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## CONTENTMENT

A Sermonette.  
(Crawf. C. Slack)

The Text—Where luxury reigns and wealth commands contentment fails.

What has become of the happy contentment which prevailed throughout the countryside a few years ago? Why the unrest over the world? Where is that merriment that made the welkin ring, around the home fireside, and cheered the hearts of youth, manhood and old age? Where is that mythical white-winged angel of love and sympathy which dried up the tears of sorrow, and banished sob and sigh? Where has the old-time religion gone that used to hold forth in the little church and rural school house in revival where hundreds were influenced to lead direct and worthy lives? Why is it we do not hear the hearty laugh of manhood and womanhood, that accompanied the sociability of men and women a decade ago? Where is the fellowship and neighborly kindness upheld and practiced by that righteous body of people known in our youth as the Society of Friends? Where is the kind old circuit-riding preacher of other days? The true disciple of the great Galilean, with his message of peace and good-will to all mankind? With lamentation I ask where have they all gone? Are those Lobbying, Secular, Law-court-pulpit orators, which we have among us to-day, supposed to take the place of those exemplary, God-fearing humanity-loving men? Why is it that among us to-day there are so few of the good old fathers, those conscientious men of other days, who kept the faith and upheld the divine torch of Christianity and toleration? Are they replaced by we Dollar-chasing, Narrow-minded, Usurping men of the period. If so, then no wonder there is unrest. Where are the good mothers of thirty years ago? Those saintly women with their hearts overflowing with love and sympathy for their children and all mankind, who visited the sick, administered to the poor and needy, who were so self-sacrificing and self-denying, that the world seemed brighter wherever their footsteps passed? Let me ask, are they replaced by the Stilt-Heeled, Scantily-Clad, Scent-Saturated, Dog-Carressing dolls of womanhood we see on the streets to-day? If so, then I say Heaven help the children of the future, and humanity in general.

In asking the public these questions be it understood that I am not setting myself up as a paragon of perfection. I will admit that I am as great a grouch as any, and perhaps the chief of fault-finders, guilty also of inhumanity to man, and not living up to the divine commands. The cause of me being thus will be found in the summary of this article. I hold no malice against any, and strive to have charity for all. But as an observer and with a loving memory of bygone days and customs, in making comparisons of the past and present, I cannot evade marking the difference, which to me is most regrettable. I am aware that comparisons cannot be made without implying praise of one thing and censuring another. So it is dangerous to make comparisons without the risk of giving offence. But in this matter I must be honest and voice my conscientious opinion.

I have often asked myself the question: What is the cause of all this unrest and discord, and will give you the summary of my conclusions. Patriotism is the foundation of domestic happiness. The kind our statesmen boasted of before the war has been proven to be only nickel-plated, therefore the people, especially the middle class, have lost faith in Governments, Laws, Patriotism, Religion, Humanity, and even in themselves. To them nothing can be perfect, and instead of making the most of that which is good and genuine they go about lamenting imperfection, no matter how trivial. We can hardly blame them, for of the last few years whether the mission of our leaders has been to Print, or to preach, to teach, or to grind out Laws, their transactions have been suspicious and tainted with self-interests.

Political Governments have promised the people everything and gave them little, and agitators have arisen and scattered the seeds of discontent. Men chosen and elected by a sincere people to represent them in Parliament, have been traitors to the cause, and have served but their own interests and that of a few political friends. Class legislation has been rampant. There has been one form of justice for the rich and another for the poor, with our law makers equity has been but a burlesque, and our courts exist merely to administer the law rather than to afford justice, and many of our criminal court cases to-day might be termed farce comedies. This state of affairs has been going on from year to year.

The hypocrisy of Religion. The unscrupulous measures used by its adherents of recent years, to gain positions and wealth, enforcing reforms by parliamentary laws, etc., has caused the wayfarer to question the genuineness of creeds and look upon them as by-ways to social positions, mere policies connected with trade and commerce. The criticism of wrong-doing by our leaders, of the fair-minded and commendable journals of the country, have so educated and enlightened the people, that they are beginning to observe and think for themselves, and they are going to arise up and demand a change, a radical change, and they are going to bring it about in the very near future.

