

GOSPEL OF THE BOY GIVE HIM A CHANCE

Inspiring Talk of Jacob A. Riis a
Warm Friend of the Boys
Everywhere

Jacob A. Riis, the well known philanthropic worker, New York, gave an address in Toronto which might well be defined as "The Gospel of Joy."

"A boy is a steam boiler with steam always up," he said. "He has a safety-valve. You can sit on the safety-valve if you like, but if you do you are an awful fool. Gangs are formed because there are no playgrounds. The pregnant hours of a boy's life day are from 7 till 9. If you know what your boy does within those hours your boy is safe. We are rehabilitating the whole of our democracy. The young seek bad pleasure because the good ones have been denied them. Don't put a policeman in charge of the boys' games. The worst of all is to leave nobody in charge of them. The boy in the playground is on sound ground. Play is the normal occupation of the child, which gives him the best grip upon character. You learn by doing. I would go into the saloon and get drunk and stay drunk rather than live in the old style of tenement. "The boys' club is better a hundred times than the policeman's club." "When you put stripes upon a boy of sixteen you kill a citizen." "When you grow ideals in the slums you have the slum on the hip." "A boy can't be both good and bad at the same time."

The greatest thing in the world was to give the boy a chance, for it is impossible to make a whole man out of half a boy. Give them a chance, and they will generally do for themselves. Further, he mentioned that, in providing these playgrounds, especially those along the water, which he thought to be extra good, wholesome trysting places were made for the young couples who otherwise met only at the dance halls or on the street. He also asked that people should not get the idea that immigrant children were not as good as those born in this country.

Mr. Riis thus described himself: "Forty-three years ago a young man, an immigrant, was walking homeless in New York. His only companion was a poor black-and-tan dog which followed him everywhere and was his only friend. At night when he lay down to sleep a policeman would come along and tick his hand in his ribs and with rough voice bid him 'move on.' One October night it was so cold that unless he could find shelter in some place he would freeze to death. The only place left was the police station, and there he went and implored for a night's rest. He had to leave his dog outside. In a foul room, amid tongs, thieves and bums, with vermin crawling all over the place, he lay down and tried to sleep. He slept for a short time and awoke with a start. He knew something had happened. He felt for his mother's locket which was around his neck, and it was gone. He tried to get the Police Inspector to do something for him, but the only satisfaction he got there was the query 'Where did you get it?' Something broke loose within that boy and he told the Inspector what he thought of the whole place, and the Inspector ordered the doorman to put him out. He was pushed out, and there on the doorstep was his little dog, which had waited all night for him. The dog sprang at the doorman and fastened his teeth in his calf. With a shriek of pain he seized the dog, and, whirling it above his head, dashed it to the ground. What did the boy do? Well, I will not tell you what he did. I was that boy."

A FAMOUS PLAYTHING

Children's Toy Worth \$2,500—Japanese Belief About Dolls

What is the most famous toy in history? We would give the palm not to any elaborate mechanical contrivance or lifelike doll, but to the simple, bright stone that in 1867 a Dutch farmer found some Boer children using as a plaything.

For the farmer sent the stone to the Cape for examination and the result was the discovery of the diamond fields of South Africa. And the child's plaything found its way to the Paris Exhibition, where it sold for £500.

According to a Japanese belief, dolls sometimes come alive, acquiring a soul in process of being played with by successive generations of children. Food is provided for them and they are treated with great care, lest neglect should bring trouble upon the household. One pretty story tells how a childless husband and wife borrowed a doll that had gained a soul, fed and clothed it, and deservedly prospered thereafter.

All this is in utter contrast with the unpleasant theory of Varro about dolls. He held that the dolls given to little Romans at Christmas—that is to say, at the Saturnalia—represented original sacrifices of human beings to the infernal god.—London Chronicle.

Animals in Mines

Since the passage of an English law requiring humane treatment of horses in mines several forms of masks to protect their heads and eyes from projecting coal and rocks have been invented.

