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## Caring for the Insane.

In its administration of the great public charities, the Government of this Province may take an honest pride. The charge that it has been or is now negligent in providing for the insane is obviously made for party purposes. It is said the asylums are overflowing and that in consequence many insane people are confined in the jails of the Province, but no statistics on the latter point are given. Middlesex is one of the most populous counties in Ontario, yet not a single unfortunate of this class is in the county jail at present. There may be a few in the jails of some other counties, but inquiry will probably show them to be aged people, homeless or dependent, who are not insane, but merely feeble-minded or senile, and who should be sent to houses of refuge, not to asylums. The responsibility rests not with the Government, but with those municipalities which have neglected their duty toward the indigent population. The county of Middlesex, we are happy to say, is not open to reproach in this respect. The question of compelling counties to erect houses of refuge has more than once been discussed in the Legislature. If something could be done on this line, there would be few aged paupers in the jails.

The new infirmary building at the London Asylum will provide additional accommodation for 60 patients, and the old university building at Cobourg, which is being renovated for asylum purposes, will provide for 150 more. Both of these will be available shortly and will greatly relieve the present congestion. The Government has been alive to the situation.

## Breakers Ahead.

There seems to be a striking consensus of opinion that the new British duties on breadstuffs are not merely war taxes, but have been imposed with an ulterior motive. The duties, all appear to agree, are to be used as a lever in the discussion of imperial trade relations at the June conference in London. Great Britain will be in a position to balance a remission of these taxes on colonial products against reciprocal favors from the colonies.

The prospect opened up is one of absorbing interest. Should the British Government commit itself to an imperial preference there would be another line of cleavage in British politics, which would aggravate an already distracted situation. Undoubtedly the old school of Liberals, of which Harcourt and Morley are types, would take an uncompromising stand against the policy of differentials and would furnish anew the weapons of free trade. Even Lord Rosebery, the head and front of the Liberal-Imperialists, has declared that Great Britain would never jeopardize her world-wide commerce for the sake of her colonial trade. It would not be surprising to find a recrudescence of the "Little England" spirit and the emergence of a party avowedly anti-imperial, taking the ground that colonial connection was not worth the price, if it had to be purchased by the sacrifice of free trade. On the other hand, the issue will tend to crystallize imperial sentiment. Whether this sentiment will be powerful enough in the mother country to overlook fiscal barriers is one of the problems of the near future.

## Meat-Eaters' Grievance.

Six dressed beef companies have successfully cornered the beef market to hold up consumers in the large cities of the United States. The average increase has been 5 cents per pound, so that many people with lean purses have become vegetarians through force of circumstances. The meat packers have cornered butter also. The New York World publishes the following table to show that the price of everything needed for the table has gone up from 15 to 25 per cent in a year:

Butter	1902.	1903.
Porterhouse steaks	32c	24c
Steak	32c	24c
Round steaks	22c	16c
"Chuck" steaks	14c	8c
Leg of lamb	31c	16c
Lamb chops	25c	16c
Poultry	15c	11 1/2c
Potatoes (per barrel)	\$2 25	\$1 50
Dried fruits	11c	6 1/2c

If the farmers and other producers got the benefit of the increase there would be no injustice, but the extra profit is intercepted by the packers who have been able, to some extent, to control the sources of supply. The combine might be controlled by removing the duty on imported beef, thereby exposing the market to foreign competition. Such a remedy is vastly more effective than resorting to the courts, as is proposed. The possible sources of an additional meat supply are Canada and Mexico. At present there is a duty of 2 cents a pound on beef. Any lowering of the tariff should also include all substitutes for beef, as fish and poultry. It

is probable, however, that the consumer will suffer a long while before the present Congress comes to his relief.

## Reciprocity in Preachers.

A clerical writer in the Canadian Churchman complains very bitterly of the treatment meted out to him by the heads of the Church of England. He says he is an Englishman by birth and education, and that early in life he accepted a charge in the Church in Canada. Private business obliged him to return to his old home, and being an English graduate, he thought he would find no difficulty in again getting a curacy. The late Archbishop Benson, he declares, declined to give him even a temporary permit, while His Grace of York would only give him a license for two months! He felt so disgusted that he left England immediately. Returning, after several years' absence, he renewed his application. His Grace of York replied that he had consulted His Grace of Lambeth, and they both had decided to say no! He was very importunate, and wrote again and again, and finally a reply came from Lambeth that he would be given a license for twelve months. Advertising for a curacy, he found that most of the clergy refused to have anything to do with him as he was only a twelve months' candidate. He finally got a post, but was refused a license as he had not then 10s to pay for it. His Grace even wrote forbidding him to officiate unless he had the license. Finally he got the permit, but an extension beyond the time limit set was refused, though many influential persons, including three colonial bishops and twenty-six vicars and rectors, interceded for this man.

