisions of the Lord's Day act have afforded large opportunity for action.

No one will be disposed to complain when the churches set aside good men for the special purpose of encouraging good legislation and enforcing good laws. The average representative in Parliament is apt to be a very busy man even though he may happen to be a very good citizen and it is as well that there should be men whose special business it is to shape and express public sentiment on moral questions demanding legislation. Furthermore, all such legislation demands such sentiment as the churches foster for its enforcement. These departments do a very good work in effecting and enforcing good legislation.

But that method of attempting to bring about a moral and social reformation is a very old and a very inadequate method. When the churches have the power of the state to utter an authoritative "Thou shalt not," they do not thereby display that fullness of power which Christian churches have been supposed to possess. There is a weakness about legal prohibitions which the gospel has been able to overcome. Consequently when the churches begin to fall back upon legal enactments of a prohibitory sort as the chief instrument of reformation, there is grave reason to suppose that there must be an unexplained inability in the use of the subtler and more effective methods of the gospel.

It is one thing to write a law to prevent a man from doing wrong; it is quite another thing to create within that man a dominant desire to do the corresponding right. The weakness of the moral and social reform movement of the church is that the very commendable business of legislation seems to consume much of the energy that was formerly spent in evangelization.

It is very doubtful if it is the business of the church to do the mechanical work in the reconstruction of society. There are men in abundance who possess strength and skill for that task. But that strength and skill must be made available by the inspiration which the church has provided and may provide. There is still a place for the old-fashioned preacher who can make man feel that the faith of the prophet of Nazareth is not folly.

Moreover, in the days when Christianity is so beautifully practical, it is worth while recalling the fact that the world's great prophets and seers have been foolishly unpractical. They have always been beaten in the game of life. They have sometimes been over-zealous, but they have always been unworried. Their chief contribution has not been mechanical, it has not been even hard-headed common-sense, but it has been their unreasoning and unswerving faith in the permanence and cover of the good in all persons. In short they have believed in a good God.

Now, we may be wrong, but we believe that there is a growing demand on the part of men that the church shall make it her chief business to bring that faith to the individual man. In the past she has been sometimes content to damn him if he did not believe, but now that he is wisely anxious to believe that deep damnation is inappropriate. Indeed, the table is completely turned and that church stands condemned that does not attempt to bring to a man the faith he requires.

So that today when church leaders are aggressively pushing the prohibition and legislative program of social and moral reform, it is well that we recognize the fact that the real work of the church, that for which it existed, is a work that is done by other and subtler methods than those practiced in the sanctified politics of reformation.

The increase of almost three-quarters of a million in the customs receipts for May is a most substantial proof of the return of business to its normal condition.

THE HOUSE FLY.

The common house fly once regarded merely as a pest and a nuisance is now regarded as a serious menace on account of its ability to spread disease by carrying infection into dwellings and contaminating food. The scientists as well as the housewives are now engaged in the warfare against this apparently insignificant insect. The battle against it may be won by comparatively simple methods. Screens on doors and windows will keep them out and if rooms that are not in use are kept darkened those that do get in will seek to escape to bright sunlight again. Such simple precautions may mean much to prevent disease and save precious lives.

The province has already suffered immense damage from forest fires and now the farmers are threatened with the loss of their crops on account of the excessive dryness. Other parts of the province will be earnestly hoping they will get a share of the rain which was so eagerly welcomed on the North Shore last night.

The lack of harmony which nearly wrecked the Conservative party in St. John at the last general election seems to be still in the way of united action on their part. The caucus held last night must have been a lively one.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE.

SENSITIVE PEOPLE.

The unhappy people and the most disagreeable people in the world are the super-sensitive or sensitive class. They are unhappy because they are always being slighted, laughed at, or talked about.

They are looking for slights and are always finding them. If you are near-sighted and do not see them, or absent-minded and don't see them (even though you look at them—) it is because you do not want to see them.

