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Famous Consumptives.

Great Invalids Who Were Great Authors.

It has been said that while consumption slowly but surely kills a man, it incidentally brings out his genius. This is the opinion of Dr. Jacobson, an eminent American scientist, and the following notable instances certainly go to prove it.

One of the most striking examples is that of Thomas Hood, the "irrepressible" wit and humorist. Hood's life has been called "one long disease," for he was a victim of tuberculosis from infancy until his death at forty-six. No amount of discouragement could dull the edge of his humour. It was during the height of the disease that he wrote "Eugene Aram," upon which his immortality rests.

Genius of R. L. S.

Robert Louis Stevenson, like Hood, was a chronic invalid from boyhood. The slowly wasting ailment prevented him from writing more than two hours a day, but during that period it gave him unsurpassed command over the English language, an emotional insight into child life, and the world's greatest romantic touch.

In his younger days Stevenson wrote essays, but in 1881, when he was thirty-one years of age, he abandoned these and devoted himself to the imaginative type of story, such as his "Treasure Island," "New Arabian Nights," "Kidnapped," etc. Despite his literary activities during this period, tuberculosis was gradually wearing him down, but as his body grew frail his wizardry of expression and his ability to write strengthened.

It is of interest to note that in her younger and healthier days Elizabeth Barrett Browning failed to sell her poems. They were absolute failures, and until she was thirty she had no success at all. Then she fell a victim to the "white plague," and, strange to relate, within a year she began to

pen those deeply emotional poems that have given her enduring fame in English literature.

Antoine Watteau, one of France's foremost artists, painted his celebrated decorative panels while dying of the "white man's scourge." He sprang from humble and poverty-stricken surroundings, and was forced to work on the brink of starvation for the greater part of his thirty-seven years. Just as his fame rose to national proportions his tubercular condition became worse, and he worked desperately during his last few years to complete as much work as possible before he died.

Emerson's "White Plague."

Although Ralph Waldo Emerson lived past the allotted three score years and ten, his health was undermined by tuberculosis, and only a rough sea voyage saved him at one time from dying of the disease. His wife and two brothers died from it, and his life was a struggle against it. However, it released his marvellous gift of genius and made him America's greatest essayist.

The case of the author of "Jane Eyre," Charlotte Bronte, affords another convincing proof of the power of consumption to inspire supreme excellence in literary work. It was after consumption held her in its grip that she wrote that famous novel.

It is said that Chopin composed his best pieces of music when almost choked with nasal catarrh. The "white plague," however, permitted him to turn out those unprecedented themes and harmonies which brought him everlasting fame.

Paganini, perhaps the greatest of violinists, was often prevented from appearing at concerts on account of lung trouble. It is said that his impassioned and soulful performances became far more intensely beautiful as his life burned lower.—Tit-Bits.

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On to-morrow night the Benevolent Irish Society will be presented with a most striking souvenir of the war by Rev. Fr. Nangle, C.F. It is a propeller blade of a German airship brought down within the Newfoundlanders' lines on "Hun Kill Bill's" birthday. On the blade is mounted a time-piece, barometer and thermometer. The embellishing was done by a reputable London jeweller and is a work of art.

Wedding at Nova Scotia.

HARTIN—FORWARD.

Friday, afternoon, September 7, Mr. Lewis Hartin of New Brunswick, and Miss Elsie Forward of St. John's, Newfoundland, were united in marriage by the writer at the home of Elder Wilson in Oxford, Nova Scotia. The groom is a most successful Seminary student canvasser. The bride has been a student in the South Lancaster Academy for several years. Brother and Sister Hartin are now pursuing their studies in the Seminary where he is taking the Ministerial Course and she the Normal. Both are earnest devoted Christians and we are glad they will soon be ready to enter the work for which they are preparing.—A. V. Olson.

Hero and Heroine Married at Montreal.

On the 29th ultimo at St. Paul's Church, Montreal, Nurse Maizie Parsons, daughter of Mr. E. Parsons, M. H. A. Hr. Grace, was married to Captain William Marcy, R.A.M.C., of the C.E.F., only the immediate friends of the contracting parties being present. Miss Parsons was among the first of Newfoundland's nurses to go on active service, having served in hospital in England, at Saloniki and other places, where she established a fine record for herself and the country that gave her birth. Capt. Marcy has been attached to the Royal Army Medical Corps and like his bride has done good work in aiding the sick and wounded soldiers. The Telegram wishes Capt. and Mrs. Marcy many years of wedded happiness.

