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THE ARMY'S SECRET.

That society is but a term; that the individual is the only reality; that to uplift mankind, men must be lifted, one by one—the power to perceive this and the soul to inspire unrelenting effort for the individual, these form the secret of the Salvation Army's success, as outlined by General Booth yesterday afternoon. The eye to see, the heart to drive and the brain to direct—these three qualities in one personality have made this wonderful organization.

The personal touch has been the Army's keynote since its inception. The Army did not spring into being like a machine; it grew by slow and painful process. The General was the nucleus—the leaven. From him the high contagion passed to others, and from these again onward and it is still passing. And it by no means follows that when the original leaven is removed, the process will cease. As a social organization the Army was undoubtedly weakened when the General goes away, how much will depend upon the personality of his successor. But so long as his spirit and the secret as it may be called, the magnitude of the mass to obscure the supremacy of the individual—grows aloof from the sinning and suffering individual, as the churches are growing, it is ever getting above the level of the lowest man or woman and tries to save by reaching down from platform or pulpit instead of standing on a street level and lifting upward. It will lose its hold on the people—as the churches are losing—and some other man will catch again the true spirit of Christianity and, walking with public and sinners, doing good, will quicken the work anew; in another form perhaps, but the same work.

JOSEPH HOWE.

The proposal of the Halifax Chronicle to publish a new and revised edition of the speeches and letters of that great Canadian, Joseph Howe, should arouse wide interest and support. The edition is now being prepared, and published by Hon. William Annand, in 1883, fifteen years before Howe's death and so the most interesting period of his life is not touched upon at all. In the Chronicle's proposal to bring within the new edition all his writings and speeches of the confederation period and also to add the best of his poems and everything of public interest and value which came from his pen. To this end The Chronicle invites the co-operation of Howe's countrymen. It would like to hear from any persons who may have in their possession unpublished letters or speeches of Howe, and would welcome also reminiscences, such as may be of the older generation must be able to give, of the great tribune who lived and moved among them.

IMPERIAL ACQUAINTANCE.

Recognizing that mutual acquaintance among the various British countries is the surest and most permanent bond of Empire, the St. John News is glad to welcome this year and on former occasions parties of British journalists who have visited Canada to acquire first hand information regarding this Dominion and to transmit to their countrymen. For the same reason we heartily approve a movement recently instituted for the purpose of sending a party of Canadian newspaper men next year to the Old Country. This trip is now under process of organization and has met with no warm a response from every quarter that its success seems to be assured.

The Canadian government has shown its enterprise and interest in good-will by bearing the expenses of the party of British pressmen who recently visited Canada, and it is reasonable to expect that this reciprocal proposition will meet with its approval and substantial aid. Certainly the prospective benefit to this country and to Imperial relations generally of the visit to Great Britain of a party of representative Canadian journalists is a reason for official recognition and assistance. Materially and sentimentally the results would unquestionably be valuable. Canadians are much given to girding at Britishers for their ignorance of colonial conditions, but ignorance just as deplorable exists on this side of the water. With better acquaintance would come more business, closer friendship, firmer ties, and any effort to further this deserves public sympathy and support.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

In an interesting and valuable discussion of the general failure of municipal government in America as compared with its striking success in Europe, Rear Admiral Chadwick informed the League of American Municipalities, in session at the Jamestown Exposition, last week, that after such study as he had been able to give the subject he had become convinced that the main cause of American failure in placing the city administration, a profession which demands thorough knowledge and experience, in the hands of haphazard, short-term, men. "A mayor with us," he said, "is the accident of a day; the senate may be elected by the people, but the city is the game of politics, and they naturally play to keep in power. A change to a greater permanency of office and more technical officials, particularly is thus our primal need."

Taking English procedure, Admiral Chadwick pointed out that the actual administration was wholly in the hands of technical experts, called for any part of the country. But it was Germany, he said, which recognized in the greatest degree the business aspect of municipal administration. The mayor in Germany is a

mayor by profession, a highly trained and experienced city administrator. He may be called, if he acquires a reputation, from city to city. He is in fact an employee.

After discussing briefly the Galveston and Des Moines systems, and criticizing the former as an almost entire separation of the people from their civic duties, Admiral Chadwick pointed out that the system adopted in Newport, R. I., and very successful thus far, is in a degree a return to popular government. It is when analyzed a system of a small body of administrators, six in all, who are completely responsible for the manner in which administration is carried on. But all power of taxation, appropriation of funds, appointment to the more important city offices is in the hands of a body of 195, which is called the Representative Council. In principle the system is not unlike that of Washington, where there is an executive commission of three men appointed by the president and subject to congress. The new and important feature of the Newport plan is that there is an entire separation of the spending power from the power authorizing expenditure. This, however, is a deep and vital difference; a difference the necessity of which is clearly demonstrated by the whole evolution of government has been toward such a check.

LABOR AND LAURIER.

