

BUCK UP, BROTHER!

Duck up, brother! Turn your eye from the things of day to day. Fix your vision on To-day... And the morrow on the way.

past the past, and where both been. Past the days of care and woe. Brighten their way of life or die. Brighten all that we can do.

Let that shoulder shrug, indeed, have the lesson we may read in its teachings and them. Yet may come our slogan:

BUCK UP, BROTHER! On the book of life, and the future book. And To-day with purpose true Let your light be born anew.

Honor your Manhood fine. Cry, "To-morrow, that is mine." And the past be born of vain Now that I am born again.

AT THE CANDY COUNTER

Attracted by a tasty-looking roll of candy material with "spilling" nut kernels surrounding it, I entered the shop.

A young lady was serving a customer who had bought a box of candy. He tendered her a five-dollar bill, a very dirty one. She took it in her left hand, straightened it out, with the fingers of her right hand, and said, "This is the case, you know." Then she took out two two-dollar bills, each dirtier than the bill she had accepted. These also she straightened, and, smiling, said, "I'll give you change." She handed them to the customer and then turned to me.

"What is that nice looking roll in the window?" I asked.

"How much per pound?"

"One dollar."

"It'll take half a pound."

With a smile, the girl had had in something the dirty bill. I sat on the counter and cut off a number of little pieces. She wore no cap and in the mirror I saw her smiling eyes of her hair. Then, still undulating, she picked up the pieces of confectionery one by one and placed them on the scale.

Next, with one hand she grasped a paper bag. In order to open it, she pinched XMAS fingers on the other hand; on her lips was about to come the mirthful smile.

"Well, say—state for Mexican pecan roll bill vanished and I asked the young lady if I might change my mind. She disappeared, but pretended otherwise.

"Yes, certainly!"

"Then I think I'll take a box of mixed chocolates."

I did, "I'm sorry," with my purchase.

"But for chocolates my taste has declined because I could not help thinking that perhaps the Mexican chocolates which had packed them did not come from a mind governed by the principles of—"

The young lady in the shop seemed to be surprised and somewhat mystified and also displeased at my sudden change of mind. But if she happens to see and to read this she will learn, reasons—F. D.

MANITOBA, HONEY PRODUCTION

Two million pounds of honey were produced in Manitoba last season, declared L. T. Floyd, Provincial Apiculturist in a recent address. This crop, he said, was the result of a good year in 1922, when the amount gathered in 1921 and the amount in 1922 were equal. Most of the product was absorbed within the province, and in addition 20 carloads were shipped to the south. This indicated Mr. Floyd's opinion that the demand for honey in Manitoba and the consequent value of the bee-keeping business.

With the northern localities of the confidant much better for the production of honey than many parts of the south, Winnipeg was one of the best honey markets of America. Mr. Floyd

ENDLESS

party of holiday-makers from the Northland, past the time they flew west to London, and for another week the endless row of buckets in a dredge at the docks seemed to possess a singular fascination.

Archie, who was not so gaily dressed as Archie, could not but notice him, but kept his eyes firmly fixed on the dredger. Some hours later his friends found him still at the same spot.

"Archie," said one of them, "if you stay there much longer you'll miss the train."

"I don't care," was the reply. "I've counted the passengers, and, finally, and I mean to see the last of those buckets if I stay here all night."

GOOD SPEECH ANYHOW

That was a great speech you made to the boy."

"Thanks," said the eminent criminal lawyer.

"Why, even your client went. Your son, and your poor old mother waiting at home for a telegram, boy was a masterpiece. She should have heard it."

"I'm afraid that was out of the question. As a matter of fact, he tells me she died when he was a baby."

GOOD MANNERS

In every place where a number of persons are awaiting attention in turn, as at a boy's office, ticket office, bank teller's cage, it is the height of bad form to attempt to crowd ahead of others in the queue. The individual whose proper place has been taken by his or her business with all possible dispatch and make way for the next in line with the least possible crowd,ing or inconvenience to others.

HUMAN AND HUMANE

"Now, Jimmy," said the teacher, "what is the difference between 'humane' and 'humane'?"

Jimmy thought deeply for a moment.

"Well," he said, at length, "suppose you had two pieces of candy and a hungry little dog grabbed one from you. If you had given the other piece, you would be humane; but if you threw a stone at him, you would be inhuman."

THE NEW COMMANDMENT

A teacher in an elementary school had given lessons to an infants' class on the Ten Commandments. In order to test their memories she asked: "Who, any little child, give me a commandment containing only four words?"

A hand was raised immediately.

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"What is it that we find most easy to get up and to help to get out of?"

There was silence for a moment, and then one little fellow answered, "Bad."

THE OLD MAN OF THE CLOCK

He was an elder brother to me, and I have always felt that no man's death was ever more sincerely mourned in the town than Edward Moore's. He was a man long and well known, and he lived on his job footsteps and arduously endeavoring to continue the good work he began in this township. It is over sixty years ago since he was elected to the Board of Education, and before our people here—the old Dunnart Act. I have to confess that while I was too young to appreciate it, then, and Edward Moore and his wife and brothers influenced me in those early days, and kept me out of the eight barsrooms and liquor stores & had then in Action.

Now here I am rambling again. The three remaining members of that Board are James Brown, who has been living at Los Angeles, Cal., for a number of years, and John Matthews, our venerable postmaster, who is only a year or so behind him; and Rev. John C. Stevenson, who, the editor avowed, had retired from the church, was a widow, young wife, and lives at Grindon, Ont.

It will be twenty-five years in March since W. H. Storey, the old man of the church, passed away, and forty years since John Speight died suddenly during the week after he had preached at the new church when the minister was removed.

Permit me to add that the late Mr. Storey, the old man of the church, was a man of great influence and popularity.

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