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Services Are Too Highly Valued

From a recent issue of the Toronto Globe we clip a letter written by Mr. E. S. Rutledge of Fort William and pass it on to our readers. We have two reasons for publishing this letter: first, because we think Mr. Rutledge has the right idea in connection with the matter under discussion, and, second, because he was raised here and is known to a great many of our readers. Here is what he has to say:

"To the Editor of The Globe:—What is the inherent ailment in the social-political economy of Canada, also the United States? Is the answer a secret hidden away from the wise and prudent? Nay, not what we do not know, but what we are not willing to do. We are spoiled children, insisting on having what we cannot pay for in coin of the realm or service values.

"The cost of human service in nearly all walks of life is imposing a burden on the nation that is driving on fast to bankruptcy and chaos. Like the wild geese on Niagara River—the gliding may seem good, but the cataract is ahead.

"What is the matter—our wants prodigious and self-abnegation lacking. The President of the Bank of Montreal says the bonded indebtedness—Dominion, Provincial and Municipal—during these five years has increased over three hundred million a year; but who cares? We have to have what we want when we want it.

"Witness the clamor all around for restoration of pay cuts, in many cases only 2½ to 5 per cent., which in the first instance should have been 30 per cent. in order to achieve anything approaching a balanced economy. This in view of the 40 to 50 per cent. cut the primary producer had to take.

"Labor Gazette statistics show that all commodities are now less than 15 per cent. higher than in 1913, while the urban wage standard in the same period has increased 70 per cent. And it is not alone wages and salaries that are referred to, but the charges in the professions, too frequently, as well. And while in the lower bracket of the ascending spiral of compensation for services it seems only reasonable that our economy should permit the head of a family to have an annual income of \$1000, it is patent that too vast a number in the higher bracket are receiving a remuneration far above that which our national income permits. Note the salaries for the new Wheat Board—\$48,000 for three men, while a million citizens in this great Canada of ours are asking for bread. It is reported that the recent 'price spread probe' cost the Government over \$400,000. Evidently it was the 'unfair wage clause' that applied.

"The Mayor of Vancouver, at the recent conference at Ottawa, said his city was behind \$8,500,000 with its sinking fund, and had a deficit of \$2,500,000 on the year's budget, and in order to maintain essential services the Government must come to their relief. Many other cities are in much the same predicament. We beseege the Government to come to our rescue but are not willing to reduce expenses and dispense with services.

"The demand for compensation for human service is the sand in the economic machine and obstacle to recovery, and we have no Governments courageous enough to iron out disparities and give to each occupational group a fair deal.

E. S. Rutledge.
Paying big salaries to officials who contribute nothing to the success of the enterprise has crippled many good firms. We have in mind a publishing firm located in one of our larger cities where a splendid business was ruined because high-salaried officials spent most of the working hours on the golf courses

or at other places of amusement instead of at the desks where they were supposed to give value for the fat salaries received. Canada, as well as every one of her provinces, has piled up huge debts because officials of all kinds have been paid salaries far above the value of the services rendered. The experience of the world generally during the past few years has proven beyond doubt that the value placed on "brains" has been out of proportion to the results obtained. A few have prospered but the great majority have suffered as a consequence. A return to the standards of twenty or twenty-five years ago would do much to correct the inequalities of the present day. Mr. Rutledge is right and The Standard endorses his ideas. False values chiefly are responsible for the depression and all the suffering that has gone with it. No man is worth more than the real value of the services which he renders. Sir James Whitney was one of the best Premiers Ontario ever had and his salary was not nearly as great as many of the servants of the Province now. Sir Wilfred Laurier and Sir John A. McDonald gave good value for the salaries they received and their successors are not worth more to Canada.