The action of the Trades and Labor Congress, as seen at Winnipeg, in its declaration against the government and ordering union men to vote against Liberal candidates everywhere because Sir Wilfrid Laurier declined to grant the demand for the investigation of the Japanese treaty, is not likely to strengthen the influence of that organization with the average level-headed laboring man. It smacks so much of childishness, it displays so evidently a lack of adult consideration of the importance of the issue involved, of the difficult position of the prime minister, not to mention the danger to labor interests of allowing a matter so important to them to become a party football, that it cannot be taken seriously by men who give any thought to public affairs.

Had Sir Wilfrid acceded to the demand of the Congress as it was presented, he would have shown himself utterly unworthy of the responsibility of his high office. The treaty which the labor leaders would so lightly discard was entered into after mature consideration and with the unanimous consent of Parliament. Ever since it has been the relation established between the two countries, the Premier has no warrant to take action of his own authority towards annulling it, without consulting Parliament. But that this is the case is a fact of which no means prove. Undoubtedly it has stimulated trade between the two countries, it has opened up a new and profitable market for Canadian millers and manufacturers. If this benefit has been secured at the expense of all the trouble with Japanese immigration which Canada has recently been having, the bargain has undoubtedly been a bad one. But, as a matter of fact, the restriction of Japanese immigration to Canada has been an intentional restriction of the agreement between the two countries. Under the convention no more than five hundred Japanese should come to Canada in one year, and the Japanese government professes to be doing its best to keep the number down to that limit. The trouble has arisen from the fact that large numbers of Japanese have been emigrating to Hawaii, where there are no restrictions and whence they have been coming to Canada in numbers which threaten the well being of the Canadian working man.

To remedy this the government is making earnest efforts with good prospect of success in the very near future. Knowing this and realizing also the importance of the question and that Canada, unable to fight for herself, has no right to drag Britain into a quarrel with Japan, it is not a nation which is now her friend and ally, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has taken the only course open to a prudent statesman in refusing to be led into paths of folly and danger at the behest of a group of untrained and uneducated Congress. Before the matter is finally settled—and a satisfactory and peaceful settlement is not far away—even those who are condemning him now will be forced to admit the wisdom of the Premier's policy, and to admit their hasty mistake.

A recent attempt to induce Mr. Borden to commit himself upon this important matter of public policy failed. He had nothing to say. The subject is too live a one for Mr. Borden to meddle with. This may be good politics, but it is hardly statesmanship. Mr. Borden knows the national and imperial importance of the question, and if he spoke his mind candidly, must approve Sir Wilfrid's action. His action in allowing the labor interests temporarily to think otherwise is politics of the smaller sort.

MR. BORDEN AND CLEAN POLITICS.

None deny that Mr. R. L. Borden desires clean politics, that he would like to see corruption put an end to and to have all political campaigns conducted honestly and fairly; but there are other things Mr. Borden desires more—power for instance.

There is a Liberal candidate running in a provincial by-election in East York, Ontario—Mr. J. W. Curry, C. C.—who is giving the public a good illustration of the kind of conduct for no ulterior purpose. In the first place Mr. Curry makes no claim for his own party and no accusation against the other. Each, he says, has been elected by corrupt means, and he has doubt that both have been about equally guilty. His position in the matter is personal, not partisan. He does not believe in bribery and he cannot be returned by an honest vote. He does not wish to be returned at all. He does not want the vote of any man who feels that he is entitled to be paid money for it, because if he

were elected by bought votes he would represent, not the constituency, but the man who had provided the money, and sooner or later he would be called upon to deliver the goods. "If," he said, "it comes to my knowledge that there has been corruption on my behalf and I am elected, there need be no election petition, for I will at once resign."

That is frank on the face of it; complete respect and confidence. Compare Mr. Borden's attitude. In the face of what everyone knows who has stood around corners on election day, or who has read the report of an election trial, Mr. Borden assumes that political dishonesty is all on one side. His assaults are directed only against Liberal corruption. For all that may be gathered from his speeches he and his party are sinless; indeed he practically affirms as much when he presents his purity plank as a party issue.

The hypocrisy of this is so obvious one wonders that a man of Mr. Borden's intelligence should so attempt to deceive the people. Dishonesty is a personal not a party failing. The good men in both parties deplore dishonest methods in politics and immoral men in both parties practice them. If one party spends more than another it is because it is able to collect more. Both parties, in this province at least, spend all they can get. If Mr. Borden would take a firm stand against corruption wherever practised, would pledge himself to fight it as earnestly in his own party as in the opposition, he might admit the evil done in the Conservative name and free himself from association with those who have done it, he would command general respect and support, and would accomplish something practical in the way of reform. His present course will profit nothing either to his party or to the country. Rather it will do harm to both—to the party by convincing the electors of its leader's insincerity and of the hopelessness of expecting any real reform at his hands, and to the country by increasing the cynical attitude of the public toward all politicians and political affairs generally.