This is, no doubt, a domestic matter which the adherents of the Church of England should settle among themselves. It does seem to be a hard case, however, and it is to be hoped that it is not often duplicated. The explanation of the conduct of the heads of the Church in England may be found in the law known as "The Clergy Colonial Act," which it is said prevents a preacher who leaves the home church for the colonies from regaining his status except with the cognizance of the heads of the church. If this is so, and unless the archbishops are prepared to carry out the act in a generous spirit, it should be erased from the statute books. Surely, in these days of warm co-operation between the center of the Empire and the auxiliary kingdoms, the Established Church of England ought to be prepared to set an example in brotherhood. Even between Canada and the United States there are no foolish barriers of this kind, and we have unrestricted reciprocity in clergymen.

It is the voice of Hicks-Beach that the hand of Chamberlain.

Mr. Whitney spoke at Stoney Creek Wednesday night. He is soon due up Salt Creek.

Canadian millers are hit hard by the new British duties on flour and meal. There is no beauty in a tariff when the other fellow tries it on you.

The Canadian Government has made the Yukon pay for the Yukon. Now let us see if the British Government can make the Transvaal pay for the Transvaal.

The British meat trade fears a famine and asks in vain that the restrictions on the importation of cattle from Canada and Argentina be removed. What's to become of the roast beef of Old England?

Why should the American people be held responsible for the conduct of a few brutal soldiers in the Philippines? And why should so many of our neighbors asperse the whole British people because of the conduct of a few troops in South Africa? The latter swiftly paid the penalty. It is now up to Uncle Sam.

The Senate Committee yesterday passed the Bell Telephone Bill, permitting the company to double its capital on condition that rates be subject to the control of the Governor-in-Council. This is a move in the right direction, but it would have been better to have waited until next year, when the whole question of the company's powers will come under review.

## A Doubting Thomas.

[Atlanta Constitution.] One of the converts at a colored baptizing said to the preacher, "de Lawd'll take keer er you." "Mebbe He will," mumbled the doubtful candidate for baptism, "but alligators mighty hungry in de rust er de springtime!"

## What a Woman's Smile Will Buy.

[Smart Set.] Love, said the youth. Position, said the shrewd observer. Heaven, said the poet. A spring bonnet, said the husband. Dress, said the cynic. Champagne, said the chaplain. Compliments, said the social leader. Fame, said the theatrical manager. Luck, said the gambler. Men's souls, said the extremist. Anything I want, said the woman herself.

## New Among Slot Machines.

[New York Press.] A four-year-old boy was taken by his mother to one of the upper West Side churches in Holy Week. When they were going out she gave the little chap a cent to put in the poor box, which was one of the new, burglar-proof kind, consisting of a slotted iron

tube leading to a safe in the cellar. The child dropped the coin in the slot and then watched for results. Finally he said: "Mamma, I don't see any chocolate coming out."

## Don't Worry.

[Chicago Tribune.] What's the use of fretting? If you've troubles, try forgetting. Take things easy—Praise or blame—The world will wag on Just the same. What's the difference, anyhow. A hundred years from now? Don't anticipate Your sorrow. When it comes, No need to borrow. Get your sleep out, Troubled one. You cannot rush. The slow old sun. So let the seasons Come and go. Bringings with them. Weal or woe. Use the moments. Say they fly. Nor try to help them Hasten by. In life's long race, He needn't hurry. And if you'd win it, Don't—don't worry!

## Song.

[Charlotte Becker, in Smart Set.] A little fleet of cloud-boats Goes sailing down the sky. In some unfathomable haven Anchored at peace to lie. My love of you goes drifting Down the days. Ah! me, Would that his peaceful harbor Within your heart might be!

## Open Confession.

[Grand Rapids Post-Democrat.] The whole Philippine business has been an awful blunder. The conduct of the campaign in Samar has been the worst disgrace and dishonor ever visited upon the name of the republic.

