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ALONG THE RIVER

When the steamer Elaine arrived at In-diantown this morning she was crowded with passengers returning to the city from points as far up as Hammonds. For the next two months or more the resorts along the river will be populous centres of healthful enjoyment. There are so many steamers, and the fares are so low, and the services so accommodating that it is easy for many who do not have cottages of their own, to go to one of the numerous pretty places along the shore on Saturday, returning on Monday morning. The beautiful river takes to itself the careworn toiler in store or office, and even in a day or two works in him a transformation. The more one sees of the St. John river, the stronger is the call back again to its peaceful shores and smiling waters. The stately villa of an older and richer civilization has yet to come, but the visitor of today gets closer to nature, and finds in the pretty settings all the comfort that is needed.

THE REAL ENEMIES

Representatives of large corporations naturally deprecate attacks made upon corporations management and methods. One of them addressing the State Bankers' Association of Iowa, a few days ago, professed to be much concerned over the outlook. He feared that "indiscriminate assaults upon capital" would create a general feeling of distrust and fear, destructive of the prosperity of the country. He also protested that there was too much legislation regulating the affairs of corporations. To this gentleman and others like him the New York Journal of Commerce makes this forcible reply: "These critics who complain of exaggerated extravagance, lack of discrimination, in the current criticism of the abuses of the time, seem whenever they get started in speech, whether as doctors of divinity or financiers, to enter into exaggeration and extravagance of utterance those whom they condemn. Because the intricacies of certain life insurance methods are exposed, because will practices of railroads are the subject of deserved attack, because such corporate performances as stock-watering and swindling promotions are condemned, because the offenses of fraud and greed which are beyond denial or defense are made the subject of discussion and legislation, and efforts are made to arouse the moral sense of the community and insist upon standards of common honesty and justice, we are told that it is the fashion to indiscriminately and persistently attack every form of co-operated capital, that all corporations, are assailed, that there is 'indiscriminate assault upon capital wherever it is co-operated,' and that the critics are killing property."

THE BONUS SYSTEM

The Toronto Globe is decidedly opposed to the municipal bonus system, by which a majority in a community may "lay their hands on private property through the power of taxation, and give it over to favored individuals in the form of bonuses." The question is being taken up in the new provinces, and Edmonton, Lethbridge and Strathcona ask for legislation restricting the power of municipalities to grant bonuses to railways or factories. As the Globe points out, however, the difficulty is one not easily overcome. "The real danger," says the Globe, "will be found, as in other provinces, to lie in the absolute power of the legislature. After such legislation was adopted in Ontario private bills came in from various municipalities asking power to grant bonuses to favored individuals. These bills were actively supported by interested parties, while the people who were to suffer were not organized and made no appearance before the committee. The result was a continuation of the practice through the permission afforded by the unlimited power of the legislature. Western experience will be identical with our own unless they devise some provision akin to a constitutional safeguard. Citizenship should not involve the complete surrender of property to the will of the

majority. The purpose for which the tax collectors can take the property of citizens should be definitely settled. If the new provinces can devise adequate safeguards against the abuse of their power they will make property more secure, citizenship more desirable, and industrial development more stable and self-sustaining."

The bishop who discovered infidelity in an Ontario school geography was not able to convince many people that he was right. On this point the Toronto News says: "The charge that the High School Geography is an infidel book is an unfair and baseless one, as the following sentence on page 5, paragraph 15 will make plain: 'The story told by the unstarred rocks... takes us away from the earth; carries us to the heavens, and makes us look upon our world as only one of the innumerable stars, like them in its present or past condition, with a like future history, and with them forming a part of one universal plan designed by the Almighty Architect.' We can trace no iconoclastic atheism here."

At the formal closing of the manual training department of the schools of Dartmouth, N. S., last week, a display of the year's work by pupils evoked much favorable comment. The chairman of the school board stated that he regarded manual training as one of the most useful departments in the school, and various other speakers voiced similar views.

A Carleton county district has unanimously decided to apply the provisions of the compulsory education act. The same question should be considered in St. John.

The oft-predicted uprising in Russia is predicted once more. But once more it may not materialize.

The general public hospital has a somewhat unhappy faculty of getting into the limelight.

THE RELIGION OF THE AVERAGE MAN

Rev. J. G. Hindley preached an eloquent sermon yesterday on The Religion of the Average Man. He asked if present day interpretations of religion are reaching the average man. The church has made an honest effort, but only about a third of the population of the United States were church-going people. Compare the streets, cars, parks, resorts of St. John, Saturday evening and the churches Sunday morning. The case is no different in this city of church-topped hills. The church is failing to reach the average man.

Answering the question, "Who is to blame?" he said the church itself was to a great extent responsible.

(a) It has been unprogressive, ultra-conservative. We have advanced in every field, but the preaching today is too much like the sermons of our grandfathers. Our theology must be expressed in living terms, not dead symbols.

(b) Its administration has not been sane. There are too many "good" men who are not good for anything. The church has suffered from denominational rivalry and competition.

(c) Ministers have studied books too much and men too little. Their menu of life has been forced and artificial. They do not live in the same world as the average man, and so fail to reach him.

(d) But the average man is also at fault. He breaks away from home, Sunday school and church because he is not good, not because they are not. He is far from ideal. He is selfish, tends to become brutal and is false to his own ideals. He does not practice justice, kindness, truth.

The remedy is a living message from a living voice in the pulpit, and full sympathy with the average man from the pew. The average man needs to know the ideal man - this divine man Jesus - and the solution of humanity's problems, the kingdom of God, will come when the average man looks to Christ for inspiration and instruction in his progress toward justice, kindness and truth.

