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MEDICAL INSPECTION.

The paper prepared by Dr. William F. Roberts on Medical Inspection in schools, which the Star publishes today is worthy of careful reading by all. Dr. Roberts has gone exhaustively into certain phases of this very important subject, and while he has not perhaps said enough along other lines, the information set forth is amply sufficient to demonstrate that great good may be accomplished by such inspection. There is no reason to believe that school children in St. John are any better off, physically or otherwise, than those of other cities; no argument can show that we are in a position to do without inspection such as has been adopted by more advanced communities against this proposal, as arguments against this proposal, as there are against all such suggestions. Dr. Roberts' idea will be called a fad, it is a fad, in the truest sense of the term, but where would the world be today were it not for the faddists, the men and women who get out of the rut of everyday life and originate or develop something new? Without so-called fads there could be no progress.

From the extensive statistics gathered together, Dr. Roberts has given us some information as to the prevalence of various forms of weakness among school children, and has pointed out the dangers which exist at the present time through ignorance and carelessness. While the Star is not qualified to advance any suggestions as to the proper carrying out of the proposal which has been made, this paper is thoroughly in accord with Dr. Roberts' idea, expressed it is true in a somewhat different manner, that the chairman of the board of health should be a physician of high standing, who would devote his whole time to the welfare of the city, and who would in return receive a proper salary.

IT TAKES TIME.

When an earthquake or any other calamity strikes a city, only a few days elapse before the sufferers and abroad to the world stories of the great determination to overcome the misfortune, to rise above what has almost ruined them and to build bigger and better than before. Then come tales of wonderful activity, frequently coupled with disquieting rumors of labor troubles and other incidental disturbances, but these of course never interfere with the great work of re-construction. So it happens that a month or two after the catastrophe the outside world gives little thought to the stricken city, and the fleeting visions which do chance to pass always show streets filled with new and substantial structures, and all traces of destruction obliterated. This has been the case with San Francisco and Kingston. It has probably been equally true of Santiago, but the latter district is somewhat out of the circle of our casual observation. Yet nothing could be more erroneous than these impressions. It is considerably over a year since the San Francisco earthquake and almost a year since Kingston was wrecked. We have an idea that practically normal conditions have been restored in these places, for the world moves so rapidly these days that a year is often a lifetime. Yet San Francisco has not been rebuilt. Indeed so little has been done that the new buildings are scarcely noticeable, an odd structure here and there among acres of ruins. Even the streets have not yet been cleared of the debris; the main thoroughfares are of course fit for traffic but the less frequented ones are still littered with piles of wreckage, and will be in this condition for some time. The people who by the destruction of their homes were compelled to seek shelter in shacks on the streets or in tents in the public parks, are not yet all under roofs. There are still tents and shacks and families living in the open air. The city indeed looks as though the earthquake might have occurred a week instead of a year ago. True the work of rebuilding is being carried on very generally, but such was the magnitude of the disaster that its effects will scarcely be overcome in a generation.

At Kingston similar conditions prevail. Some effort towards rebuilding is noticeable, but there are a good many corrugated iron sheds doing duty in place of stone and brick structures; streets have not all been repaired, nor have the ordinary people resumed their ordinary occupations.

Rome was not built in a day; nor is San Francisco to be rebuilt in a decade.

"Haven't you and your friend got through that argument yet?" asked a parent of his youngest son.

"It isn't any argument," answered the boy. "I am merely telling Jimmie the facts in the case, and he is so headstrongly stubborn that he won't understand."

CASTOR OIL.

How well do I remember the bottle fat and tall That stood above the cake-box against the pantry wall. A scintilla it twinkled there to warn the youthful sinner Away from tempting baked things reserved for Sunday dinner.

The days when I was cruel and beat my baby brother, Or chased the neighbors' chickens, or acted mean to mother, Or figured out some devilment to set my father wild, Those days were days of bitterness for one defenceless child.

Now, when a railway magnate from his eminence looks down And says he has no use for a certain Christian town, Or when a trolley person with barrels yet to fill Condemns as confiscation a gentle people's will,

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DUST LAYING.

The Duke of Westminster has begun an experiment in dust laying on six miles of drives in Eaton Park. The process adopted is known as Transp, which has for its basis pure tar. The tar is sprayed in the form of a flimsy vapor at a steam pressure of 170 pounds, which derives it two inches deep into the road formation, and will, it is believed, not only hold down dust in dry weather, but make the road waterproof in wet weather.

OFF WITH HIS HEAD.

"What's the trouble?" asked the Madrid citizen. "We've been obliged to arrest this man for lese majesty," answered the policeman.

"But he's a very peaceful and inoffensive person."

"Yes. But he inadvertently dropped a remark that he thought he had the smallest small boy on earth,"—Washington Star.

Harry Laughlin told at an exhibition game in Toledo a brilliant story, says The Chicago Chronicle.

"Once when I had my own parlor in Columbus," he said, "I was a good deal disturbed by the loss of chalk. Chalk disappeared at a tremendous rate, and I said to my helper:

"Keep a better eye on the chalk, Jim. I'm no millionaire."

"I know the gentle voice poked the chalk, Mr. Laughlin," Jim said, "but they're regular customers. I guess I wouldn't want me to offend 'em, would you?"

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

HABITS.