If they live in the country and are very kind to you, and you live in the town and want to be kind to them, they will come to the town and you don't recognize them on the street, it is because you don't want to know them away from their home. The sensitive class do not realize that the change of dress, hat or hair cut, make such a difference in their looks that their own mother would not recognize them, especially away from home.

If you are walking or driving with a friend and you are laughing together at some story or incident as you meet the sensitive person, he or she thinks you are laughing at them. If you are talking with a friend as you drive or walk by the sensitive man or woman you are talking about them.

There is something radically wrong about the suspicious and sensitive. It may be guilt for the sensitive person. "Suspicion always haunts the guilty mind." The thief doth fear each bush an officer. If not guilt, it is weakness akin to wickedness for "All seems infected that the infected eye."

The strong do not fear criticism. They are conscious there is nothing about them in appearance, dress, or personality to laugh at or ridicule. The sensitive mean the abnormality sensitive are conceded and attach undue importance to themselves. The world is too busy to discuss the sensitive or their affairs. When the world laughs at them it is because there is something wrong about them. The world does not laugh at unblest boots or unshaven faces, but it does when it sees down King street with the highest police of John De Angella, on one foot and the other foot had never seen a shoe shine parlor, King street would be likely to laugh at him. Or if he went down street with a silk hat and a check well shaven and the other side never known a razor he would likely be talked about.

You may dress as finely as you can and as poorly as you have to, and no one will laugh at you or talk about you. But go down street with a silk hat and bare footed you would get quite a crowd of jeering boys about you.

No sensitive friend, get rid of your wickedness or weakness and you will very likely get rid of your over-sensitiveness.

Thaddus



Monday's wash finished at 10 a.m.

WHAT was formerly a half or a whole day's job is now all finished at 10 a.m. And Naphtho did it! The all-powerful dirt dissolving properties in Naphtho Soap do away with Sunday night soaking—arising at dawn, boiling and rubbing. Naphtho saves the clothes, your hands and your health. Use Naphtho in either cold, lukewarm or boiling water. Made only by THE WELCOME SOAP CO., ST. JOHN, N.B.



Bikers Hope to Catch Weston Ere He Reaches Pacific Coast



Leaving New York May 11, Walter Wylie and E. Higgins are pedalling their way westward, spurred on by desire to overtake Edward Payson Weston, now walking through Colorado.

The aged pedestrian has covered half of his long walk to San Francisco and his average of 45 miles a day promises to take him to his destination within the specified time of 100 days.

HEROES OF THE DEEP

Brave Captains Who Have Perished With Their Ships

"The Captain of the Vessel Shall be the Last to Leave," and From This Man-Of-War Captain is Exempt.

"The captain of the vessel shall be the last to leave." This heroic sentiment has been exemplified time and again by the brave men who go down to the sea in ships, and to their everlasting honor there is no attempt or desire to shirk the fearful duty and responsibility. So it was that Captain Seabury of the ill-fated Republic refused to leave his ship till every man, woman, child and member of his crew had been saved. "The last to leave" it is the law, universally acknowledged at sea by officers and men alike as the basis of self respect and honor. From it no captain is exempt.

One of the bravest of these heroes was Chief Officer Paterson of the British King. One day some winters ago he was on New York under Captain O'Hagan. Great storms impeded the passage of the ship, and so Paterson stood in silence on the bridge, and before the leakage was discovered tons of water rushed into the hold. Captain O'Hagan told his men to shift the cargo, but barrels and cases were hurled this way and that, and one of them, driving the captain back against the wall, crushed his leg so severely that he had to be carried to the lifeboat.

For a brief space there was no captain. Then Paterson took command. At a critical moment his strong personality and calm assurance saved the crew from panic. Three boats filled with sailors from the British King were launched in safety, while the "new commander" stood in silence on the bridge, lower and lower sank the ill-starred ship, and as she heaved and took her final plunge, Paterson blew a farewell blast upon his whistle to the fast departing crew. Quite different but no less heroic was the manner in which Captain Griffith of the Atlantic Transport Line steamship Mohegan faced death. Pough it was curiously dark that twilight, he had run his vessel on the rocks near the Needles in October, 1903, and it was rapidly sinking. The last glimpse of Captain Griffith showed him standing on the bridge ordering the boats to be lowered in order to save his crew.

