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Politicians and Election Promises

It Has Been "The Custom of the Country" for Certain Public Men to Make Promises They Never Intend to Fulfill, Such as Peat for Fuel, Two Blade Grass, New Fish Markets, Whitening the Hills With Sheep, etc.

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—Never promise and fail to perform" is a maxim which every man, woman and child should sincerely and conscientiously consider before making any engagement, and they should fully realize that a promise that which affords ground of expectation to the promisee; and failing to perform is breaking faith with one's self, one's fellowman and one's God.

"What accounts," said one wise man to another, "for the lack of integrity in the social, political and business life of our time?" "The failure" was the reply, "rightly to estimate the value of one's word; the popular belief that people do not mean what they say, or only half mean it."

If anything is worse, he added, than the way in which promises are broken, it is the way in which they are made, obligations being readily assumed by those who must know they can never discharge them.

I have very often asked the question, "What has brought about the condition of affairs?" And I have arrived at the conclusion that it is environment, the way we are trained etc. For instance take the child from its earliest education in the home and the school to his entrance upon the active duties of life. You hear the father, mother, or both parents of that child threatening a punishment that is never inflicted, the teacher promising a reward that is never bestowed; the employer holding out the hope of a higher wage that is

never realized. And then you see the child treating a promise in the same way, putting upon it the same value that he sees his superiors put upon it, soon copying their example. "I will, surely," he says, "be back before dark." "I will not leave the shop or office until I thoroughly finish my work." Promises thus readily made are as readily broken.

The next step from matters of little to those of large importance is a very easy one. The young man borrows money off his friend, engaging to pay it at a certain time; the promise is forgotten and the day passes by. He pledges himself to provide for a destitute family; something takes his attention, and the needy are neglected. He makes a marriage engagement very hastily and inconsiderately sees someone else he likes better, "perhaps because she has a prettier face," and he throws his promise over his shoulders to the four winds of heaven, and starts in courting the other girl with the prettier features.

The process of moral decay is a simple one. The man is overpowered in a moment by a sudden temptation; the habit has grown with his years, until it has become a part of his being. The disease, if we may call it such, sorry to say is prevalent among all classes, and conditions of people, even politicians have contracted it in its worse form, which, a few years ago, led some of them to make all kinds of promises, and the electorates are still living on the ground of expectation, waiting patiently for cheap fuel in the line of peat, new markets for fish, a suitable supply of bait depots, weekly messages from foreign markets re the price of our staple industry, extraordinary packages of our staple produce decorated with beautiful bows of ribbon for transportation, yes, the covering of the South Side Hills with sheep and the two bladed grass, which is farther away from us at the present time than even the Prime Minister of Newfoundland can anticipate.

Of course the majority of politicians in this and every other country will be honest enough to assert that they are no exception to the rules of making many promises, following the custom, etc. They will be truthful enough to say that their convictions "if they have any" are controlled by what bring them the most votes on election day, consequently its an easy matter

to them to carry two faces under one hat, to make all kinds of promises, to make black appear white and even make themselves popular at the expense of the state.

But its consoling to know that there are two remedies for this moral decay.

The first concerns itself with the individual, with you and with me. Every one of us should take as our motto that adopted by a business man of large experience and success—"Make few promises, but keep those you have made at all hazards." If that was done what a difference it would make in the relations of parents and child, of teacher and scholar, of master and servant, of politicians and electorates; everything would be change, one person would solely confide in the other. The merchant would be no longer in doubt whether the bill would be paid the day it was due; the judge would not fear that the jury would return any by a true and righteous verdict; the clergyman would not wonder whether his church members would fulfil the solemn obligations they had assumed; and even the electorates would rely upon the extraordinary promises made by politicians on the eve of general elections in Newfoundland. The dawn of a new day of confidence and hope would surely be near.

The second remedy will be found in the following words of Professor Joseph H. Chickerly—"In holding up and emphasizing, on all possible ways, il-

lustrious examples of virtue." Lendas and his three hundred at the pass. Horatius and his companions at the bridge. Casabianca alone on the deck, are figures as interesting as familiar, and will never be outgrown or forgotten. But we need not go back to ancient days or fly to foreign shores.

Where can we find a better example, in political life, of loyal devotion than in Charles Sumner, who having once espoused the cause of the slave, never deserted it to the end of his long and arduous life, bearing obloquy, misrepresentation, even personal violence, without a murmur of regret.

In a less conspicuous position whose record is brighter than that of J. B. Gough, the apostle of temperance, who, having taken the pledge, fought a long, unwearying struggle against the power of this habit in himself, and died with words of good counsel on his lips? In military life who has a better life of fame than the great leader in the civil war, who declaring that he would fight it out on that line if it took all summer, kept his promise and saved his country?"

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Indian Islands
Will Back Coaker

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Mr. Editor,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to say a few words about Indian Islands, as I have not seen any word from this place for a long time. I thought I would chip in and say something about our President.

Mr. Coaker surely is worthy of a place in our hearts, more especially when the fishing season comes round. It is now opening and everybody is making preparation and hoping it will be a prosperous season. We know Mr. Coaker is prepared to give us a good price for our fish when the time comes around to sell it. Through Mr. Coaker we secured a good price for our fish last year. Hoping that our Union men of Indian Islands may prove a success to the Union, especially Mr. Joseph Reid as he is a chip of the old block

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