## Time Will Work Wonders.

[Chicago Tribune.] It was 1950. Two citizens were discussing their friends. "That man Smythe is horribly stuck up," said the first citizen. "He is that," agreed the second. "Did you hear about his spelling his name S-m-i-t-h now?"

## The Song of the Woman.

[Frank L. Stanton.] "They'll never have done with fightin' on land an' over sea, an' over sea, Government—Government, what does it care, what does it care for me? Bugles must blow, an' drums must wave, an' the muffled drums must beat, An' what to a lass is a lover when they lay him dead at her feet?"

"They'll never have done with the fightin' on. Forward the colors sweep! I hear the shout of the captains as I tend the hearth an' weep. Far off an' faint—but I hear it; and a white dead face I see Under the sod in the grave that God an' Government make for me!"

"His hair was like the raven's wing (I joy that my lips have prest, As it fell in his flowing beauty, this dark An' brave, bright eyes looked love to mine—the eyes I shall never see Till God at the great judgment day shall give him back to me."

"Bible they've got for battles; for men have fought an' died Ere the Prince of Peace said strife should cease—the Prince that they crucified. Though a woman's tears bedew the years shall they stay the crimson tide? What can you do with Government With Bible on its side?"

"Men must fight the battles; lover an' lass must part; But who'll give glory to a woman's broken heart? Government's right, they tell me, an' the wrong must right; an' her lover—an' my dead love back to me!"

## Hints to the Banks.

[Toronto Star.] It costs comparatively little to produce new bank bills nowadays, and to keep old, dirty bills in circulation is an injustice to the public. The banks should remedy this evil without compelling a discussion to be carried on that will arouse some indignation against them.

## His Downward Course.

[Smart Set.] First Monkey—And man was once our equal? Second Monkey—Yes; but look at him now! Long ago he lost his tail, and frequently he loses his head.

## REV. DR. TALMAGE BURIED.

New York, April 17.—The remains of the Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage were interred in Greenwood Cemetery yesterday. The services at the grave, which were very simple, were conducted by the Rev. Dr. J. Howard Suydam, of Rhineback, N. Y.

## WOULD-BE PREACHERS TURNED DOWN.

New York, April 18.—Because they declared their belief that Adam and Eve were mythical characters, two young men who asked to be admitted to preach have failed to get the necessary licenses from Elizabeth, N. J., Presbytery. The candidates were Gilbert Lovell and Harrison K. Wright, who are members of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, of Plainfield. Lovell has been a church member thirteen years.

## MR. WHITNEY AT WENTWORTH.

Stoney Creek, April 18.—Mr. J. P. Whitney was the principal speaker at the meeting held in the town hall here tonight in the interests of Mr. Erland Lee, the Conservative candidate for South Wentworth. In his address, an opposition leader, referring to the New Ontario trip recently made by Hon. Mr. Ross and his colleagues, said his information was to the effect that the tour was a "hoax." Dr. Jones, president of the South Wentworth Conservative Association, occupied the chair, and there were also on the platform Messrs. Henry Carscallen, E. A. Colquhoun, E. D. Smith, M. P., D. Allen and Thos. A. Carscallen.

## THE POCKET CURE

Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets are as certain to cure indigestion and dyspepsia as they are convenient to carry. Keep them in your pocket—take one when your stomach gives you trouble—immediate relief. They're soothing to the stomach—they're restful to the digestive organs—they restore lost power and vigor—they act as a gentle tonic—they increase the flow of gastric juices and regulate the bowels—let you eat most anything you fancy without making you feel any distress after eating—so make good blood—brain and brawn. All druggists sell them. 25c. for 60 tablets. 50c. for 120 tablets. For sale by C. McCallum & Co.

## SUCCEEDED TO CHLOROFORM!

Patient Dies in Operating Room of Hospital.

Man Broke His Neck in an Elevator—Detroit Man Killed by His Brother.

