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LACK OF HIGH IDEALS IS DEPLORED

Dr. Wilfrid Campbell Says Formation of Public Opinion Should Be Predominant and Propagated—There Are Too Many Distractions.

Dr. Wilfrid Campbell, LL.D., of Ottawa, writer, lecturer and poet laureate of Canada, in his address on Saturday evening at the Canadian Institute on "Responsibility of Man to the Race," brought out many new and inspiring thoughts in the line of growth and advancement of the race.

The prevailing attitude of the people to general was the lack of high ideals of the community and encouragement of high ideals and the formation of public opinion would be predominant and propagated.

That at present the communities were not working harmoniously and that there were too many distractions from the general idea of high ideals was emphasized.

Efforts should be made, he said, for the advancement of some high train of thought which would benefit the race. Whether society is advancing along these lines is one of the questions, and organizations who send men to all corners of the globe should see them furnished with the highest planes of thought.

Mr. Campbell included in his address the reading of two appropriate poems, "Lord Selkirk" and "Race," written by himself. Mr. J. B. Tyrrell presided.

Olympic Drydocked. BELFAST, March 2.—The White Star steamer Olympic, which, as before reported, lost a blade from one of her propellers while on a voyage from New York to Southampton, arrived here to-day from Southampton, and has gone into drydock for repairs.

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INMATES OF TWO HOMES ARE HAPPY AND CONTENTED

Veterans of the Battlefield of Life Are Well Looked After, and One Has Been in Institution For 58 Years—Pathetic Scenes at Home for Aged Women.

Prompt action was taken by the authorities of the Belmont-street homes as a sequence to the questions asked by a citizen thru The World. First of all Chairman Edmunds mailed a summary of the institutions' finances to The World as published on Saturday morning. Mr. Edmunds at the same time arranged with the president, Mrs. Gunther, for a special meeting for Saturday afternoon of the ladies' board. The World was invited to send a representative and the conference was open to the other city papers.

One immediate result was an agreement by the members of the committee that both the Province of Ontario and the city should have a representative each on the advisory board. Mr. Edmunds at the outset produced the statement published in The World and his reply. He expressed gratification at the prominence and advice given to his reply, and said that "no doubt The World would now see the matter in its true light."

His Understanding. The World representative said that

his understanding of the situation was that this journal was, at the request of a representative citizen, seeking to procure full information on certain points not clearly apparent from the annual report, viz.: Whether 25 per cent. of the receipts should be expended for salaries and wages and if the staff at each of the two homes and the refuge was proportionate to the number of inmates.

Mr. Edmunds quoted the commendatory report of Dr. Bruce Smith. The point was made that the official named might not have made a close analysis of the financial side of the administration of the institutions and might have overlooked some things as had been done by inspectors for sixteen years at Mimico.

The fact that the homes had reported to the civic charities commission came up. It was agreed by all present on Saturday that the report of the charities commission would be almost factual if based on a hurried examination of a dozen institutions' representatives in an evening, and on their formal annual reports. "That is quite my own view,"

said the chairman of the advisory committee, "and I am sending a special statement to the commission with a request for the commission to ask for any details desired."

Not Too Large. Mrs. Gunther and several of the ladies of the committee were appealed to by Mr. Edmunds as to the staff at the three buildings being too large. They earnestly affirmed that such was not the case.

The staff for the care of 99 aged women, 30 of whom were helpless, numbers 18, one of each 5 1/2 inmates.

The staff of the industrial home with 74 young and aged women, all of unfortunate careers, numbers 10, about one for seven inmates.

The aged women's home is also engaged to care for the 49 aged men, or 1 for 4 inmates.

Discussing the size of each staff, three plans were made. They were to this effect: "That is our aim," he said, "but we must have a new laundry plant to do this. An inspection of the refuge and the two homes was then made from basement to top floors by Chairman Edmunds, Mrs. Anderson, treasurer, and The World representative. This took about three hours.

One feature of the inspection was eminently satisfactory—the evident happiness, contentment, of all the inmates of the refuge. Although they had been given up as moral incorrigibles they had all responded to the kind treatment. They exchanged greetings with the matron with affectionate words and smiles. Delinquencies are treated as weaknesses rather than

faults, and encouragement to improve is the pervading atmosphere.

Out of Date. But the refuge was shown to be out of date and conducted under adverse conditions.

In the Home for Aged Men an air of comfort pervaded. The men include an Indian mutiny and Crimean veteran; a musician, whose chief joy is his violin; a blind man, whose chief comfort is the companionship of the loud ticking of a large clock, and other worthy veterans of the battlefield of life. A smoking room was occupied by half a dozen of them, who took a lively interest in a game of checkers.

If the staff of ten is somewhat large for the care of the 40 men it could be readily seen that they were being well looked after.

Pathetic Scenes. Many pathetic scenes were witnessed in the Home for Aged Women. This building is large and modern. Its inmates include a German baroness, widow of the German consul, who in his demise was succeeded by Mr. Nordheimer. This aged lady, who was "presented at court in her young days" is in good health and exhibited with pride a series of photographs of her husband, the late consul-general. In other rooms were bed-ridden women of very advanced years. In the Home for Aged Women the utmost thoughtfulness and care for the inmates was manifest. As the tea bell rang one old dame, broad shouldered and vigorous, but who had to walk with the aid of a thick walking stick, could be seen leading and partially supporting a tottering, very feeble, blind woman alone

the corridor to take the elevator to the dining room.

After making the round of the buildings Mr. Edmunds stated that Chairman Hudson of the civic charities commission was making a personal investigation both of the finances of the three buildings and of requirements.

BRANTFORD'S BIG YEAR. BRANTFORD, March 3.—(Special.)—The value of the new buildings to be erected here this summer will reach the million dollar mark and establish an unprecedented record in this city.

Among buildings for which plans have been prepared are new postoffice, \$200,000; new hospital, \$100,000; new dormitory at Ontario Institute for Blind, \$65,000; new Holmedale School, \$50,000; Y. M. C. A., \$100,000; Brant Sanitarium, \$25,000; Barber & Ellis' factory, \$50,000; American Radiator Co. factory, \$40,000; besides an unusual number of dwelling houses.

A recent canvass among factories shows that there will also be considerable development and 6500 employees will be kept busy.

Canadian Merchant Dead. CHICAGO, March 2.—A man believed to be George A. Joyce, a merchant of Woodstock, was found dead in a bath tub in a downtown hotel here today. Heart disease is believed to have been the cause.

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