REAR ADMIRAL DAVID BEATTY

In Rapidity of Advancement the Young
Officer Has Beaten Even
Lord Nelson

By the rapidity of his advancement, Rear-Admiral David Beatty has beaten the wonderful record of Lord Nelson, the greatest naval fighter the world has ever known. By reaching his present rank in his thirty-eighth year he became the youngest naval officer in that position in the British service, if not in the world's navies; and as commander of the First Cruiser Squadron, the youngest fleet commander afloat—a veritable "infant prodigy" of the sea. There is no denying the fact that Admiral Beatty not only has brains and undoubted ability, but he has what is perhaps more important, the gift of making great friends, and a large part of his success is undoubtedly due to this very gift of making friends in high quarters.

Firm Friendships

In fact, his professional career has been one long series of these firm friendships. First it was Lord Kitchener who admired the personal bravery and capability of the young officer in Egypt and gave him the official push that landed him in the position of commander; then it was King Edward, who first offered him a title and then, when he declined the honor, made him a rear-admiral; later it was Winston Churchill, who fell a victim to the personality of the square-jawed naval officer, and who, when he went to the Admiralty, lost no time in making him his naval secretary; and finally King George, who has made him his especial protege.

A Rising Hope

Beatty is looked upon as the rising hope of the British navy and a future first lord in succession to the illustrious chosen ones, like "Tug" Wilson and Lord Fisher, who have helped to keep the British Armada in the forefront of the world's fleets, in efficiency as well as in numbers. So determined are those in charge of the navy to pass the young rear-admiral through the intervening steps that, in one case, a special order-in-council was necessary to override the regulations of the service which stood in his way. It was when King Edward wanted to make him a rear-admiral. So rapid had been Beatty's advancement that he had not been able to comply with the regulation which sets forth that, before he can be promoted to the position of rear-admiral, a captain must serve at least six years in a time of peace.

His Career

Beatty was born in 1871. Thirteen years later he entered the navy as a midshipman. His first real opportunity to distinguish himself came in the Soudan in 1898, and he lost no time in proving his bravery. In especially trying circumstances he was quite unexpectedly called on to command the gunboat *Fotilia* and so well did he handle his little fleet that he attracted the attention of the greatest soldier of the present day, the grim, stern Lord Kitchener. As a consequence of the latter's high praise, Beatty was raised to the position of commander, awarded the Distinguished Service Order, mentioned in official despatches, given a medal and decorated with the Order of Medjidie, fourth class. Then followed a couple of years of inaction. When the Boxer rising broke out in China, young Beatty was in the thick of it. Again he was mentioned in official despatches, awarded the medal with clasps and promoted to the rank of captain for conspicuous service. Incidentally he was wounded and laid up for some time.

Upon his return to England he was taken up by King Edward.

Churchill and Beatty

Before King Edward died, Beatty had attracted the attention of Winston Churchill, who confessed to friends that what he liked about Beatty was his strong personality and the serious way in which he took his profession. There are admirals in the British navy who have never ever smelled the smoke of the actual warfare. Beatty is not one of those and Mr. Churchill himself a man of action, liked Beatty's record of actual achievement. When Mr. Churchill began his reforms which added to the fighting strength of the British navy, it was to Beatty, largely, that he went for advice. And, in order that he might have the constant counsel of the youthful rear-admiral, Churchill made him his naval secretary. Then when the work of reformation was almost completed and the hour of actual test seemed close at hand, he launched his protege on the high seas in command of a power squadron.

TIMBER AND LUMBER

Vancouver Has Great National Forest Wealth

Vancouver Island is endowed with a wealth of varied timber and diversified minerals. They have been the main source of the country's revenue for many years, and yet not a third of its area has been exploited, so

that what present and contemplated surveys may reveal, it is impossible to conjecture. It is perfectly certain, however, that the Island in these respects, as in many others, is only beginning to evolve a splendid future of internal greatness and commercial influence. That the potentials lie within herself is without doubt. Her timber resources surpass those of any other area of similar magnitude in the world. Her forest area is not only vast in extent, but it has a phenomenal growth of abnormally large and splendid merchantable timber. This represents an average, and is not by any means indicative of rare or isolated instances of enormity in size; for the Island's timber growth has aroused the wonder and admiration of travellers from all parts of the world. And still, it is certain, the unrevealed and unexploited interior, has in this, as in other respects, the mightiest and greatest residuum of unrevealed wealth and of commercial and industrial potentials preserved for the brilliant epoch of progress on which the Island has entered. The indigenous trees of the Island include Douglas fir, red and yellow cypress, western white pine and black pine, spruce of two classes, western hemlock and white oak, poplar, maple of various kinds, alder and many other species of deciduous but valuable trees.