## DIED IN OPERATING-ROOM.

Toronto, April 18.—James Whitworth, 44 years of age, who lived at 613 Queen street east, died while under the influence of chloroform in the operating room at St. Michael's Hospital Wednesday afternoon. He was suffering from intestinal cancer, and Dr. Primrose, assisted by Dr. Clarence L. Starr, was about to perform an operation. The patient had been put under the influence of the anæsthetic, and about 30 drops of it had been administered. He had passed into what is known as the stimulating stage, when it was noticed that his heart had stopped beating. The doctors had not begun to operate, and they applied resuscitatives at once. They worked at the patient for about two hours without avail, and it is supposed that death came shortly after the administration of the chloroform was begun. He had been a patient at the hospital for three months and was in a serious condition when the doctors decided to operate. He left a widow and family.

## DROPPED DEAD AT WORK.

Detroit, April 18.—Wm. Deary (colored), aged 53, who for years had been employed on the coal docks, dropped dead on the steamer Imperial as she lay at Hurley's dock. Deary had just jumped a wheelbarrow of coal when he pitched forward and fell heavily to the deck. He was dead when the doctor arrived.

## BROKE HIS NECK IN AN ELEVATOR.

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 18.—W. A. Furdy, Chicago traveling man, met with a peculiar death in the Morton House. He was going upstairs in an elevator and was seated between two other passengers. When near the second floor, Furdy fell forward and struck his head on the steel lattice-work, breaking his neck. He was dead before a physician could reach him.

## CLIMBED ON WAGON WHEEL.

Hamilton, Ont., April 18.—Roy Williams, the 12-year-old son of William Williams, of Winona, while climbing on the wheels of a wagon in that village, caught his feet in the spokes of a wheel, and was carried around several feet in the air. He was brought to the city hospital here, where it was found necessary to amputate his right leg. The left leg, which was fractured, was set, and may be saved. The accident is almost certain to terminate fatally for the lad.

## KILLED HIS BROTHER.

Detroit, Mich., April 18.—Edward Hawley, aged about 41 years, was shot and instantly killed by his brother, James, in the city of Detroit. The two brothers were in the corner of River and Nineteenth streets, last night. Edward, James and Luke Hawley are well-known river men, owners of a tug line and other vessel property, also the saloon in which the shooting occurred.

## DEAD BODY DISCOVERED.

Toronto, April 18.—The body of F. J. Mann, an accountant, who disappeared last fall, was found yesterday in the bay at the foot of West Market street. It was badly decomposed. Mr. Mann left a party of friends on the evening of Oct. 31, at King and Yonge streets, and was never seen afterwards. He left a wife and family.

## CONDUCTOR KILLED.

Winnipeg, Man., April 18.—News has reached here that Conductor Hughes, of Calgary, had been run over and killed while trying to uncouple a car.

## TREASURE TROVE IN ANTIQUE CHEST.

Jeweler Discovers False Bottom and Uncovers \$15,000 in Excellent Securities.

York, Pa., April 18.—The house-cleaning period brought undreamed-of good luck to W. E. Koch, a prominent young jeweler of this city. Several years ago Mr. Koch purchased at a public sale a small antique chest.

A few days ago Mr. Koch discovered that the chest was provided with a false bottom. When he removed this there were brought to view treasures consisting of 100 gold bonds of the Northern Central Railway Company, 100 shares in a Western gold mine, that has been paying comfortable dividends for the past several years; 300 bonds of the York and Beach Bottom Railway Company, now the Maryland and Pennsylvania Railway Company; several uncancelled judgment notes against local property holders and a snug sum of cash in gold and greenbacks.

The total value of the find conservatively estimated is over \$15,000. Mr. Koch paid a trifling sum for the chest.

## Pointers for Young Men.

[Elbert Hubbard in the Cosmopolitan.] If the concern where you are employed is all wrong, and the old man a curmudgeon, it may be well for you to go to the old man about calmly, quietly, and kindly tell him that he is a curmudgeon. Explain to him that his policy is absurd and preposterous. Then show him how to reform his ways, and you might expect to take charge of the concern and cleanse it of its secret faults.

Do this, or, if for any reason you should prefer not, then take your choice of these: Get out or get in line. You have got to do one or the other—now make your choice.

If you work for a man, in heaven's name, work for him! If he pays you wages that supply you your bread and butter, work for him—speak well of him, think well of him, stand by him, and stand by the institution he represents. If I worked for a man I would work for him, and then the rest of the time work against him. I would give an undivided service or none.

If put to the pinch, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness. If you must vilify, condemn, and externally disparage, why, resign your position, and when you are outside, kick to your heart's content. But, I

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