

Things to Think About.

Address to the Llewellyn Club in Canon Wood Hall, Feby. 6, 1919, by Alfred B. Morine, K. C.

Members—When your Rev. pastor asked me to address you, I thought I should talk about the things that are of more local interest, and I thought I do not wish to be strictly accountable for what I say here, for I am thinking about things that are of more general interest to you.

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Soldiers and Sailors Re-Establishment
I have only a brief time left in which to say anything about the re-establishment of our soldiers and sailors in Civil Life. Pensioners are being given to the disabled, and gratuities to the demobilized, but what is being done for the fit, relatively so-called, except efforts to obtain them employment by citizens. They offered up their lives upon the altar of their country. The sacrifice was not accepted, but the time and effort were accepted. They have given of their precious time. They return to us mentally and spiritually changed, and it must be that for a further time at least they will not be one hundred per cent. efficient in the vocations by which they must earn their livelihood. To-morrow we shall cheer the home-comers by the "Coriscan" but what shall we do except cheer; they ask for bread, shall we give them

empty noise. They deserve from us a chance to make good, to start again, to commence where they might have been if they had not remained at home instead of volunteering to be our defenders at the front. If any real effort is being made along this line, I am unaware of it, and if it really is being earnestly grasped with, the public should be taken into confidence.

In addition to all that is being done in Canada in the way of vocational training, Canadian soldiers are being offered free farms, and loans of money on long and easy terms, to help in home-making. Land is being bought by the Government, in fact, where public land cannot be found along the line of railways, so that the best locations shall be provided. We should do this also, but we must realize that few if any of our men are likely to become farmers. They have not the training or the disposition, and we have not the land to give, and if any considerable number started farms we would have no markets to offer. But why should we always slavishly copy what other countries do, why not evince initiative, and be original. What the land is to Canada, the sea is to this Colony. What the farming is there fishing is here, and the sea offers quicker returns with less expenditure. Why then, should not our men who wish it have the chance offered them of embarking in the fishery with assistance which shall enable them to make a success of it. Of course, all who were assisted would not achieve success, but neither will every assisted farmer in Canada. Had our men never volunteered, all might not have been successful even at home, but again each of them might, and it is fair that now they shall be started on the right road by a grateful country. Time presses for a solution. The New Year has already been entered into, the soldiers are already crowding home-wards, the gratuities they will receive will not last them long, the commercial prospect is not cheering, and I dread the consequences, I look with apprehension to the conditions that may be within this Colony at the close of 1919. If we do not with earnestness, with determination, with sympathy and statesmanship make a great effort to re-establish our home-comers in civil life.

Capital and Labour.
I had intended to speak briefly upon this subject also, now thrusting itself upon the start of discussion of the world, but time will not permit, and I shall content myself with the hope that at some future meeting of this Club, this may be the subject of discussion.

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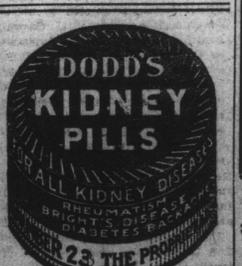
C. M. B. C.

The address at yesterday's session of the C.M.B.C. was given by Rev. W. Butler, incumbent of Random Mission. He gave an interesting account of the work of his mission and of the difficulties of administering faithfully to his people. The address was much appreciated by the class. It was announced that the annual tea and entertainment would be held on Feb. 19th inst. Owing to unforeseen circumstances the proposed lecture by His Lordship the Bishop, on Education is postponed and no lecture will be given until further notice.

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