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A VACATION PRAYER

Our lesson books are laid aside;
O Master of us all!
Take them thy children to the wide,
Sweet school rooms of the fields and
Where summer voices call.

Let thy dear hills and forests be
Our teachers for to-day,
Teach the pure simplicity
That shall bear our hearts to trust in
Thee.
Unfeathering as they.

The hills that look to thee for rain,
The trees that strike their root
Down for every storm and strain,
Through patient years, until they
glim.

Their crown of flower and fruit.

The tides that follow to thy will,
In rhythmic song and flow,
Teach us to be thy fulfil,
As when thou badest them, "Leave,
be still!"

How many years ago.

The myriad birds, the living things
In the field, and air,
The birds that soar with mirth, wing,
Glad in the joy each morning brings,
Untouched by sin or care.

Lord, let them teach us in the book
of nature, of the soil, of the sun,
Until we learn from tree and brook,
And storm-beat crest, and sheltered
nook.
They power to heal and heal.

—Mabel Earle.

PROHIBITION A BETTLED POLICY

Norman Haggard, writing from Washington in the Philadelphia News, gives his view of the situation in this way:

"As we look over the contest that has been going on Washington over the liquor question during the last half century it is evident that the prohibitionists have made no progress. Neither legislators nor administrative officials are ready to fly in the face of the obvious meaning of a constitutional amendment."

Argument by the ton has gone over the question of percentages for beer and light wine and the attempt has been made to make a movement by the force in which medical rules might be laid down. The trouble with the whole campaign of the wets was that there was a garrison across from theひとつ, a number of supporters of hyperdry and abstainers. Washington is a favorable atmosphere in which to carry on a campaign. Prohibition society is naturally wet, and Washington is more fashionable this last winter than any winter since 1912-13."

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Washington was full of aqueling about personal liberty and other quaint notions for individual honor, but there were like the barbers of old who knew he was not going to bite.

The dominating fact was that a constitutional amendment had been passed, and the people were in a state of agitation, and that the purpose and meaning of that amendment were perfectly clear.

and was writing an argument in favor of prohibition as an original question. Personally, I should not have been asked to consider the question by the form in which medical rules might be laid down.

But those who talked to me in moral and general terms about wickedness they did not, having accomplished little, go forward to the American Legion, putting their names on the definite count of drink; on what it cost in lowered real estate values, in the encouragement it gave to gamblers, in the corruption of politics, and in the war. They popularized the idea that the best way to stop the sale of alcohol is to prohibit it.

In this way, there was a special cause that rapidly came to be a standard of prohibition law in those states. A negro exiled with drink was more dangerous than a negro deadened with drink.

After three-fourths of the country had gone dry on such considerations the constitutional amendment was passed, and under our constitution it is not possible to overturn a settled determination that had been growing steadily without a setback.

The difficulties in enforcement are not human difficulties of prohibition. They are hurling the stones at the elements that refuse to give the new policy a decent chance.

THE TWO THINGS WILL NOT GROW TOGETHER

The other day while reading one of the new books which has just come to our table we came across the following striking incident in a report by the author, Dr. J. S. Ross, a London physician. It is of a young graduate who applied to him for church membership, bringing a letter from another Baptist Church.

"The old man," continues Dr. Ross, "with the Church of which I was pastor, he came to have confidential, personal talk with me about the matter. I want the privilege of attending the theatre or the like, my dearest wife, playing cards, going to dances, and visiting the race tracks."

"I told to him that we would be very pleased to have him as a member of the church, but the condition is that the church would not give him the privileges he requested on one ground: He must promise to attend the services on the Lord's Day, frequently. John Newton, who had been examined and approved of as a teacher by him, had not done this, so the Bishop of the Diocese of London, John Newton, was resolved that John Newton must be inserted in the report.

"John was not doubt my old friend, John, and after the services, afterword until the wooden mills there, and was Limhouse 'Baptist' for many years."

"John, on meeting the clergymen, drew up the following suggestions for changes in the school law. They evidently were most of thought, and were not fit for any way think about them. The first suggestion, however, was that the school board, in the government of Upper Canada, should make the changes they believed would be in the interest of the schools."

"The Rev. Christopher... of this town of Limhouse concurred in the following alterations necessary in the Common School Bill, viz.: Generally to



Father Point Lighthouse, Pugmire Station and Keeper's House.

simplification and render less complicated the whole machinery of the Bill.

"To provide for equal pay for all teachers and duties of the Council."

"To reduce their number to three for each township."

"To require that to be chosen by each inhabitant of each school District, a tax on school taxes, should have the active management of maturing pupils to the building and maintaining of school houses, providing funds, agreeing with and paying salary to teachers, etc."

"The Municipal Council should not be called."

"A Board or an individual of known learning and ability, to be appointed by the Executive Government for each municipal district to exercise and administer the functions of qualification to teachers, and teacher only possessing such certificates should be eligible by the Province."

"The teaching of learned men to be called by the Executive Government, should prescribe the course of study to be followed by each teacher, and teacher only possessing such certificates should be eligible by the Province."

"The Board of Education, to be called."

"The school rates for the province of Quebec, to be called by the Board of Education, to be called."

"The minutes of the Councils of the 12 school districts, to be called."

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