There are only two kinds of habits and they are enough, good and bad. I wonder if we ever get a bad habit completely conquered? We may conquer it, but I question if we can get over the associations connected with it. A minister told me that he smoked in his unregenerate days but had not done so for thirty years, but there were times when the smell of a good cigar would make his mouth water.

I know a railroad man to whom religion came late in life. He had been a great swearer, and he told us in prayer meeting one night that when he bumped his head against the car he swore a "little damn."

A man who had been a hard drinker but had not drunk for twenty years, would cross the street, and sometimes go around a block to avoid a saloon for the fumes of drink, he said, would awaken the old appetite.

Manners and colloquialisms soon become habits. They cling to you long after you know about them and try to break away from them. If you associate with people who do not speak correctly, you will speak incorrectly after a while, no matter how well you know the rules. I know an educated man who always spoke to us as if you were deaf; he got into the habit when a boy working in a mill.

I heard a cultured man whose manners were easy and graceful, say that when he was very tired his shoulders would droop and he would lift his feet just as he did when he was a boy coming home from a hard day's work with his heavy cowhide boots loaded with the mud he had gathered following the plough and harrow. It was habit.

A minister had the habit of putting his hands in his pockets when speaking. He knew better but he never broke away from the habit until his wife sewed up his pockets.

Watch a lawyer when speaking on a platform. If he has the habit of making a gesture every minute as if his gown were slipping from his shoulders, for it is a habit of gowns to slip from shoulders and he has caught the habit of putting it back.

Not liking a man for no better reason than the man who did not like Dr. Tell. "The reason why I cannot tell may grow into a habit of dislike and grow stronger all the time."

Love may, and often does, become a habit and we love a person. "The reason why we cannot tell" no more than we can tell why we dislike another.

An old man told me that he loved a friend—"with every breath"—he said "for twenty years. The room was empty without him and so I never saw anything beautiful or heard sweet music or read a strong book that I did not think of him."

Interview with my life. I thought our love was like that of David and Jonathan. But I came to know that he was only one of the many who had not cared for me as I cared for him. I never blamed him for that—but when I heard of his unkindness and how some of his intimate friends were not friends of mine and that he could hear me traduced and said the old man with a weary sigh, "I know," he said, "that I should not think of him as a friend, but he is in my thoughts and dreams and always he is the same to me as I thought he was in the beginning. It is a habit, I suppose, and the habit of twenty years and more cannot be broken in an hour."

Thaddeus

ASK MINNEAPOLIS MILLERS TO LOCATE IN MANITOBA

The Pillsbury, Washburn and Washburn-Crosby Companies Approached by Winnipeg Interests.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 31.—Largest flour milling companies of Minneapolis including the Pillsbury, Washburn and Washburn-Crosby, have been approached by Canadians in efforts to induce them to establish mills in Manitoba. These Canadians who represent financial and real estate interest north of the border have gone so far as to offer free milling sites and water power, with these favorable inducements. However, there is no sign as yet that these tempting offers will be accepted by Minneapolis millers. President James S. Bell, of the Washburn-Crosby Company, said today his company had made no plans to enter the Canadian field, and he hardly thought it likely it would do so. Henry L. Little, manager of the Pillsbury Flour Company, said offers had been made to his company, but nothing had been done towards accepting them, and he did not know that anything would be done. The matter is of special interest because it again raises the question of the final effect of the import duty against a wheat supply tending to diminish on this side of the boundary and to increase in Western Canada where the Minneapolis mills are barred from free access. The belief is expressed that the Ogilvie and Lake, which now do most of the milling in Canada, would welcome the advent of the big Minneapolis concern, on account of the great help to the development of the country, which this would mean. The business interests of Western Canada have seen American tobacco, sewing machine, agricultural implement and other large companies build plants in Canada on account of the tariff and think it would be well if possible to secure also investments by Minneapolis millers. The Canadians are led to this view by the apparently certain prospect of a permanent decrease in wheat production in the States, and other towns make similar overtures to Minneapolis millers in 1904 but they were not accepted.

AFRAID OF HIS NERVE.

"Oh, but you have only known me for a few weeks," she said. "How can you be sure of your feeling for me?" "That's the reason I'm asking you to be my wife," replied the man who was verging on old bachelorhood. "I'm afraid that if I wait any longer something may happen to make me lose my nerve."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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FEWER BRITISH LAWSUITS

LONDON, May 30.—The latest British civil judicial statistics, those for 1906, have just been issued. The first decrease since 1889 in legal proceedings, the decline being from 1,518,857 cases in 1904 to 1,470,000 in 1906.

Among the most interesting features of the report is the section dealing with matrimonial suits. There were 821. There were 522 petitions for divorce, although thirty-two more than in 1905, were considerably fewer than in the preceding years. Husbands' petitions reached a total of 429 and wives' 322.

Of the marriages dissolved 32.3 per cent. had lasted from five to ten years, 34.3 per cent. had lasted from ten to twenty years, while 10.9 per cent. had existed for at least twenty years.

Another feature of the statistics is the steady growth of imprisonment for debt, 11,457 debtors having been committed, the highest number for ten years.

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Acum—Oh! A sled, eh?

Kloesman—No. I thought I might build him a snow man.—Catholic Standard and Times.

AS FRANCES PUT IT.

Little Frances had begun to write letters under the supervision of mamma. Last week her mother was away on a visit, and Frances decided to write to her without help. She managed along and the new mode of spelling in one sentence:

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