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BOOTH'S WELCOME

General Bramwell Booth, on his visit to Canada, is receiving the same remarkable demonstrations as used to be accorded his father, wherever he went the wide world over.

All this is as it should be. From contumely, derision and even assault, the Salvation Army has become today one of the greatest religious and moral factors in the history of our times and in all civilized and some uncivilized lands.

It is not only the personal uplift which it tenets and practices develop but also the physical well being of myriads of others whom it is only the truth to say that the churches were not meeting, or only in part, at any rate, before its advent.

A true Salvation Army man or woman, never know when they are beaten in a good cause. If a backslider is rescued and then once more lapses, they go after the erring one again and yet again if needs be. In the most depraved quarters of the world cities a lassie can go, and does go without the slightest fear of insult or molestation, for even the most abandoned realize and appreciate what that quiet dress, simple bonnet and badge represent.

And in what's more, not alone is the army as such, a mighty engine on behalf of individual work and work, but in addition there are everywhere many institutions of large size and wide scope run on behalf of the unfortunate and every barracks is a haven of rest and refuge and care when needs be.

In later years when the few carping critics who remained, could find nothing else to criticize with reference to the late General William Booth, and his inspired movement, they fell back upon the allegation that he had all the properties in his own name for his own purposes. His lamented death served to reveal how absolutely untrue that was for he passed away a poor man and everything was found to be intact and was handed on as an unimpaired legacy to this tremendous organization, for which the people of the world have abundant reason to reverently thank God.

THE MILK QUESTION IN HAMILTON.

The milk vendors in Hamilton, after previous raises, now propose to levy an additional four cents per gallon from their customers.

The Mayor has proposed a boycott for a week, but The Herald does not think this would result in anything.

Instead it suggests a municipal system and in this regard points out that a few years ago a consolidation of milk-vending interests was effected in that place. It was then explained in behalf of the combination that it would be enabled to effect certain economies in the delivery of milk and that customers would get the benefit of those economies. This explanation is invariably made in behalf of new commercial combinations.

Usually the promises made to consumers are not kept. In this case they have not been kept. Three times since the local milk combine was formed has the retail price of milk been increased. In each case the excuse given was that the wholesalers had raised the price and it was necessary for the retailers to follow suit. But in each case the increase made by the retailers was just double that which was made by the farmers.

While the farmers are getting six cents a gallon more for their milk, the retailers are exacting twelve cents more from their customers.

If the delivery of milk in Hamilton were made a municipal monopoly, it is probable that the service would cost somewhat more to operate than it does now. But not so much as might be supposed, for a great deal could be saved by preventing the overlapping of routes. It would be possible to give a better delivery service than the present one with the use of fewer wagons and men, because there would not be two or more services on the one route, as there are now. This saving would offset the greater cost of operation due to better pay for the men employed. But in addition to this sav-

ing the large and growing profits of the retail vendors would be saved for the consumers, for the municipal government could deliver milk at but a very slight advance over cost.

It would not be necessary for the city to own dairy farms and go into the business of milk production. It could arrange with the dairy farmers as most of the retail vendors now do.

A SET BACK FOR TAMMANY Tammany Hall received a black eye in the New York State elections. The Tiger has had a similar experience in other years, but though singed, has always managed to bob up again.

It is somewhat interesting to recall the origin of the title of this institution.

Shortly after the War of Revolution, several societies were organized in different centres of the States for charitable purposes. The name chosen was Tammany, in honor of the cognomen of an aged Delaware chief renowned for his many natural virtues and square dealing. In their original form, said societies were based upon the model of an Indian tribe, and had their sachems, sagamores, war paint, tomahawks, and calumets.

All perished with the exception of the New York institution, which in addition to charities—by the way still 'reely practised by that institution—turned the association into a political weapon, nominally on the Democratic side, and levied huge tolls from corporations and individuals. To stand in with Tammany has been a guarantee for any man to get a position with civic and private institutions, and so on. The whole combination has been a curious blending of actual good deeds and very much vice even on more than one occasion to the taking of life. In fact, one of the Tammany chiefs before succeeding to that office, once narrowly escaped sentence for murder, and his acquittal was attributed to the influence of that machine.

If it should now be permanently down and out, so much the better, but this is very doubtful.

Another marked feature of the contest has been the return of Sulzer to the State Assembly. This man, entirely unfitted for the post, became governor of the state by the help of Tammany, and then refused to obey the behests of that organization. His old allies promptly had him impeached, and it was then shown that he had taken thousands of dollars of campaign funds in order to go into stock speculations in his behalf. Finally his wife was induced to confess that she was responsible, which further goes to show the sort of individual Sulzer happens to be. His election cannot be based on his own merits but on the circumstance that his deposition as Governor was laid to spite on the part of the "Tiger."

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Young man, to hold a membership in the Borden Club, is almost better than great riches.

It is now stated that the note sent to Huerta by Uncle Sam was not an ultimatum. Well, it ought to have been.

It appears that the President of the alleged Republic of China, as a mere pastime, incites the secret murder of those whom he does not like. The old monarchy, although effete, was a good deal better than that.

An English paper propounds the query: "What is a moustache worth?" To which some sweet young thing is likely to make answer, "It all depends upon the worth of the man who's back of it."

How do those Grit sheets which figure that a tariff has everything to do with the increased cost of living, explain the circumstance that in Free Trade England the cost has also risen proportionately, while the wages of the workers are less?

The Toronto Globe says that the Alberta Legislature is "bound to be strengthened" by the addition of Hon. A. G. Mackay to its ranks. Why then was he knifed as Ontario Liberal leader in favor of a far less able man?

The Toronto Star has just celebrated its twenty-first birthday. Under the presidency of Mr. Atkinson, the paper has certainly made vast strides deservedly jumping from a circulation of only a few hundreds to one of over eighty thousand.