Heroic in death, too, was the captain of the oil ship Louisiana, which several years ago was burned at sea.

Before thinking of his own safety he saw every man of his crew clear of the doomed vessel, and then it was too late. Foot by foot he was driven forward by the flames till at last he hung over the bow. A tramp steamer came up, but the waters were too rough for the lowering of the boats. Finally the flames compelled him to loosen his hold, and while his ship burned fiercely on he was dashed into the angry seas beneath.

But still more dramatic was the death of Captain Deloncle of the French liner La Bourgoigne sunk in the summer of 1898. As he stood one night upon the bridge a tall bark suddenly loomed out of the darkness and, dealing La Bourgoigne a fatal blow steamed hurriedly away. The men on board went frantic. In a scramble for safety firemen and crew lost their wits, and people ran up and down the deck in wild despair.

Deloncle stood calm amid the tumult. Suddenly he abandoned himself to the dramatic horror of the scene and, seizing the whistle rope, sent into the skies one long, wild, wailing groan. It was Deloncle's last salute. Perhaps the noblest death of all was that of Captain Craven of the monitor Tecumseh at the attack in August, 1864, on Mobile. The ship was fast sinking. There was not a moment to be lost. At the foot of the ladder leading to the mainhold above, the turning La Bourgoigne a fatal blow steamed hurriedly away. The men on board went frantic. In a scramble for safety firemen and crew lost their wits, and people ran up and down the deck in wild despair.

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"DISEASES" FROM THE WIRELESS

European Medical Journal Claim That Hertzian Waves are Harmful.

The statements made in European medical journals to the effect that wireless waves are harmful to operators and have been the cause of many disasters is strongly refuted by E. J. Haughton, superintendent of the Dominion Government stations in British Columbia. Mr. Haughton states that far from being harmful, they have a beneficial effect, by purifying the air and rendering the action of breathing much more easy.

Mr. Haughton says that these statements must be false, as the same principle is in contact with the waves which are transmitted from the top of the wireless mast. The flash from the transmitter, he says, is at times painful to the eyes, just as any other bright, uncovered flash of electricity would be.

The passage of the Hertzian waves through the air works the same principle as a summer thunder storm, which is generally regarded as beneficial to mankind. Mr. Haughton points out an interesting feature which is apparently due to the atmosphere of the wireless stations at Gonzales Hill. A deaf man who is an occasional visitor there finds his malady considerably lessened after sitting in the operator's room for some minutes. He is able to hear an ordinary conversation, where on other occasions he has to be shouted to before he will respond.

According to M. P. Bellie, a French naval surgeon on board the Descurries, which has been engaged in the campaign in Morocco, the members of a ship's company who were employed in wireless telegraphy duties, developed various affections in consequence of the action of the Hertzian waves. Most commonly the telegraphists complained of their eyes and cases of slight conjunctivitis, keratitis and cataracts were seen.

In order to protect the eyes from damage by the ultra-violet rays of the electric light, it was recommended that yellow or orange glasses should be worn. Not only were the eyes of the operators affected, but two cases of eczema—one of the wrist and one of the eyelid, both very difficult to cure—were seen, probably due to the same cause.

Lastly, one of the officials who had been employed for several years in wireless telegraphy suffered painful palpitation of the heart, which came on after working for any length of time at the instruments for sending messages. This man was quite free from any organic lesion of the heart. M. Bellie, of the L'Ance, a British medical journal, is disposed to think that a good many cases of "nervousness" and getting rather common among naval men, may be due to the action of the Hertzian waves in wireless telegraphy.

