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## An Asylum No Longer.

The insane asylum, as popular and uninformed fancy used to picture it, has made way for the hospital, where the unbalanced mind is treated carefully and intelligently.

The idea of padded cells, straps, and all manner of mechanical restraint has disappeared. Such things do not exist now in reality, although they may in the minds of many people.

The Ontario Hospital, for that is what the old London Asylum is now, and has been for some years, provides a good illustration of the manner in which the treatment of insanity has advanced. There can be no doubt that the hospitalization of these places is the one outstanding feature of the changed conditions. The mentally sick are not caged and restrained; they are nursed, and their cases are carefully studied at the time of entry and every day following.

There are in the Ontario Hospital at London now 1,256 patients, and of that large number there are not one-half of one per cent locked up all the time. That is a hard thing for the person who still thinks of an "asylum" to take in, but it is a fact vouched for by Dr. W. J. Robinson, who has been for 15 years in charge of the institution in this city.

This freedom has not resulted in assaults or suicides. There are scarcely any more assaults at that institution than there would be in an ordinary community with the same number of people in it. Neither are there suicides in large numbers, as might be imagined, and as is frequently stated by those who have no knowledge of the facts. There has not been a single suicide at the Ontario Hospital at London in ten years. It means that the staff of nurses, doctors and attendants are attending to business all the time, for there are many patients who need observation every hour of the day and night.

There are no rooms and buildings filled with howling maniacs. There are no dark, secret chambers where all manner of force is used to control the insane. There are rooms, corridors, sun parlors, all of them sweet and clean, bright and airy, with the utmost freedom granted the patients. Truly we are making some progress.

Dr. Robinson, the veteran head of the institution, admits with a touch of sadness that the advance toward curing insanity is not encouraging. He believes if the cases of mental sickness were sent there earlier the results would be much better. Relatives naturally shrink from having loved ones taken away to such a place, and this feeling no doubt exists because they still regard it as an asylum rather than as a hospital for the treatment of a sick mind. If they knew the real conditions they would realize that a real kindness and service would be done by sending the relative to one of the Ontario Hospitals instead of waiting until the case was hopeless before the doctors at the hospital had a chance to deal with it.

## The Old King's Poison.

Marie Corelli believes that Lord Carnarvon, the discoverer and invader of the tomb of King Tutankhamen, is suffering from a mysterious poison concealed in some of the vases or possessions that were stowed away in the tomb of that old Egyptian monarch.

She is inclined to doubt the idea that his rather mysterious sickness comes from the bite of a mosquito. Marie Corelli is not an explorer; has never been in Egypt, but of course that little detail has not kept her from writing a book about it. She has studied, though, and has old books that tell of poison placed in the possessions taken into the tombs in such a way that "they who touch them shall not know how they come to suffer."

Well, why not let Marie Corelli have her way about it? This very materialistic age in which we live would do away with ghosts, traditions, mysteries and all such things. The idea of that old king having some secret poison tucked away in his possessions to scare off the vandals has a strong appeal to the imagination, so why rob us of this bit of ancient fancy?

## Burning Coke.

The desirability of making bituminous coal into coke for a Canadian fuel is to be tried out. The Montreal Star goes so far as to say that "coke is an efficient substitute for anthracite," a statement about as wide of the mark as could well be imagined.

If experiments are to be made, there are systems as widely separated as the north and south poles. The investigators can see coke made at Fernie or Michel in the Crown's Nest Pass country in B. C. There nothing but coke is taken out—all else passes away into the air. If they desire to see an advanced method in operation they can visit the Steel Company of Canada works at Hamilton, where coal is made into coke and at the same time

all manner of by-products are recovered. These include gas, tar, ammonia, material for aniline dyes, etc. It is a continuous process, though, and the penalty for stopping operations would run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Were a supply of coke made available, the next thing would be to get people to use it exclusively. They would not do this as long as they could get a ton of good anthracite coal.

## A Confusing System.

It is not to be wondered at that the public in general looks upon politics and political ways of doing things somewhat in a maze.

A correspondent of The Advertiser takes the case of the financial standing of Ontario, and asks how it is to know whether there is a surplus or not, because one side says there is and another says there is not.

That attitude is not to be wondered at, and it is so unlike any other line of business. A bank, a manufacturing company or a municipality can add up its receipts and expenses and tell to a dollar what is left over or what is owing.

A province should be able to do the same thing, and announce the result so certainly that it would be accepted as a fact by all parties, because they would know that the figures represented positive results.

Political financing does not seem to follow the hard and fast rules of other lines of business.

## Somewhat Similar.

An old trapper near Fort William ties a dead chicken to a string, which in turn is attached to the trigger of a shotgun.