The execution of the sentence pronounced yesterday upon Thomas F. Collins will be generally regarded as justice long delayed. The murder of which he was accused was a particularly cruel and atrocious one and the evidence of his guilt, though wholly circumstantial, was strong enough to convince two juries. Undoubtedly there will be the usual effort to secure a commutation of the sentence, but there seems to be little ground for it. According to the law which cannot now be denied, there has been presented not one extenuating circumstance—absolutely nothing to warrant any mitigation of the punishment. The law prescribes for malicious murder.

GENERAL BOOTH—A MAN WITH A MISSION.

"Once more, good-bye, dear old England. I leave your shores on what I believe to be the Master's business. I contemplate the future I rely more than ever on the old panacea for lessening the ruin, inequalities and tyrannies of the world—namely the regeneration of the individual by the power of God."

Our distinguished visitor General Booth, is one of the world's great men. That is the universal verdict. Even men who are accustomed to accept a material standard of measurement can but be astonished before the quality and result of this man's labor. But the essential greatness of a great man never records itself in such a fashion. He has not only founded an institution world-wide in scope, but he has been the best of fathers and his institution true to his original purpose of bringing the transforming influence of the Gospel in which he believes to the individual man whom he loves. His big work has been and is a grand achievement.

General Booth and his army have, in quite miraculous fashion, escaped the devastating effects that usually wait upon elaborate organizations. They think and act in straight lines. They never become entangled in the maze of the defense of the Salvation Army that they forget the actual needs of actual men and women. They apparently never become so enamored with the aesthetic beauty of their organization that they forget the ugliness of the public and the harlot. They never become so anxious to guard the truth of the Gospel and the faith of the fathers from the critical assaults of scholars, that they fear or forget to use the same Gospel as the same faith in the personal regeneration of the ordinary sinner.

The directness and earnestness of the General invades and permeates the whole Army. The Army came to be as a working organization. The standard because it has continued to perform a work that no other institution could do or would do. It defends its existence not by words but by deeds; not by theory but by fact; not by accident but by contemporaneous history; not by creed but by conduct; not by institutional conformity but by institutional efficiency. In short it saves sinners that no one else can or will save. The reason for that is that the General in the general's far-seeing words to England when he left there the other day, which we have quoted above. He has personal magnetism—so have other men. He has organizing power—so have other men. His greatness is not in his surpassing powers, but it is in the organization of these powers to the service of a supreme purpose. His far-seeing words that is well worth pondering.

He believes in the supremacy of the individual. He believes that the individual man may be saved by the Gospel, but he preaches, and he knows, that means least, he apparently believes as devoutly and as sincerely as any Hebrew prophet that he has been called to perform a mission and he knows no other purpose save its accomplishment. Such a man can never become confused and he can never suffer defeat. His ministry is a direct response to human need, and its fulfillment is his reason for existence. The ancient symbol of such a life is the cross.

General Booth will, here and elsewhere, be accorded many a tribute to his greatness and to his goodness; but perhaps he deserves his most distinctive honor in the devotion of the obscure soldiers whom he has enlisted and inspired, demand the admiration and the respect and the gratitude of the men and women among whom they live their lives.

A GRAVE CHARGE.

The Times last evening reported the police magistrate in an interview regarding the Sunday sale of liquor, as saying: "We have an inspector, a deputy inspector and the police, and yet these people (the illegal sellers) are not reported. Is it 'grease' that

does it? Do they get liquor free, or do they get free cigars? Why is it?"

If the magistrate is correctly reported, he is broadly latitudes, that the liquor license inspectors, the deputy inspectors and the policemen are bribed by the liquor dealers to wink at their violation of the law. It is inconceivable that a public official possessing proper appreciation of the responsibility of his position would allow such an inference to be drawn from his remarks unless he was assured of the truth of the implied charge. And if he possesses the information which would warrant such a charge, the magistrate is in duty bound to make it public. The city has at various times had reason to find fault with its various officials; but never before had it been intimated that any were in the pay of law breakers. The matter demands investigation.

GET READY FOR EXHIBITION.

A suggestion has been made, which the Sun heartily approves, that the Exhibition Association should lose no time in fixing dates and making preliminary arrangements for next fall's fair. This summer, when by the near activities of the contracting parties the fair was daily drawing in, while silk organdie. After lunch was served Mr. and Mrs. Cosman left on the noon train for New York, where they will make their future home. The bride's going-away suit was of blue chiffon, with hat to match. Many beautiful presents were received, including a number of silver, among them being a handsome tea service. Among the many presents which the bride was daintily drawing in, while silk organdie. After lunch was served Mr. and Mrs. Cosman left on the noon train for New York, where they will make their future home. The bride's going-away suit was of blue chiffon, with hat to match. Many beautiful presents were received, including a number of silver, among them being a handsome tea service. 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