BOOST TO DOUKHOBORS

Mr. Drayton Says Time Will Make Them Valuable to Country

That the Doukhobor colonies at Kootenay and the boundary district are "a decided acquisition to the population of British Columbia" is the opinion of C. R. Drayton, manager of the Vancouver Financial Corporation, who returned from a business trip to the upper country. "The people," he says, "are frugal, sober, thrifty, industrious and deeply religious and although they have peculiar customs that run counter to twentieth century civilization, I could not but admire the manner in which they have transformed a veritable wilderness into an earthly paradise. I think that these people, despite their ways, constitute a valuable economic asset as they do not ship their money out of the country like many aliens. They are here to stay and time will make them harmonize better with their social environment. They have a good many thousand acres of land under cultivation, own comfortable homes, one thousand horses and large herds of cattle. They work early and late and mind their own business."

"I marvelled at the fine waterworks systems they have installed in their colonies," he continued. "They have organization methods down to a perfect system. It is a mistake to suppose that they are ruled by their so-called leader, Peter Verigin. All matters affecting the welfare of the communities are decided at meetings held every Sunday, attended by two delegates from each household."

WARS ON DUELLING

Kaiser Seeks to Reduce Number of Encounters in Army

Emperor William is earnestly endeavoring to reduce the number of duels fought by German army officers, according to an announcement made to the committee of the Imperial parliament. His majesty, said the minister, admonished the commanding generals to give their attention to the matter chiefly in the way of improving the training of officers. The emperor followed this up with a rescript to the army calling attention to the number of duels caused by officers insulting their comrades or civilians. This was in the nature of a warning to the officers to strive against such practices. It concluded: "Self-control and restraint must be cultivated as manly virtues."

SPLENDID SETTLERS

Gaelic Speaking Scottish Americans Locating in Canadian West

Among the recent arrivals into Western Canada was a most unique party composed of 35 Scotchmen, a portion of the Mackenzie clan, who migrated from Oklahoma. They all bear the name of Mackenzie, and are descendants of those members of their clan who came to the American continent with Lord Baltimore 200 years ago.

At that time they settled in the state of Maryland, and remained there and prospered as farmers for 175 years. Twenty-five years ago a portion of them attracted by the new territory which had been opened up in Western Oklahoma went into that state.

Norman Mackenzie, the leader of the party, states that they left Oklahoma owing to the failure of their crops for the past five years. They are fine looking men, all being typical Highlanders, tall and agile.

The peculiar thing about them is that they speak Gaelic perfectly but with a strong American accent which makes it difficult for their fellow countrymen, who come into contact with them, to understand.

NO MIDDLEMAN THERE

Sacramento, California, Plans Up-to-Date Market for Consumer

The city of Sacramento, California, has taken the first step for a free public market. It will be located in the new agricultural district across the river from Sacramento and is intended to be a meeting-place for the farmer with his produce to sell directly to the citizens. Located immediately adjacent to the river landings and present wholesale warehouse district, it is figured in 1930, when the metropolitan area of Sacramento should be much over 250,000 population, that this market at West Sacramento will be in the most central location that could be wished. In designing the market, the architects have had in mind the experience of Rochester, Albany, Montreal, Buffalo, Minneapolis, Paris, and other cities of France and England.

Carbon Scraps

In Germany scraps of arc light carbons, which are discarded by lamp trimmers in this country, are carefully saved and cemented to new carbons.

A WINNING FIGHT

Telling of the progress made in combating the terrible 20th century plague—Consumption.

Notwithstanding the enormous increase in population in Canada in the past few years, it is more than gratifying to be able to record that the fight which the National Sanitarium Association are putting up against the "white plague"—consumption—is proving a winning one.

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