A wolf comes along and makes a race for the chicken. As soon as he makes an attempt to get off with the bird he pulls the trigger and really shoots himself.

That old trapper works on the same plan as the sharp salesmen who go around selling those get-rich-quick things. The easy buyer rushes in to grab the easy money, just as the wolf runs in to take away the chicken. The old trapper retains the money.

## One Brave Letter.

A letter written to the Listowel Banner, and signed "Presbyterian," rakes over the coals some of the members who regularly are late in arriving at a certain named church in the town.

Moreover, the letter-writer lodges the plain charge that these people come in late with only one object in view, that of being observed.

This particular letter-writer not only points out the defect, but writes the cure:

"If the object in coming late is only for the purpose of making a little display, and attracting the public notice, would the end not be better accomplished by such people arriving early at church and setting themselves up in some conspicuous place, where all their beauty and ornaments would be seen to better advantage?"

That letter-writer wins the prize for candor and fearlessness. He is not going to allow his kirk to be made a show window for feathers and frills.

Every church has its share of the chronic late-comers, and it might work wonders were the theory well circulated that they follow this plan to attract attention.

## Note and Comment.

When it comes to finances, a number of the European counts are disconcerted.

There seems to be an unusually high percentage of clinkers in that Ruhr coal.

A man who has a salary higher than any person else in the block is seldom a socialist.

The average cost per day of feeding inmates of Canadian penitentiaries is 17½ cents. And yet most of them look pretty fit when they come out.

Least he should be overlooked in the lineup, M. M. MacBride, M. P. P. of Brantford, rises to announce in advance that he is going to be a candidate.

The weather won't be warm until the ice goes out of the lakes, and the ice won't go out of the lakes until the weather gets warm. Looks like a regular old deadlock, doesn't it?

The building inspector of London has been offered \$36 for the car he used to drive on his rounds. Might have another investigation, or probe, or inquiry into this. Any used car is worth at least \$37.50.

The editor of the St. Catharines Standard can't see any relief in sight, because when he ceases carrying out the ashes he is called upon to put up the curtain-stretchers. You can't get away with that one, sonny, because curtain-stretchers are almost as extinct as boot-jacks.

The Peterborough Examiner thinks the Ontario government is spending too much money in printing and circulating reports that are of little value to the public. The report of the hotel investigation is taken as an example, and it is a fact that in this book of 106 pages there is nothing of public interest, except the recommendations of the committee, which could have gone on two or three pages.

## DIBS AND DABS

—BY HARRY MOYER



## TO THE EDITOR

### ACT, OR LEAVE US ALONE.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—Will you please give publication to the views of this organization as to the attitude of Mayor Wenige in regard to the people of this district.

In the press a short time ago the mayor was complaining of the lack of action on the part of the police commission, of which he is a member, in enforcing the bus bylaw, in so far as it is related to the overloading of buses.

It was no doubt as a result of the mayor's complaint that the chief of police summoned the bus owner to court.

Well, we feel that the Quebec street bus has been doing its best for this district, for which no thanks are due the mayor. Also that Mayor Wenige seems to be going out of his way to cause as much inconvenience as possible to the residents of Knollwood Park, in not permitting the bus to carry a reasonable number of passengers in excess of seating capacity.

On last New Year's Day the residents of Knollwood Park held a meeting, which the mayor and aldermen were invited to attend, for the purpose of discussing transportation facilities to and from Knollwood Park. At that time we submitted our grievances to the mayor and a number of aldermen and to the officials of the street railway company, who were also present. The street railway company suggested a round table talk for the purpose of seeing what could be done. However, on the advice of the mayor, who spoke after this suggestion was made, advised us to have no truck nor trade with the street railway company, as they never lived up to their promise, we did not attempt to do with the company. The mayor also stated that he would see that we always had transportation facilities.

About the middle of February we were surprised to find that it was the mayor who never lived up to his promises, as our buses had been cut off without warning. We then interviewed the street railway company, as they had suggested at New Year's, and inside of a very few hours had arranged with them for a bus service on Quebec street, with transfers to any part of the city. This arrangement was very satisfactory to the people in general. All we ask you to do, Mr. Mayor, is either see that we get something better or leave us alone. Don't forget your New Year's promise, "I will see that you people get transportation facilities."

Yours truly,  
J. H. TAYLOR,  
President of the Knollwood Park and District Ratepayers' Improvement Association.

When is a Canadian?

There is no such thing as Canadian nationality in Dominion census reports. The only place Canadian nationality is recognized is in penitentiary returns.

In short, the Dominion government only recognizes a Canadian as a Canadian when he is in jail. Investigation shows that this remarkable condition exists right here. Study of the records reveals the fact that when a man is brought into the station so drunk that he cannot give his name the jailers commonly put him down in the crime records as "Canadian."