The Ottawa Free Press (Liberal) in a leading editorial, expresses the hope that "the Liberal party are making serious preparations to lay down during the coming session of the Dominion Parliament a definite and pro-

gressive platform." Getting tired of drifting, eh?

It appears that the Expositor did report Mr. Cooper of Toronto as saying what he says he said, when he addressed the local Liberal club on the navy question. A cursory reading of his address led the Courier to think otherwise, and for that herewith an apology. Meanwhile, this paper does not regard Mr. Cooper, excellent man though he is, as a heaven-sent messenger to teach Johnny Canuck what to do with reference to navy aid for John Bull.

The London Advertiser (Grit) editorially features the following:—"In a letter to a London friend, a prominent Liberal in South Bruce makes this comment on the bye-election:—"The election was fought out on the issues. The towns and villages, with the exception of the Liberal candidate's home town and the village of Paisley, gave increased Conservative majorities, but the farmers went right over into the Liberal camp. The point is that the farmers will not stand for militarism or naval contributions. It looks well for the next general election."

If they won't stand for a naval contribution of \$35,000,000, how much more will they stand for the Laurier plan, which involves many times that sum? The advertised "prominent Liberal" must indeed be a very wise gent.

After the Season

The baseball season's ended, the pennant has been won; the work of pitchers splendid, and catchers, too, done; the grandstand is deserted, the yelling crowds are fled; the umpire, sorely hurtled, has gone to boil his head. And now these sturdy fighters who played "the only game," will cut as with writers and put a cinch on fame. The boys who stam-bled greatly when asked to spell their names, will write the English states of Addison or James. The boys who don't know grammar from seven sacks of beans, will hear the public clamor, and write for magazines. The miracle stupendous, the marvel of the age, it is how they can lend us their thoughts on printed page! There's Hankinson, the pitcher, in summer he's a gent who makes the language richer with "I have seen and went." In wintertime he grinds us a polished kind of dope, and oftentimes reminds us of Laurence Sterne or Pope. When Springtime's pious flutter, the diamond he will seek, and we shall hear him mutter: "I think them words is Greek."

Canada Behind In Prison Ideas

(Continued on Page 4) Punishment is what has been aimed at instead of reformation. The mistake is recognized, but for some reason or other some one has for years been clogging the wheels of progress in prison reform work. The parole system in Canada is farcical, and should be remodelled to comply with the probation systems which have in other countries been so helpful in reformatory work. A proper probation system is only possible through the indeterminate sentence. Indeterminate sentence is now authorized, as far as offences against the laws of the province are concerned. If some such legislation was passed at Ottawa it would be helpful to prison reform in Canada. Increased respect for law and order has been the experience where the purposeful policy is pursued towards the criminal by reformatory methods for all first offenders and the permanent removal from society with well-regulated custodial care for the habitual offender.



HAND-WORKING FANCY. "Does your wife do much fancy work?" "Yes, when I'm late in getting home evenings she fancies all sorts of things."

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To The Editor

THE VEXED QUESTION.

Editor of The Courier:

Sir—With your kind permission I would like to say a few things regarding that time honored topic, the New City Hall. Unfortunately, or fortunately, would be more expressive. I do not remember when the present collection of building materials was first called the New City Hall, but it seems the topic has always been with us, first as a matter of pride, for the present building, which gradually changed to the present shame that most of us feel, when referring to the present structure as our City Hall. And I doubt if there is any one in Brantford to-day that feels proud to point it out as such, visitors within our gates.

Therefore, it must be practically unanimous that we should have a new City Hall.

So we will try and look at it from a workman's point of view, viz., a new home is needed for the civic officials during business hours. We have the property on Darling St. where we can build the new home, and we have some \$75,000 cash in our savings bank account (from the sale of other property) which will go a long way towards building this new home—the City Hall. Now, having the property and being financially well enough off to put up a good portion of a good home, why not get into a good locality and have

congenial neighbors, and I'm sure no one is going to be absurd enough to claim that either the N.M.C.A. or the Dominion Government or their buildings, are neighbors that are not to be desired. In fact it appears to me that such insinuations would justly be considered libelous should they be made. Therefore Mr. Workman, you will readily see that if it comes to a vote, you will only be acting naturally to do for the city what you would do for yourself and favor the Darling St. site.

As to some remarks I notice in this evening's paper, your correspondent states, that the City Hall should be surrounded by some farmers, especially on market days. That is not his exact words, but nevertheless it is what they imply. Personally I cannot see where the connection between a farmer and a City Hall exists; if it was a County building, I think it would be more appropriate, but just to show you our friends' inconsistency, I think he would be the first to object to the farmers disposing of their vegetables in front of the County Hall, or as it is better known—the Court House.

Now it is my belief that the workmen of Brantford have enough civic pride to want their City Hall as independent of the market as farmers have the County Hall or Court House. The big cities have their independent and so may we if the workmen will say politely to their neighbor, now Farmer John, you don't clutter up your own

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front door step with vegetables and farm produce, so I know you won't feel resentment at me for deciding to build a new residence in a better locality. I know some of your difficulties Farmer John, so I'm not going to exact any change in your delivery of the produce, you can continue to deliver them here, but I'm going to move my front door up to Darling St, out of your way, that's all.

That won't offend brother Jno., not a bit. We'll have some good neighbors, and I don't think I'm amiss when I say those same neighbors, as referred to above, are influential ones, too, at that.

Mr. Workman what more would you ask, if it was for yourself. It is for yourselves individually and collectively. So we'll just be plain natural and favor the Darling St. site same as we would do for ourselves. Cordially thanking you, I remain Sincerely yours, N. R. THOMPSON.

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