

The Parent's Duty.

(By H. H.)
Editor, Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir:—May I crave permission for the publication of the following, trusting it may stimulate thought in an educational direction.

Sunday, October 21st, was formally known as Children's Day, or, as some termed it, Education Day. The chief aim of that observance was, I take it, to stimulate religious thought and feeling among all classes, and to strengthen the work of religiously educating the child. Would it not be advisable and appropriate at this season to take cognizance of the best of a religious life—parental training—and apply it also to Education in its broader and secular sense.

Some, at least, of the clergy emphasized the fact that the parents have the laying of the foundation of a child's character. We can all see the truth of such a statement. Most of us can testify—from personal experience—that we recall nothing else as vividly as reminiscences of our childhood days, brightened by the smiling chords of a mother's love; and, yet, despite these recollections, we are but too well aware of the vast opportunities thus neglected by parents—opportunities which can not be recalled and which result in such pitiable conditions as are seen among many Newfoundlanders today—the inability to read and write—a state of existence, which is characteristic of many of our Newfoundlanders, who, while they have won immortal fame by their bravery and devotion, have, yet called forth pity for their ignorance of even the most elementary rudiments of education—pity which cannot but reflect shame upon us in Newfoundland.

Too late to try and remedy many of these cases, for several of them have—true to their heart's reasoning—sacrificed all for the destruction of an intellectual training based on materialistic lines, and, productive of such frightful actions, as have caused the German name to be so universally hated.

Too late, but not too late to learn, and how many of our parents need to learn? It is you who have the finding of your child's life intellectually as well as spiritually. Do you not see your duty, and if so, why do you delay—as delay you do—in fulfilling what is your most serious obligation to your child?

It is to you that is given the golden privilege of learning the child's mind, of knowing his early customs, and inclinations, and of fostering such.

You can—despite your many business worries—give some quota of time per day to your child's progress. Do you ask how? Why, first, of all gain your child's heart, strange words perhaps to say to a parent, and yet how very, very often do we find a lack of comprehension and understanding between parent and child. Even to-day we can learn wisdom from the advice of Pestalozzi given so long ago—"when the child's heart has been touched the consequences will be great for his development and entire moral character."

Remember that a few minutes spent in training your child is far, far better than watching a nickel show, or playing a game of cards.

Understand your child, teach him why we need ethics, and dwell upon the need of observation. Practice the sense organs and develop your child physically, for strong muscles will give zest to thinking powers.

Encourage your child to take note of the things he daily sees, and draw your child out. Do not laugh at your child's ideas—as is often the case, but encourage and stimulate thinking. If possible take walks with your child, and so increase that bond between you which can only give good results. Select certain portions of the Press, and discuss them aloud, if possible let your child participate. Guard against precocity but for your child's sake do not crush his manhood and sense of liberty. Why do we find such a state of muteness in our elementary schools to-day? Simply because you crush the child's individuality at home—yes, because of your indifference—blind or otherwise—to your child's true welfare.

Everyone of you parents is a teacher. See that you teach rightly. Let your living be an example of what you teach. Keep your language pure, your actions worthy of imitation, and your child must grow in wisdom and in grace.

Carrier pigeons in China are protected from birds of prey by a little apparatus consisting of thin bamboo tubes fastened to the birds' bodies with threads passed beneath the wings. As the pigeon flies along the action of the air through the tubes produces a shrill whistling sound, which keeps birds of prey at a respectful distance.

BONNIE'S SHIPS.—The Prospero left St. John's early this morning, coming south, due here to-morrow night. The Prospero left Hermitage at 3 a.m. yesterday, going west.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURE.—GABRIEL IN COW.

The Law of the Land.

Mr. George Broadhurst's Melodrama will be the offering to-night. "The Law of the Land" was originally produced at the 48th St. Theatre, New York City. It is more than a play, it is a plume that sounds the depth of every woman's heart. It is well for us to look into the hearts of women, our own and others, for like the ocean's depths, they hold surprises. How did the woman decide? How would you decide? Swing pendulum like between the two as she did, no doubt. But what would be your fast and determining choice? If ever woman were to be excused for wavering it was the heroine of "The Law of the Land." Remember that she was a tender mother. The scenes of protesting love played by Miss Klark, who portrays the heroine, bring tears to the eyes that rarely weep. Bear in mind that she was not a volatile woman, of the kind who love and motor away. Confronted by the cruel necessity of choice between man and the boy she loves, of sending one to an ignominious death, of sentencing the other to a life of ignominy, what did she do? Again, what would you, who read this, do? See "The Law of the Land" and decide for yourself.

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Opening of New Church.

The finishing touches to the new St. Joseph's Church in Holytown are now being made and we understand that it will be formally opened on or about November 18th. The sacred edifice will not alone fill a long felt want but will be a monument to that section of the city.

McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, Oct. 29th, 1917.
We would call your attention to our Sale of Sponges now going on at our Water Street Store. These sponges are all good value at the prices asked, and there are some bargains among them which will appeal to the buyer.

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Reid's Boats.

The Argyle arrived at Placentia at 10.15 a.m. to-day.

The Clyde leaving Lewisporte to-day.

The Dundee leaving Port Blankford to-day.