All this is not particularly important, but it would be interesting to know just by what metamorphosis a Canadian is something else until he gets into jail and other nationalities become Canadians when they get dead drunk.—Vancouver Sun.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Tests That Tell.

"Gee, girls, but she's a beauty!" enthusiastically pointing to a new car.

Girl: "Why do you allude to the car as a 'she'?"

Hi: "Because it has beautiful curves, is hot altogether trustworthy, and keeps its owner broke."

Green Gander.

A Toastmaster's Job.

"Queer job of a toastmaster." "In what way?"

"He has to introduce speakers he has never met before to a lot of people he doesn't know himself."

Not On Your Life.

Master—Look here, Jenkins, I'll bet you've been at my whiskey again. Jenkins—Pardon me, sir, I—hic—never bet.

## Your Health

WHAT "SAURIASIS" IS, AND HOW IT IS TREATED.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M.D., United States Senator From New York. Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

Weather conditions have a lot to do with the skin. You have realized this, as you looked in the glass at your sunburned nose in the summer or your chapped cheeks in the winter.

There is a striking disease called "fish-skin disease," "alligator-skin disease," and various other names. The doctors call it "xerosis," "xeroderma," "sauriasis," and "ichthyosis."

This is essentially a winter or cold-weather disease. It may appear at any time of year, but it is aggravated by raw, cold winds, especially dry, cold weather. In hot weather, when the skin is active and kept moist by perspiration, it gets speedily better.

When the trouble attacks the cheeks and eyelids, there is much deformity. The thickened skin may cause the eyelids to be pulled away from the eyeball.

Local applications of petroleum oil, cocoa butter, benzoated lard or other soothing paste, will help. Whatever agent is used may be applied after washing the parts with an alkaline solution. This may be prepared by adding a box or two of bicarbonate of soda to water. A mixture of bran- and water may help.

In all cases of skin trouble, no matter what may be the name or nature, you must not overlook the importance of the general health. Constipation, intestinal indigestion, abuse of the stomach by over-eating or under-feeding, or irregularity in eating, excessive indulgence in fats and sugar, abuse of alcohol—all these in fact may be the cause of the disease. No hope of cure is bright unless attention is given to the digestion and to the table habits.

From time to time I have spoken about the "ductless glands." The secretions of these organs have some mysterious effect upon the health. In the disease we are discussing today it may be that a disturbance in one or another of the ductless glands may be responsible for the strange and unpleasant skin conditions.

Every case of sauriasis and every case of any other obstinate skin disease must be made the subject of careful study. The patient should be relieved by any haphazard methods of treatment.

ANSWERS TO HEALTH QUESTIONS.

A READER OF THE NEWS. Q.—What is a good thing to banish wrinkles from around the mouth, and what will make the face fat?

A.—Massage is the best thing to eradicate wrinkles. To fatten the face, massage it with cocoa butter, and include fattening foods in your diet.

J. J. Y. Q.—Will you kindly tell me what causes circles under my eyes?

A.—They are caused by your eyes being due to eye strain, loss of sleep, indigestion or constipation. If you will send a self-addressed, stamped envelope, full particulars on the treatment of constipation and indigestion will be given.

C. D. Q.—I was operated on for a lump in my side. Now, when I do any housework, I become very tired, and feel the lump in my side. Will you kindly advise me regarding this condition?

A.—You should give yourself time to recover from the effects of the operation. Be careful about straining yourself, or lifting heavy articles, as you may bring about a rupture which will mean another operation.

Q.—Constant itching of the lower part of the nose may be a symptom of pin-worms.

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## BELIEVES CHURCH WILL PROGRESS IF UNION ATTAINED

Rev. M. Kelly Sees Protestantism On Eve of New Adventure.

## FACES GREAT TASK

"Is Canada on the eve of a new adventure in Protestantism?" The question was raised by Rev. M. Kelly yesterday at the evening service in the First Congregational Church.

"For some time there has been a feeling that if some rearrangement in the organizing of Protestantism in this country were possible, the churches could play the part they should play, either in building up the kingdom of God or in the development of the life of the nation," said Mr. Kelly.

Started Negotiations.

"The spirit of God often speaks to us through our difficulties, and it was through the difficulties confronting the Protestant denominations in Canada that three of these denominations, facing a task of great magnitude and under the urge, we believe, of the divine spirit, entered into negotiations with each other and canvassed the whole situation to see if a new and necessary adventure in Protestantism were possible and desirable.