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(Rev. S. F. Coffman, Vineland, Ont., states: "This is to certify that I know Mrs. Thwaites and the party to whom she refers, and her statements are correct.")

Mr. J. E. Jones, 228 University Avenue, Kingston, Ont., writes: "I had eczema in my hand for about five years. I tried a great many remedies, but found that while some of them checked it, none cured it permanently. Finally I tried Dr. Chase's Ointment, and in six weeks my hand was completely better. I would not do without a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment in the house if it cost \$2 a box. I am giving my name to this firm so that it will get to those who suffer as I did."

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Here and There.

ENGLISH GOODS ARRIVE.—A consignment of English goods for the Fall and Christmas trade has arrived in the city.

CITY COUNCIL.—The weekly session of the Civic Board takes place to-night at which some red hot discussion is expected to occur on matters that will crop up.

TO-NIGHT'S DANCE.—The dance and sociable which is being held at the Amusement Club Hall, Kilbride, this evening in aid of a worthy object promises to be a great success.

A BUSY WATERFRONT.—Yesterday and again this morning a large sail of craft reached port from different out harbours with codfish cargoes. Within the next two months mercantile premises will be busy handling fish.

Italians Absolute Masters of the Air.

Caproni Machine Practically a Howitzer Which Lifts and Drops Huge Projectiles—Accuracy of Aim Deadly—Army's Aviation Experts Consider Plan to Cross Atlantic Not Only Feasible but Easy.

With the Italian Army, Sept. 26.—No day or night passes by but great bomb-dropping Capronis sail over Austrian gathering points, railway junctions, and crossroads and churn them into ghastly disorder with a rain of bombs. Prosecco, upon the main line of communications from Trieste to Tolmino, and the road leading back from it and that concentration of Austria's remaining forces, which are reorganizing along the Chiapovano Valley, are frequently visited.

The Italians hold foremost place in the development of the airplane, which is practically a howitzer; that is, a mere means of lifting huge projectiles and depositing them on objectives. They have given particular attention to accuracy of aim, so that often they achieve an effect equal to intensive fire by large calibre guns. I was told recently of a squadron which flew over an Austrian trench line on the Carso reaching the trench with every

bomb dropped. It was like the fire of a widely spaced battery as the bomb explosions sprang up along the windings of the parapet.

Their mastery of the air is so complete that throughout the fighting

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which commenced Aug. 19, I personally only witnessed two air battles. The aviators tell me they are rarely attacked save when a single machine is flying in the neighborhood of the woods near Komen, where the Austrians have several large machines. These will pounce out and take a chance against a single fier. The only active and daring Austrian aviators are those of the hydroaeroplanes from Trieste and the Istrian coast bases, among whom is the redoubtable Bamfield, employed by the Austrian Lloyd. Prisoners brought down and captured alive by Grado airmen describe him as a young man about 25 and exceedingly reckless. He is now obliged to walk with a stick since he has been twice wounded while flying. He was among the aviators who attacked the English monitors.

The Austrians were the first nation to use the airplane in warfare. They maintain this prestige by unceasing activity in the development and perfection of types of machines. I visited to-day an aerodrome which is occupied by a squadron of which Laureati, the Turin London flier, was a member for a time, and saw many of the latest types of the great machines which have done so much to establish Italian air mastery. The Italians build nothing which has not a look of

finality. Their hangers of reinforced concrete are as handsome and solidly constructed as country villas, and the very airplanes showed a touch of artistry in finish and completeness or fittings. A modern Caproni is as comfortable for its occupants as a limousine.

I asked the aviators, in view of Laureati's success, what they thought of the prospects of the Caproni fliers in America who are to make an attempt to fly across the Atlantic. One and all were enthusiastic about it. They seemed to have been discussing it among themselves for weeks. They pointed out that by choosing starting and landing places the passage could be done with only about a thousand miles of water to cross.

"We have already machines which normally go into action with a crew of four men, besides a cargo of bombs," one of them said. "By reducing the crew to two and substituting for bombs and the other two men an extra fuel supply the thing is obviously possible."

They laid stress on the value of multiple engines and quoted the case of an aviator flying a three-engined machine who got back safely though two engines were out of action. "We shall all be mail carriers after the war," said one of them.

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