INCREASE IN REVENUE IS OVER MILLION

OTTAWA, Ont., June 11.—It is announced that the third artillery will be inspected July 16th at St. John. The 10 Woodstock field battery and the 12th Newcastle battery will be inspected between June 18 and 21 and the 19th battery will be inspected at Sussex, July 5.

The financial statement for May shows the revenue for the first three months of the year to have been \$13,613,761, which is an increase of more than a million and three-quarters dollars over the collections in the same time the year before. The increase is principally due to an increase of over a million dollars during the three months. Excise collections were by about a hundred thousand dollars and the post office revenue by the same.

MADE HIS MARK.

"Well, young Dr. Slicer has made his mark, already, hasn't he?" "Yes, did it on his first case." "Great work! What did he do?" "Vaccinated him."

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THEY'VE HAD THE EXPERIENCE DUNLOP AUTOMOBILE TIRES

SUSSEX MAN IS SHOT BY FRIEND AT SASKATOON

SASKATOON, Sask., June 11.—An accident which may have a fatal ending and which was the result of a practical joke, happened last night. Walter A. Sherwood, teller in the Bank of Nova Scotia, with a party of friends, went across the river to have fun with a party of other bank clerks who are camped there. Sherwood and his companions began playing pranks around the tents, letting down ropes and similar things. A few minutes later a shot was fired from inside one of the tents and Sherwood dropped, terribly wounded in the stomach.

How to Avoid Sea Sickness

Take along a box of Mother's Seal and Train Sick Remedy. It has recently been thoroughly tested on English and Irish Channels and found absolutely reliable. Recommended editorially by such papers as London Daily Journal, is disposed to think that a good many cases of "nervousness" and getting rather common among naval men, may be due to the action of the Hertzian waves in wireless telegraphy.

RECORDER GIVES OPINION MONDAY

A special meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board has been called for Monday afternoon for the purpose, it is understood, of receiving a decision of the recorder in the matter of the scope of the board in determining water rates. The recorder it seems contrary to the view hitherto taken, is of the opinion that it is only up to the committee to recommend to the council the schedule of rates. For some months it has been thought that the decision of the board was final and that the report was sent to the full bench of fathers out of courtesy. The difference of opinion is responsible for the meeting.

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FEARING GIRL'S LOVE LOST, KILLS HIMSELF She Cries in Hysterics as Admirer's Body is Carried Away PHILADELPHIA, June 11.—Apparently believing that his fifteen-year-old sweetheart's love had grown cold, Benjamin S. Riley, 21 years old, a plumber, committed suicide last night. Using the instrument of his trade, a pair of pliers, to wrench off the top of the gas jet, he choked himself in his room to wait for death. He was unconscious when his father found him, and died on the way to the Women's Homeopathic Hospital. The frantic father at once telegraphed his wife, who is in Gettysburg at a convention.

Just after the patrol wagon had left the house, a beautiful girl had hysterically upon the front door of the Riley house, crying: "It can't be true. Benjamin was going to meet me tomorrow. Except that her name is Grace, neighbors say they do not know her."

HEER VERNION. Mr. Highbrow-It was Michael, I believe, who observed that "verman is the salt of man's life." Miss Keen-Quite true, young men aren't half as fresh after they get married.

CAUTION! Refuse any bread sold as BUTTERNUT BREAD

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MARRIAGES KIRKPATRICK-RAMSAY—At Holy Trinity Church, St. John, N. B., June 9, by Rev. J. J. Walsh, Frederick A. Kirkpatrick to Ida M. daughter of Chas. H. Ramsay, of St. John.

WANT A BONUS FOR DRY DOCK Soo Delegation Interviews Gov't on Behalf of Half a Million Dollar Project OTTAWA, June 11.—The government was today asked by a delegation from Soo to give a bonus of a half million dollar dry dock at the Soo. The town has promised one hundred thousand dollars aid and the government is asked to pay three per cent for twenty years as they are authorized to do under the dry dock act. Sir Wilfrid and Hon. Dr. Pugsley heard the delegation and promised consideration.