The energies of Politicians, Preachers and Teachers, have been in the wrong direction. The whole world is in a turmoil. Which may easily be sent out of bonds and become a destructive force, besides which the late war would be a pink tea party. Our efforts should be bent on getting matters straightened out, so that industry and commerce may once more be carried on. To proceed as we have been doing is to court violence, and we have had enough of bloodshed.

David Lloyd George said, "We must have a new England." Permit me to infringe on that eminent expression by saying, We must have a new and better world. How shall we bring it about? By co-operation. The fields are of vast extent and the problems are perplexing but with every man and every woman co-operating for the world's good, no problem will be too great, no field too vast or too far.

What shall be the foundation of this new world? First of all Christianity, genuine Christianity. The same old kind which was founded two thousand years ago. Not the modern Nineteen and Nineteen kind that is leading us to perdition. With genuine Christianity we must have Comradeship, Good-fellowship, equity and justice. Take Good-fellowship and merriment out of life and we have little left to cling to. Let us take the precious jewels

from the old-time religion of our forefathers and reset them with the principles of equal rights, good-fellowship and brotherhood. Let the watchword be relief and truth, let us be real men and women.

It must be admitted that the horrors of the war were responsible to a marked degree for the unrest and depressed spirits of all. But we as a people were not right spiritually previous to the war, or it would never have occurred. It was hate which brought about the war, Jealousy and Hate. Hate is the forerunner of war and bloodshed. When we replace hate by love, a better world than this would not be worth while. If nation would extend the hand of comradeship to nation, erosion would soon crumble the cannon, and rust eat away the sword, and life and living would be a thing divine. Let us start a new order of things, at this reconstructive period I do not advocate going back to the old order of things as a whole. But some of the old customs and ways which may be considered by some as obsolete, yet were they adopted to-day the world would be brighter and humanity would be benefited.

## DRURY APPEALS FOR VICTORY LOAN.

Before a large audience at Barrie on Monday night, Premier Drury appealed for the support of the Victory Loan to help Canada finish the task she undertook five years ago.

**Safest Investment Now.**  
"The safest investment that can be made by any Canadian at the present time is of loaning money to the nation. It is good business for the individual, it assists to maintain the credit of the nation, and it provides work for the national industries. It is in the nature of an insurance policy, of spreading losses over a large number of people until they become negligible. It is an investment not backed by any single industry of the nation. One per cent. of the industries may fail, ten per cent. of the industries could fail, and still the investment would be gilt-edged. The safest investment you could possibly make is in Victory Bonds, and it is the biggest thing you could possibly do for your country at the present time.

**Increasing Values.**  
"A dollar invested by you in Victory Bonds to-day will be worth two, possibly three dollars in a few years. There is no doubt in the world we are on the edge of a time of depression and for this depression no government will be responsible. I speak feelingly now, because you know the position I am in at the present moment, and you know the tendency to blame hard times on the government.

"The time will come, not very far off, when wages will have dropped and the value of a bushel of wheat will have dropped to one-half the value it is now. In that day your bonds will have twice the present value. It will be worth while in those years to own \$1,000 worth of Victory Bonds.

Mr. Mac Halladay, of Calgary, and Mr. George Churchill, of Smiths Falls, were recent visitors of Mrs. Elmer Halladay.

Mr. James Henderson is spending a few days in Athens on a business trip.

Mr. Ernest Hawkins, H. Kavanagh and Mr. Robt. Rathwell left on Monday to take up residence in Ottawa, the latter's home being there.

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Brief Notes of Interest to Town and Rural Readers.

Live Poultry bought every Tuesday and Wednesday at C. H. Willson's Meat Market.

**LADDERS**—Leave your order now for that Ladder you are needing—Extension or Step—F. A. JUDSON, Athens

Rubber Footwear—Life-Buoy Brand best Rubbers made, every pair guaranteed for Sale at H. H. Arnold's.

Mrs. Mariss Westlake, Glen Buell, who spent the past week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Whitmore, at Plum Hollow, and her brother Mr. F. B. Whitmore, Athens returned to her home last Monday.

The local Orangemen will attend Divine Service in the Methodist Church Sunday Nov. 9 at 10.30—Everybody invited.

W. H. Rappell, who has spent the past three weeks visiting Mrs. M. Rappell and other friends, has left for his home in Humboldt, Iowa.

George Purcell has leased the Presbyterian manse, and took possession last week.