The Edith left Brig Bay at 11 a.m. or Saturday, going north.

The Glencoe reached port at 6.30 a.m. to-day.

The Home leaving Lewisporte to-day.

The Wren leaving Clarendville to-day.

The Diana not reported since leaving St. John's Friday.

FLOUR IMPORTS.—To date the flour importation into St. John's since the beginning of the year are slightly in excess of two hundred thousand barrels.

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Obituary.

HARRY F. BUTLER.

On Saturday evening, a bright young life, clouded by serious illness, following pleurisy for the past 10 months, closed on earth, and he has "crossed the bar." Harry F. Butler has been in the Central Postal Telegraph Office for the past seven years, having been promoted from Checker to be an operator, and his obliging manner caused him to be liked by the whole staff. Two years ago he offered for service in the Regiment but was thought too young and not accepted. Following lagrippe came lung trouble but in spite of best medical skill and constant attention of loved ones, like the falling leaves he has faded away into death. Unassuming, generous, a faithful member of the Gower Street A. B. Class, Harry had many friends who will greatly regret his passing, and his sorrowing father and mother who for many weeks have looked upon their restless, fever-waged boy, should feel comforted that he has exchanged weakness and pain for rest and peace in a more glorious life.

Hospital Report.

Progressing Favorably.—1332 Adams, 728 Brown, 2795 Bullett, 2457 Ball, 2264 Chate, 2774 Curtis, 2888 Carroll, 518 DesRoches, 1165 Field, 3389 Froud, 3339 Gillis, 2875 Barrett, 3018 Hann, 2536 Jewar, 2453 Legge, 3220 Mews, 3385 Mews, 2440 Parmiter, 1927 Pilley, 3347 Pennell, 780 Power, 3358 Paul, 3304 Quinlan, 1214 Reid, 2187 Read, 978 Sullivan, 405 Snelgrove, 3602 Tavernor, 938 Vardy, 1793 Walsh.

Improving.—2556 Butler, 694 Farnington, 230 McDonald, 2397 Norris, 1458 Styles, 2448 Way.

Slight Improvement.—3377 Parsons.

Here and There.

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WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is calm and dull; temperature 32 to 46 above.

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GETS GOVT. POSITION.—Pte. Tibbs, a returned Gallipoli hero, has been given the position of mail officer on the s.s. Foxglove.

Don't forget the Grand Dance in the Star Hall on October 31st, oct. 31.

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—Yesterday's outgoing express left Grand Falls at 7.30 a.m. to-day. The incoming express is due at 6.30 p.m. to-day.

OFF DOCK.—The Norwegian steamer Gitterend, which for the past three weeks was being repaired at the dry dock, came off the docks this morning.

NOTICE.—I hereby give notice that on Saturday, last, I purchased at Public Auction the Fox Ranch and 21 Foxes, the property of The Exploits River Black Fox Co., Ltd., in liquidation, and will take over the property on November 1st, S. B. KESNER, oct. 22, 17.

FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.—Persons who intend spending the coming winter in Southern California, will be given valuable information on application to the General Passenger Department, R. N. Co.

From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind west. Light weather fine. Bar 29.85; ther. 60.

Fashions and Fads.

Blue wool velour and flesh-colored satin are a charming combination. Nothing is so endlessly satisfactory for an evening gown as black tulle.

White satin collars and cuffs are the most used to accompany serge frocks.

It is better to use kitchen salt for seasoning. Table salt has more or less starch mixed with it to prevent its becoming moist.

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War News

Messages Received

Previous to 9 A.M.

ITALIANS RETREATING.

ROME, Oct. 28. Failure to resist on the part of units forming our second army, who in cowardice retired without fighting or surrendered to the enemy, allowed the Austro-German forces to break through our left wing on the Julian front. The efforts of other troops did not enable them to prevent the enemy from advancing into the sacred soil of our Fatherland. We are retreating according to plan proposed. All stock and depots in the evacuated places were destroyed. The record of many memorable battles fought with success by our brave soldiers during two and a half years of war, is sufficient to assure the Commander-in-Chief that the army to which the honor and safety of the country is committed will know how to fulfill its duty.

BERLIN REPORT.

ROME, Oct. 27. The Austro-Germans have forced their attack through the mountains into the plains of northern Italy, capturing the town of Cividale. The war office reports the City of Gorizia in the Isonzo, also captured. The number of Italian prisoners, according to report, has been increased to more than 80,000, and the number of dead taken is more than 500.

GERMAN-AUSTRIAN PRESS COMMENT.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 27. The battle of the Isonzo evened the shout of triumph from the German-Austrian press, particularly the latter, according to a despatch from Vienna. The Freudenblatt goes so far as to declare that Italy will be the same way as Rumania, Serbia and Russia, paying a terrible price for the guilt of their unscrupulous, treacherous and rapacious statements. The Neuwien Tageblatt talks of the sudden destruction of the Entente last hope on European battlefields.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Oct. 27. The official statement to-night says that French troops advanced on both sides of the Dixmude Road in spite of difficulties. Many farms and other strong points and a number of prisoners and villages were captured. On the British front there was great activity by both artilleries. Since the commencement of operations yesterday morning the number of prisoners