Hospital Report for December

Births—To Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Shaw on Dec. 1st, 1935, a son (still-born); To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, R.R. 5, Markdale, on Dec. 2, a son.—Ray; To Mr. and Mrs. Sterling White, Proton, on Dec. 13, a daughter—Shirley Marie; To Mr. and Mrs. John Vasey, Dornoch, on Dec. 17, a son, Vincent Edgar; To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Harvey, on Dec. 16, a daughter, Frances Winnifred; To Mr. and Mrs. Eliot Smith, on Dec. 26, a son—William Eliot.

Miss Lorena Hagan of Priceville is convalescing at her home near Lucknow after having her appendix removed.

Mrs. Sam. Phillips of Maxwell has returned home feeling much improved following a major operation.

Miss Elizabeth Hawken of Markdale is improving after having her tonsils removed.

Mr. Billy Murphy has returned home after having a mastoid operation.

Master Willard Julian of Clarksburg is able to be up after having an appendix operation.

Babe Kenneth Davis is recuperating at his home after having a mastoid operation.

Mr. Harold Lever of Flesherton is progressing favorably after a serious accident in which he had his eye and nose injured.

Messrs. John Ellison and Thomas Bradey have returned to their respective homes following a short stay in the hospital.

Mrs. R. L. Carefoot is making progress after her recent accident a month ago in which she was badly injured.

Dr. Carefoot and the hospital staff wish to thank all the Institutes, Societies, etc., who so thoughtfully made donations during the past year. They specially wish to mention the Priceville Women's Institute, who helped make Christmas at the hospital more cheery. They also wish all ex-patients and friends a very happy and prosperous New Year.

VANDELEUR W. I.

The December meeting of the Vandeleur W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. P. J. Thompson and was well attended. After the opening exercises the roll call was answered by "My Happiest Christmas". The program consisted of a piano duet by Misses Eileen and Sella Thompson, which was much enjoyed; a splendid paper on "The Spirit of Giving" by Miss Violet Fitzsimmons; a demonstration by Mrs. Thompson on the decoration of the Christmas table was very pretty as well as instructive. The exchange of Christmas gifts among the members then took place. God Save the King brought a very pleasant afternoon to a close. Lunch was served by Mrs. W. Elliott, Mrs. S. J. Arrowsmith and Mrs. P. J. Thompson.

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Religious Forum

Has Christianity Failed?

There are evils in the world which everyone must admit ought not to be. In a world of plenty millions are out of work and many workers enjoy no more than the bare means of subsistence. Others enjoy an excess of luxury, including every extravagance that misery exists so remote is it from their own experience.

The inequalities in our social order do not make for righteousness. The extremes of wealth and poverty are fruitful sources of bitterness and other evil passions, and both tend to vice. Both have been afflicted with a sense of futility and have become victims of despair.

Nor do such inequalities make for peace. The bitter struggle which the very poor must put up to secure returns so meagre tends to give the tempers a ragged edge. It is a wonder indeed that they are as happy as they are. Nor does this state of things in the economic world give people much chance to rest at ease who under other circumstances would feel that they have quite enough. No, they feel almost compelled to grasp for more, not merely to maintain their supremacy in the industrial world but actually to avoid being ruined by their competitors. Like the tall timbers in the forest they must grow yet more tall and mighty if they are to have a place in the sun. It is the same way also with nations. They feel that they can never be powerful enough to insure their safety.

And so we have a world which, even in times of peace, has the mentality of war and strife. Both men and nations are afraid to trust one another. Suspicion, in fact, never did make for peace and prosperity.

The minds of men must be even more disturbed by the recent outbreak of unprovoked war, and they cannot help but wonder to what that outbreak will eventually lead.

Observing such evils one type of person scoffs at Christianity as a failure. Why has it not put an end to war? And why has it not been able to create conditions in which such tremendous social inequalities would be impossible? Perhaps the believer also is tempted to question the efficacy of his faith.