Clarke Burnham has leased Joseph Kerr's Wiltse street residence.

Claude Moulton, who has been at Plum Hollow for the dairy season, has moved his family to their Wellington street home.

The Phillips property, recently purchased by L. G. Scott, has been undergoing alterations. The new owners are taking possession this week.

Heber Pierce is assisting in the Kavanagh barber shop.

High school teachers and pupils enjoyed a literary evening in their assembly room on Wednesday, October 29th. Owing to the close proximity of Hallowe'en the programme was appropriate to that occasion.

Friday night was THE night for the younger set. Hallowe'en sprites were out, and masqueraded in costumes varied and various. A few harmless pranks were indulged in, but most of the youngsters contented themselves with parading the streets, making brief calls on the citizens, and enjoying the treats proffered at the different houses.

Leonard Johnston was host Friday night and pleasantly entertained a few of his school friends at his Elgin street home.

Following the custom of the past couple of years, a masquerade dance was held in the town hall on Hallowe'en.

Epworth Leaguers enjoyed a jolly social evening in the vestry on Saturday night.

A traveller of questionable appearance and a shortage of coin was given a night's lodging in the township hall on the 1st inst. Chief Blancher ministered to his necessities.

Mrs. Way leaves this week for her home in Sault Ste. Marie, after a pleasant visit of several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) Vickery. She will visit a sister at Peterborough, and two sons in Toronto en route home.

World's Temperance Sunday was duly observed here on Sabbath last by an inter-denominational S.S. rally in the Methodist church. Mrs. I. E. Cornell dealt with the lesson topic most ably, and J. E. Burchell, B.A., gave a most interesting talk on the cigarette evil. Appropriate recitations and musical numbers were given. This is the eighteenth year that these gatherings have been perpetuated.

The Woman's Missionary Society meets on Thursday at 3 p.m.

The Ladies' Aid hold a sale of useful and fancy articles in the town hall on the 20th inst.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. E. Robeson is spending a couple of weeks with her family in Toronto.

Mrs. McBratney left on Tuesday on a visit to her daughter at Sutherland, Sask.

## Warden's Address

The following address of welcome was presented by Warden M. B. Holmes on the occasion of the Prince's visit to Brockville last week:—

"To Edward Wettin, Prince of Wales: "May it please Your Royal Highness to receive on this occasion a tribute of loyalty and an expression of good will from the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.

"We know that, during your sojourn on our shores, you have been heralded with countless welcomes, the notes of which, though set in different keys, have achieved a perfect harmony of felicitation.

"You have been acclaimed by fishermen from the sea, habitants from the Lower Province, Members of Parliament from the Capital, professional men from the universities, Indian Chiefs from the reserves, cowboys from the ranches, lumbermen from the forests, society belles and home-keeping matrons, all ranks and conditions, all denominations and occupations have vied with each other in according a royal welcome to a Royal Prince.

"While continental monarchies have been abolished, ours has survived because it has been democratized in spirit.

"As a democratic Prince, whose motto is 'I Serve,' we hail you on this glad day.

"You have come among us with your wholesome boyish manner and your winsome, charming smile and you have won your way into the hearts of your subjects.

"There is a charm in your personality, an honesty in your countenance that disarms suspicion and banishes criticism, so that we are ready to clasp your hand and accept you as a modest young fellow, who, along with our own brave lads, proved your mettle in the great war and acquitted yourself like a man.

"As such we greet and wish you God-speed.

"As you leave the Land of the Maple and return to the home-land to assume the responsibilities which devolve upon your rank and station, we trust that the star of your popularity may continue in the ascendancy until its splendor is absorbed in the noontide effulgence attendant upon the occupation of the British throne.

"On behalf of the Counties Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.

"Signed M. B. HOLMES, Warden." Brockville, October 27, 1919.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales replies as follows to the above address: Royal Train at Montreal October 31, 1919

M. B. Holmes, Esq. Warden United Counties Leeds and Grenville.

Sir: I am desired by the Prince of Wales to express His sincere appreciation of the address of Welcome from the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, which was handed to him at Brockville on the 27 inst., and his thanks for the kind wishes contained therein.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant Godfrey Thomas, Private Secretary

## Athens Public School Report

September and October.

Junior Form.