A FREAK STATUE

One of the most interesting freak statues in England is to the memory of Sir R. Holmes. It is to be seen in the church at Yarmouth, Isle of Wight. The funny thing about it is that it was not originally intended to represent the naval celebrity. It was sculptured for and represents Louis XIV. of France and was being conveyed to that country when the vessel containing it (and also the sculptor) was captured by an English ship commanded by Sir R. Holmes.

The body was finished, the head being left for completion on its arrival in France. On learning who it was for, the English commander compelled the sculptor to finish it by chiseling his (Holmes') head on the king's body.

THE FIRST CHAUFFEURS.

Chauffeurs existed long before there were automobiles.

History tells us that along about the year 1793 there sprang up in France, principally in the eastern and central regions, fantastically dressed men with their faces blackened with soot and their eyes carefully concealed who gained admittance to farm houses and other isolated dwellings at night and committed all kinds of depredations and outrages.

They had an atrocious habit, especially, from which they obtained the name that posterity has preserved for them. They first garrotted their victims, and dragged them in front of a great fire, where they burned the soles of their feet. Then they demanded of them where their money and jewels were concealed. Such interrogatories could scarcely be resisted. It is from this that is derived the application of chauffeur.

A company has been formed in Berlin for the purpose of selling water from the River Jordan for the purpose of baptism. The water is to be sold at 15 marks (\$3.00) a bottle and every pastor who sells a bottle of it is entitled to a discount of four marks.

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IN LIGHTER VEIN

A SECOND THOUGHT.

Lady Bicyclist (hysterically)—"Oh, Mr. Officer, Mr. Officer, somebody has stolen my bicycle." Officer—"What kind of a bicycle was it?" Lady Bicyclist—"Why, it was a high-g geared, hollow-axis, self-oiling, detachable tires, movable spoke-studs, double ball-bearings, and—oh, yes, now I come to think of it—my baby was attached to the handle-bar."

TOO STUPIDOUS.

In a family where there are two small boys, the elder takes delight in trying to share with the younger a portion of his own limited knowledge.

"How many days are there in a month?" he was overheard to ask his pupil.

"Twenty-nine," was the answer. "Is it twenty?" "No, it's thirty. An' how many months is a year?" "I dunno. How many is it?" "It's twelve. An' how many days fit a year?" The little fellow's eyes grew round with wonder.

"Why," he said, "nobody could know that!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

PLAYING SAFE.

"Why did you shoot this highwayman?" asked the policeman.

"In self-defence," answered the pedestrian in question, as a search through it "But he was running away when you fired," said the officer.

"I know it," replied the other, "but I was afraid he was going to run around the block and attack me in the rear."—Chicago News.

OVER THE PHONE.

"Hello—hello! Is this Mr. Richards? This is Cholly speaking. I called you up to inform you, sir, that last night I—er—I placed an engagement ring on your daughter's finger, and, if you please, 'Ring off'!"—Cleveland Leader.

NO INFIDELITY IN GEOGRAPHY

Question Shelved by Synod of Toronto After Interesting Discussion.

(Mail and Empire, Friday.) At yesterday's meeting of the synod of the Church was presented. Referring to religious instruction in the public schools, it was mentioned that two other bishops had referred to the materialistic tone of the geography text-books, and it was recommended that joint action should be taken.

On the report being taken up clause by clause Canon Welch expressed the opinion that the committee had not studied the text-books as a search through it since hearing the bishop's charge had failed to reveal anything that anyone could object to. It may have referred to certain hypotheses on the process of evolution but he could find nothing in it contrary to Holy Writ.

Canon Cody, who had also brought a copy, claimed that there was not a single passage in the whole book that could be pointed out as subverting Christian teaching. If he had any fault to find with the book it was that it was too far advanced for the classes for which it was intended. He assured other members of the synod, whatever might be the extent of their attainments, that they would find the book a regular "brain-twister."

Quoting from it, Canon Cody claimed that the author had thought he was doing as any Christian might desire that the world we inhabited was not produced by chance or at hapchance. He also thought that the synod should exercise the greatest care in criticizing educational works or it might find itself in the position of the Medieval Church which condemned Galileo.

Bishop Swetnam explained that in drawing attention to the text-book in question he had merely intended that the committee should investigate it. He had admitted that he had received information from the author of a work entitled the "Supremacy of the Bible." From what he knew of the author he thought he was justified in quoting his critique of the text-book. He had, however, since found that the author of the text-book was a member of the church and a communicant in good standing, who was very far from entertaining the materialistic views he had supposed.

It was proposed to refer the matter back to the committee on Religious Instructions for a report.

Professor Wrong demurred to the matter being referred to the committee without the synod expressing its condemnation of the manner in which it had been included in the report. It looked to him like a case of hanging a man first and trying him afterwards. The church could not be too careful to avoid every appearance of narrowness and bigotry.

His lordship, who evidently misunderstood Professor Wrong's condemnation of the committee for not investigating the book, but taking instead the reference to it in three episcopal charges as proof of its nature, said he could not plead guilty to "hanging a man first and then trying him," he had merely reported to the synod what had been conveyed to him from an apparently reliable source and he had depended on the committee to investigate the matter.

Finally the clause was referred back to be dealt with in a proper manner.

During January most of the branches of the national union of boot and shoe operatives of Great Britain had sent in requests that the employers would grant the eight-hour day, so as to absorb some of the workmen displaced by machinery.

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