As a matter of fact, if it had not been for Christ, we would not be in this disturbed state of mind. It is because christian principles are gaining increasing hold upon the minds of men that the world's evils are not going unchallenged. Was mankind ever before so ashamed of war? Was injustice ever challenged with such valor? The time was when some of the things at which we are so horrified were accepted as natural and normal or with fatalistic submission. It is growing reverence for the God of Love and the Prince of Peace which is motivating the determined efforts put forth to prevent the spread of war.

No, it cannot be said that Christianity is a failure. The real failure is the failure of so many enlightened people to live the life which in their heart of hearts they are convinced is the only life worth living and to practice the only principles worth observing. p1

Either Side the Border Line

(By Wilma J. March)

A boy of ten years rushed into a Maryland emergency hospital and stuck out a badly swollen tongue. Doctors and nurses tried to find out what was the matter, as he showed signs of much pain. Ice reduced the swelling and then the boy explained what was wrong. While he had been eating a bee flew into his mouth and stung him. He took to his heels in the direction of the hospital.

Because Yellowstone park's hot springs deposit travertine, a limestone-like substance containing minute quantities of radium, it is possible to ascertain their ages, according to Prof. Herman Schlundt of the University of Missouri. The amount of radium varies according to the age of the deposit. Prof. Schlundt has determined the extinct springs atop Terrace mountain to be 14,000 years old. Liberty Cap, the cone of

an extinct hot spring, is about 2500 years old and Hotel Terrace about 3200.—Literary Digest.

The aeronautical medal, "Spirit of St. Louis", which was voted to the late Will Rogers before his death by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, was accepted by James H. Doolittle, noted flyer, and delivered by him to Mrs. Rogers at Santa Monica, California.

Work has been started on the buildings of a huge national research centre for the Department of Agriculture at Berwyn Heights, Maryland. Nine thousand acres of land go into the immense "Nature and Farm Study", which is planned to be the largest in the world. One thousand of the acres will be used in an experimental low-cost housing project.

The refrigerated steamer Hastings of the Waterman Line was recently loaded at Tampa, Florida, with 12,000 boxes of oranges for France. This makes the largest cargo of fresh citrus fruit ever exported from Port Tampa. The cargo was the Christmas supply of Florida oranges to that country.

Well, well, I hear that the United States makes thousand dollar bills. Some one asks what for. I'd like to know too. Maybe to put in the museum.

On the occasion of the opening of the John Gorrie Bridge on Armistice Day the citizens of Apalachicola provided a fish-fry for their guests. It proved to be the biggest heap of food ever assembled in the State of Florida. Read this and draw your own conclusions whether folks starve to death in that State of plenty. This is what they ate: two tons of mullet; one and one-half tons of shrimp; five thousand dozen oysters; bread, coffee, etc., to go with the "fry". The fish, oysters and shrimp were gotten in that district. Apalachicola is one of the finest oyster sections in the State.

Two cars collided on a Florida highway without doing much damage. After one fellow called the other blankety, blank, blank names, receiving as much in return, they looked at their respective license tags. Both were from Washington, D.C. They wrote down each others home address, for insurance purposes, and discovered that they both lived on the same street so they forgot the damages and shook hands.

Roger W. Babson calls Florida "The State for the successful". He means that in two senses: Those who have been successful in other States go to Florida to get the rewards of their achievements, rewards measured in terms of life-giving sunshine, recreational facilities and a social life which is becoming the playground of the nation, and those at the outset of their careers with success still in the seeking find in Florida the steadily expanding frontiers of a new economic life from the viewpoint of opportunity, it is the corner of the country now offering promise and appeal to efficient pioneers. He adds as a statistician that "the State can safely guarantee to add five years to the life expectancy of the average individual". "Florida", he says, "is headed for steady growth toward sound and lasting success". But here is his proviso: "That those people most influential in local activities maintain the essentials of all achievement, right ideals of character." Mr. Babson is an authority on many things and certainly on successful business administration and on successful living.

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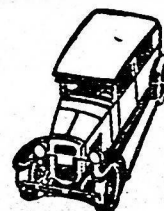
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