I.—Honors—Marjorie Peat. Satisfactory—Charlie Rahmer, Inda Yates, Ada Gifford, Laura Hawkins, Frances Ross, Carmen Blancher, Ida Hollingsworth not ranked.

Prim. Snr.—Honor—Enola Scott, Lewis Cole. Satisfactory—Arnold Cliff, Laverne Scott, Harry Bigalow, Howard Avery, Irene Chivers.

Prim. Inter.—Honors—Edith Wing, Herbert Burchell. Satisfactory—Frank Robinson, Doris Foley, Edith Hawkins.

Prim. Jnr.—Honors—Victor Hollingsworth. Satisfactory—Velma Chant, Arthur Cole, Mortie Parish, Freddie Siznet not ranked.

No. on roll, 26.

Average attendance, 24.

Ada L. Fisher, teacher.

## Intermediate Room.

(Honors, 75 p.c.; Pass, 60 p.c.; Satisfactory, 50 p.c.; Asterisk \* Pupil missed one or more tests. Names in order of merit.)

II Class—Honors—Bessie Barnes, Jessie Hawkins. Pass—Elva Gifford, Ivan Dillabough, Dorothy Vickery, Doris Connerty, Thelma Avery, Doris Lyons, Phelma Gifford, Jack Thornhill, Howard Stevens, Jean Chant, Gertrude Wilson, Hazel Hawkins, Jean Kavanagh. Satisfactory—Lloyd Burchell, Mervyn Pearce.

\*Betty Fair 49 p.c., \*Aulden Hamblin 49 p.c., \*Goldie Parish 48 p.c., Lawrence Scott 43 p.c., \*David Goodfellow 40 p.c.

Jr. III—Honors—Ross Robinson, Dorothy Goodfellow. Pass—Fred. Code, Erma Blancher, Frances Hawkins, John Nowlan, \*Nellie Hawkins, \*S. Rahmer. Satisfactory—Joe Gainford, Sinclair Peat, Bernard Godkin.

George Rosenbarker 46 p.c., \*Lillian Hawkins 43 p.c.

No. on roll, 35.

Martha L. Carl, teacher.

## Senior Room.

(Names in order of merit; Honors, 75 p.c.; Pass, 60 p.c.; Satisfactory, 50 p.c.; Asterisk\*, failed in one or more subjects, yet general average over 50 p.c.)

Senior III—Pass—Mary Duffield, Beatrice Bulford, Thelma Parish, Rhea Kavanagh, Doris, Bendall, Anna Goodfellow, Coral Purcell. Satisfactory—Edna Wing, \*Edna Fortune, \*Marjorie Earl, \*Kenneth Gifford (ill); Martin Flynn, new pupil, no standing.

Junior IV—Honors—Howard Burchell 76.4 p.c. Pass—Kathleen Taylor, Steacy Fair, Clifton Foxton, Irwin Stevens. Satisfactory—Harold Bigalow, \*James Morris. Orval Hollingsworth, ill, no standing given. Glenn Flood 35 1-5 p.c.

Sr. IV—Honors—Robert Rahmer. Pass—Dora Mulvena, Irene Gifford, Alice Stevens, Beverley Purcell, Howard Holmes, Marion Robinson, Leonard Bulford, Lyman Judson. Satisfactory—Gerald Wilson, \*Marjorie Gifford, \*Garfield Gifford, \*Vernon Robeson, \*Leonard Johnston, \*George Godkin, \*Chauncey Hollingsworth, \*Wilmer Lyons. Knowlton Hanna 47 p.c. William Flynn, new pupil, no standing.

No. on roll, 42.

S. L. Snowdon, Principal.

Mrs. Elton Eligh and Master Harold, Sherwood Springs, are guests at the home of the former's father, George Gainford.

Mrs. Johnston, Bloomfield, arrived last week to spend the winter with her son, W. Johnston, manager of the local Standard Bank.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR THE METHODIST CHOIR.

On Friday evening last the Methodist choir was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Taber, Elbe.

The spirit of Hallowe'en was much in evidence and the large number assembled enjoyed an evening of real pleasure.

The amusements were well planned and were run off without a hitch, after which lunch was served, and when no one could eat any more pumpkin pie, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Taber and family, and was suitably replied to by the host.

The evening came to a close by singing the National Anthem.

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