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## BUTLER AND SOCIALISM

F. C. MEARS.

In an address before the Commercial Club of Kansas City recently Dr. Nicholas Butler, of Columbia University in New York City, pronounced a rather severe denunciation upon Socialism. Dr. Butler is evidently an anti-Socialist when he said: "Socialism calls upon civilization to halt, and bids us return to principles and practices of a dead and forlorn past." The American people may, if they choose, take the necessary steps to install a collectivist or socialist state, but when they do they will substitute a dead for a living thing. They will dry up at their source the well springs of progress, and they will starve to death those splendid traits of benevolence, human kindness, and charity which have marked the upward trend of civilization since the religion of Christ became one of its most potent moving forces.

We never weary in indicating the central and fundamental tendency of the movement along the lines of Socialism. The three watchwords of the French revolutionaries were: Liberty; Equality; and Fraternity. Those three words are the fullest, sanest and most widely recognized expression of the aims of the Socialists: Universal brotherhood, however phantasmal a dream it may appear to its unsympathetic students, is the wide and signal goal toward which the apostles and disciples of Socialism are ever pressing. In considering the last clause of Dr. Butler's above statement it is important to remember that the key note of Christ's message to the world was brotherly love and the encouragement of the spread of the altruistic spirit. "All the accessories which Socialism has gathered about it in its centuries of propaganda are really minor and subsidiary to its fundamental doctrine of liberty, equality and fraternity. Those who protest against the advance of the Socialist movement commit the fatal error of allowing the consideration of accessories to interfere with their examination of the fundamentals. We think that Dr. Butler has committed himself to this mistake in his Kansas City address. His virulence in attacking Socialism was, to say the least, quite unequalled. For a man of his academic attainments and cosmic vision, Dr. Butler's statements present a flagrant absence of logic and of a thorough grasp of the essence of the matter he denounced.

Socialism is not a dead thing, as the eminent educator implies, neither does it bid civilization to halt and return to principles and practices of a dead and forlorn past. The influence of this reasonable system of thinking and acting is of a directly opposite nature. All careful students of history know that the tendency of all governments is toward democracy, in some one of its aspects. Socialism is merely a systematic recognition of this broad and deep fact, and by concerted effort it is sincerely and vigorously attempting to accelerate, to give impetus to this movement or tendency.

We are not the advocates of a wholesale and indiscriminate adoption of Socialism as the only possible and reasonable basis upon which human society can work out its destiny, but we do strongly favor this system in so far as it recognises and seeks to stimulate the spirit of altruism, so fully and so sanely enunciated by the Founder of Christianity. It by misdirection through lack

of intelligence or sincerity of purpose or by a misapplication of the influence it controls, Socialism should become responsible for subtracting from human happiness, even in the slightest degree our advocacy of Socialism ceases at that moment. Until we are convinced that the adoption of its principles and practices would be inimical to the comfort and happiness of men we will, without hesitation and without the slightest blush of compunction, preach this very logical and just philosophy.

## SHEAR WIT

Amusing Stories to While Away  
the Lighter Moments

## He Guessed Right

A crowd of small boys were gathered about the entrance of a circus tent in one of the small cities in New Hampshire one day, trying to get a glimpse of the interior. A man standing near watched them for a few moments, then walking up to the ticket-taker he said:

"Let all these boys in, and count them as they pass."

The man did as requested, and when the last one had gone, he turned and said, "Twenty-eight."

"Good!" said the man, "I guessed just right," and walked off.

## Her Indorsement

"Madam," said the teller of a bank in Baltimore to a woman who had handed him a check to cash—"madam, you have forgotten to indorse."

A worried smile came to the woman's face; but she took back the paper and wrote something on the back thereof.

When again the teller looked at the check he found that the woman had indorsed as follows:

"The Bank has always paid me whatever it owed, and you need have no worry. Therefore, I indorse this check. Very truly yours, Anna M. Blank."

## Disappointed

At a dinner of a legal association held in Washington not long ago one of the speakers told of a farmer's son in Illinois who conceived a desire to shine as a legal light. Accordingly he went up to Springfield, where he accepted employment at a small sum from a fairly well known attorney.

At the end of three days' study he returned to the farm.

"Well, Bill, how d'ye like the law?" asked his father.

"It ain't what it's cracked up to be," responded Bill gloomily. "I'm sorry I learned it."

## A Startling Motto

A traveling salesman died very suddenly in Pittsburg. His relatives telegraphed the undertaker to make a wreath; the ribbon should be extra wide, with the inscription "Rest in Peace" on both sides, and if there is room, "We shall meet in Heaven."

The undertaker was out of town, and his new assistant handled the job. It was a startling floral piece which turned up at the funeral.

The ribbon was extra wide and bore the inscription, "Rest in Peace on Both Sides, and if there is room We Shall Meet in Heaven."

## Humor in Advertising

Just received a fine lot of Ostend rabbits. Persons purchasing will be skinned and cleaned while they wait.