"Every great period in history includes the names of great men. When we think of the Protestant Reformation we think of such spiritual leaders as Luther, Melancthon, Zwingli and John Calvin. We have been favored with strong leadership in this present desire of Protestantism in its effort to express itself. Such names as the late Principal Caven, Principal Patrick, Dr. Carman and Dr. Hugh Pedley would be an honor to any cause.

To Function Efficiently.

"The question raised was, what would make these denominations function efficiently in their task of evangelizing Canada and in the building up of the national life. It occurred to these and other men and women that Canada might well follow the example of some other countries, and under God's leadership develop a type of organization and church life that would be peculiarly suited to the Canadian people.

"Under the pressure of necessity and also a desire to do Christ's work efficiently, three Protestant denominations have developed a basis of faith and an organization satisfactory to great numbers of Christian people. If the new adventure in Protestantism is made, two thirds of the Protestants of this country will form the membership of the United Church of Canada.

"There should be no reliance on mere strength of numbers," said Mr. Kelly, "but everyone should give, himself or herself to prayer, to a devotional reading of the Scriptures, and to a deeper consecration of their lives to Christ."

The blessing of Christ, Protestantism in this country will yet be galvanized into the fuller life. It will march forward humbly but strongly, and wherever it goes it will prove a blessing to Canada as a nation."

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## BISHOP ADVISES MORE ATTENTION TO COMMUNION

Head of Diocese Tells Members To Keep in Touch With Christ.

## CONFIRMS CLASS

Says All Christians Should Proclaim Themselves As Such.

Twenty-five candidates were confirmed by the Bishop of Huron at the 11 o'clock service in Croydon Memorial Church on Sunday morning. The bishop, who was assisted in the service by Rev. Quintin Warner, rector of the church, found the text for his address in the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel of St. Mark and part of the eighteenth verse. "Verily I say unto you, one of you which eateth with me shall betray me."

As a short and convenient way in which churchmen might come to a closer and more adequate conception of Christ as He really was, the bishop recommended the reading of St. Mark's Gospel. "If you do this," he said, "earnestly and thoroughly, you will see that Christ was really God to the people with whom He came in contact.

"From the life and teaching that is unfolded in this book all the good that is in the world is derived. By reading here the life of Christ you will be able to laugh at the theories of H. G. Wells and the other writers who deny the miraculous power of His life.

Condemns Mental Sins.

"There are many ways," the bishop stated, "in which we might betray Christ. It might be by yielding to our bodily passions, by love of money and power, or by intellectual indolence. The passions of the body are given us by God for the proper ordering of our lives, and none of them in themselves bad. It just depends whether we control them or whether we allow them to control us. They are the very best of servants and the most dangerous masters.

"By moral cowardice, a too common failing, we are perhaps betraying Christ. If in the place in which we work the other men and women do not recognize us as Christians and know that we are followers of Him, then we are indeed betraying Him.

Confirmation Shows Love of Christ.

"A confirmation ceremony should not be just a solitary event in life. It should be a continual witness to the love we bear to Christ, and to our membership in the church."

There were three things which he advised the candidates to observe in order that they might the more easily live the Christian life. First, keep close to Christ, and in the secret places of the heart hold communion with Him; second, have nothing to do with the enemies of Christ, and, thirdly, remember the words of the Saviour, "Do this in remembrance of me."

The holy communion, he said, was the best way of maintaining this close touch with Christ, and the life of Christ, and all members of the church should be regular in attendance at this sacrament, so that they might never be the man of whom Christ said, "One of you will betray me."

The confirmation class comprised the following: Percy W. Lee, Edwin J. Lee, W. Gordon Boughner, Walter D. Hungerford, Charles H. Webb, Joseph Jarrett, Fred Richardson, John S. Swain, Fred A. Terry and Harold T. Elgie.

## BELIEVE FLOOD DANGER AT SIOUX CITY PAST

Water Has Dropped Two Feet Within Twenty-Four Hours.

Canadian Press Despatch.

SIOUX CITY, March 26.—All flood danger is past unless very severe and unusual weather conditions set in very soon, according to a statement made yesterday by R. J. Anderson, chairman of the board of supervisors of Woodbury county, A. B. Erickson, also of the board, and J. O. McLean, county engineer, who spent all day Saturday in the danger zone on both sides of the Missouri River investigating the situation.

Their statement declared that a drop of two feet in the water stage at the lower point of the gorge on the Iowa side, about three miles south of Sergeant Bluffs, Iowa, had occurred in the 24 hours from Friday night to Saturday night.

A well-defined and open channel 150 to 175 feet wide has been opened on the Iowa side, according to the statement, and the water is flowing off freely, thus relieving the situation. The ice is melting rapidly so that numerous open spots in the ice sheet have made their appearance.

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