No persons having once tried one of these coffins will ever use any other.

Wanted—A furnished room for single gentleman looking both ways and well ventilated.

Wanted—A good girl to cook, and one who will make a good roast or broil and will stew well.

Wanted—A young man to take care of a pair of mules of a Christian disposition.

Wanted—A laborer and a boy; with grazing for two goats; both Protestants.

Wanted—A competent person to undertake the sale of a new medicine that will prove highly lucrative to the undertaker.

Wanted—A boy to open oysters fifteen years old.

Lost—Near Tipperary, on or about Tuesday morning last, a large pig. Had no marks on his ears except a short tail, and a slight limp in one leg.

## Pleasant Thoughts

The inevitable class was studying grammar, but was somewhat sleepy.

"Now, children," exclaimed the inevitable mistress, "wake up all of you, do! If you pay attention to me for the next few minutes, we'll finish up the lessons with a little anagrammar. There!"

Bolt upright at once they sat, with eager eyes and ears.

"Can anyone of you give me a word," continued the gratified mistress, "ending in 'ous,' meaning 'full of'—"

as 'dangerous,' 'full of danger,' and 'hazardous,' 'full of hazard'?"

For a moment—silence. Then the inevitable small boy at the inevitable back of the class, who always says these things, shot up his inevitable hand.

"Well," said the teacher, "what is your word?"

"Please ma'am, 'pious,'" came the reply—"full of piety."

## HINTS WITH A JOKER

Christmas is likely to be made a trying time by some folks. Some attempt to do too much, and others are not forehanded. We give here a few hints which may help to make Christmas 1908 a little easier for you. When you come to the last hint, please imagine that we are looking at you steadily with the right eye, while the left is closed. That is our little joker; but if our hints have not helped you, don't take the joker hint.

1—Let the children, and make father help. Your children will know what your brother's children want.

2—if you have a tree, make a lark instead of labor of decorating. Let all the adults help, and neighbors who have no children.

3—A gift is supposed to represent your wealth of affection, not your bank balance.

4—You will give more pleasure with a thoughtful gift than with an expensive one.

5—Getting a big show for the money may do for some wedding, but never for any Christmas.

6—Do your shopping early; and avoid the crowd; you help the merchant and salespeople, and get a larger selection.

7—Wrap your gifts carefully and daintily. They give so much more pleasure than a sloppy package, evidently rushed as if you begrudged the time.

8—Remember the people who have served you.

9—Any poor near you?

10—And here is the joker: Remember that a year's subscription to COTTON'S WEEKLY makes a splendid Christmas remembrance. Old subscribers can renew their subscriptions and send it to a friend absolutely free.

## Christmas Goods

AT XMAS PRICES

WE are now prepared to give you Lots of Xmas Goods at Xmas Prices. Come and see for yourself.

A nice Mixed Candy, 3 1-2 lbs for 25c

Nice Fresh Dates, 3 lbs for 25c

Nice Fresh Figs 15c a lb

Valencia Oranges 20c per doz.

California Naval Oranges 30c per dozen.

Lemons 20c a dozen

Nice fresh Canned Goods: Tomatoes, Peas, Corn, Pears, Peaches, Blueberries.

Catsup, Pickles, Mixed Peels, Nuts, etc.

## Fancy Vests and New Ties

Don't forget that we have some fine New Fancy Vests, some dandies, and lots of nice New Ties.

See our nice new line of Xmas Ties. A very large line to choose from at 19c to 50c

## 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c Counters

A splendid assortment of 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c goods laid out on tables which are very easy to choose from. And there are some good bargains. Come early and you will get the best choice.

Now is the time to get a New Suit. Not wait till the last minute when you will not be able to get as good a fit as now when you have plenty of time to choose.

Lots of Water Sets Glass Table Sets  
Cracker Jars Tie Cases  
Collar Cases Cuff Boxes Albums  
Post Card Albums Booklets  
Several kinds of Mechanical Toys

REMEMBER THE PLACE AND COME DIRECT TO

H. H. MINER'S  
DUNHAM

## Weather Signs

"Crow on the fence, rain will go hence. Crow on the ground, rain will come down."

"Between twelve and two you can tell what the day will do."

Don't lay away the things you don't need. Sell them. Put an ad. in the columns of COTTON'S WEEKLY. Somebody else wants them.

## Cedar Shingles

High Grade 16 Inch  
N. B. Cedar Shingles

We have the largest and best equipped Shingle Mill in the Province, with a yearly capacity of ONE HUNDRED MILLIONS, and are always in a position to ship promptly all orders entrusted to us.

We also make a specialty of Planed and Matched SPRUCE LUMBER.

The best of Raw Material, combined with careful attention to details of manufacture and milling, ensure perfect satisfaction to our customers. Address

The Metis Lumber Co.  
PRICE, RIMOUSKI CO., P. Q.

Province of Quebec Superior Court  
District of Bedford

No. 8061

Thomas W. Page, of the Township of Bolton, West Part, in the district of Bedford, farmer.

VS. PLAINTIFF

W. S. Ball, of the City of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, Canada.

DEFENDANT

The Defendant is ordered to appear within one month.  
J. E. FAY LEONARD & NOYES  
Attorneys for Plaintiff P. S. C.  
Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 15th, 1908.—17-21

Eastern Townships Bank.

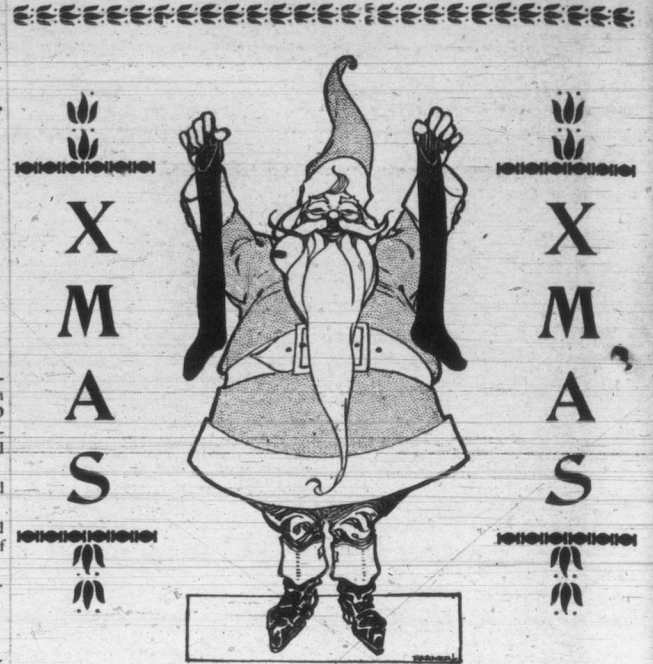
QUARTERLY DIVIDEND NO. 104

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of eight per cent. per annum upon the Paid-up Capital Stock of this Bank has been declared for the quarter ending 31st December, 1908, and that the same will be payable at the Head Office and Branches on and after the first day of January next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 31st Dec. both days inclusive.  
By order of the Board,  
J. MACKINNON,  
General Manager.  
Sherbrooke, 30th Nov. 1908.



## THE HUB

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## Buy Useful Serviceable Gifts

WE ARE

## Ready for Xmas Shoppers

With a good assortment of useful, serviceable Articles suitable for gifts. Visit our Fur Department where you will find a good supply of warm Fur Coats and Jackets, and a nice assortment of Small Furs. Remember you have a stock of over \$3,000.00 to select from.

WE HAVE REASSORTED our general Dry Goods Stock and strengthened up on all lines for Xmas selling. Dress Goods make very acceptable Gifts and this line is in very good condition.

Neckwear, Belts, Fancy Combs, Gloves, Hosiery, Underwear, Boots and Shoes, Overshoes, Rubbers, Skating Boots and Moccasins are some of the lines we sell for gifts. We have also reassorted our Handkerchiefs in both Men's and Women's.

We have not neglected the SLIPPERS for Men and Women. We are showing a nice line of Men's Dressing Gowns at extremely moderate prices, \$5.75 each, and they are really very pretty.

We have just received for Xmas selling, a nice assortment of Men's Ties, Wraps, Mufflers, Sweaters, Sweater Coats.

## Millinery Millinery

Kindly bring in your orders for Xmas now. Good assortments await your inspection.

## GROCERIES

Twenty lbs. Granulated Sugar \$1. 3 lbs. extra good choice Raisins for 25c. 3 1/2 lbs No. 2 Raisins for 25c. Good Cream Tartar 30c per lb. 2 packages Gold Bar Seeded Raisins for 25c. Salt Salmon, Salt Lake Trout and Codfish.

We have stocked up our Grocery Department for the Xmas trade and you will find the quality of our goods all that can be desired. We do our best to have Butter and Eggs on hand at all times and fresh. Try our Grocery Department.

## Wanted

Maple Sugar in any sized cakes up to 7c per lb.  
Fresh Eggs, strictly New Laid, at 80c per dozen.  
Fresh Dairy Butter at 26c a lb.  
Potatoes at 65c per 60 lbs.  
Washed Wool 15c per lb., unwashed 1-3 less.  
Beans at \$1.50 per 60 lbs.  
Hard Block Wood at \$2.00

## The Hub, Cowansville

## The Eternal Question

WHAT SHALL I?  
GIVE FOR XMAS?

Every Article in Our Store is an Answer

Morris Chairs, Roman Chairs, Students Chairs, Parlor Sets, Lounges, Fancy Oak and Rattan Arm and Rocking Chairs, Hall Stands, China Cabinets, Dinner Waggon, Combination Desks and Book Cases, Sectional Book Cases, Music Cabinets, Ladies Parlor Desks. Iron and Brass Beds, 25 different styles to choose from. Full stock of Springs and Mattresses. Our line of Dining Tables, Sideboards and Chairs are all right in Quartered Oak, Elm, Ash and Birch.

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