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OUTDOOR PEACE

Have fears and worries vexed you? Go out among the trees. "Within these woods no man need fear, Will he not well protect you?"

Do the thoughts of doubt trouble you? Sit down there in the sun. "Where heaven's joys o'errun, And think how God has blessed you."

Does your mind seem worn or aghast? Stand there among the hills. "Remember! God will right you."

Do long, long sorrows grieve you? Look upward to the stars. "And think! No anguish more, Than the balm that will relieve you."

IS HUMANITY MORE IMPORTANT THAN PIGS?

In a strong address to a body of social workers last December, the noted Jurist, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, said: "India, like every other land, has depended largely upon her own resources. And she must take care of her resources. Millions of miners, farmers, laborers turned to the uselessness of their work, he replaced, but the forest losing its grown trees may be replaced; the single tree taking the place of the many trees, the Great caravans are being taken up again; yet, our取材 of our timber resources is still on the increase, cattle, sheep, hogs—all of which is a valuable resource, let an epidemic strike among these, and there is immediate alarm; all known means are taken to check it—and wisely and properly so."

"The greatest of all natural resources is human beings. I can assure you that in that last over Government has been on the alert to save men from disease, but the day of diehardism has gone by. Now Government are more anxious to the maintenance of man's power and "take measures to conserve it. It's a matter of life and death to the people of provinces that no doctor can find one who he cannot afford to pay for insulin. And in many provinces there is ample provision for the identification and removal of veterans.

"I am indeed glad to have lived to see the day when it can truthfully be said, that Governments pay as much attention to men as to pigs."

A strong speech was made a great cry for national concern had arisen, and a proposal has been made to extend the public health grants at Ottawa. A storm of protest has been the result; local organizations, medical societies, nurses' associations, the National Council of Women, Notarists, Public Health Journals or officials, Public Health Associations, etc., judges, social workers and hygienic societies from coast to coast have protested vigorously against any reduction in our national expenditure for the identification and removal of veterans.

Attention has been drawn to the revolutions made during the war, when a large percentage of our Canadian manhood was found to be suffering from destructive social diseases; the economic development of preventive, educational and curative procedures; the setting up of a Federal Health Department; to the joint Provincial and Provincial grants of \$400,000 devoted to the control of venereal diseases and the remarkable effective machinery made possible through these grants; to the fact that Dr. G. C. Lyle, of the Rockwood Foundation recently referred to as "the man who has done the most for the public health of Canada" has proposed to cut out the venereal disease wastage which will inevitably follow the stoppage or lessening efforts to improve the human stock in Canada.

The Public Health Journal for April says editorially, "Over 28,000 cases of venereal disease were reported in Canada in 1923. Suppose instead of 28,000 human beings attacked by (preventable) infective disease, it had been 28,000 pigs which had been sent to attack us. The whole Dominion would be alarmed and would not insist that every means should be taken to combat the damage so attack on our national health beliefs not of greater value than pigs."

In the last issue of "Social Health" startling figures from the United States are presented to show the costs of the enormous venereal wastage due to the social plagues.

Figures, for Canada are not available, but this journal gives the following idea of an stricken family from the records of the Ontario Department of Health:

"A man in Brantford applied to the court for relief. He thought he was suffering from masturbation, but on being examined at the hospital, he was found to be syphilitic. His family was investigated and it was found that he had several miscarriages, one child had died, his wife was living, and the mother was also syphilitic. One living child, the eldest, was partially blind and deaf; the second and third were dead. In the fourth, the fourth has a long bone deformity, the fifth child is an idiot, the sixth mentally defective, and the seventh, a babe of two years old, who gave a positive Wassermann reaction.

The parents, who are now middle-aged, remain ignorant, indifferent, inactive with regard to their sons. As we have to foot the bills for the economic loss of these children, we better spend more thought and more money on prevention, rather than pay the piper for such terrible social ravages!"

GOING AGAINST THE CROWD

"Everyone knows how hard it is to walk in one direction when the crowd is walking in the other. Who who reaches his goal, is fighting his way through a crowd surging in the opposite direction, needs plenty of manhood and lots of pluck, as well as an indifference to the pushes and shoves he receives, and to turn around and go with the crowd. Going against the crowd is not easy, while it is the expression of opinion and conduct. Probably you know plenty of young people who are afraid to stand out from the majority, and do an the others are doing. That is the easy way, of course. But there are many young people who are thinking of some better, wiser way. If you want to keep your self-respect, you must "say" and "do" right, regardless of the thoughts or actions of the crowd."

NOT HER APPAR

Uncle Ephraim had put on a clean collar and his best coat and was walking majestically up and down the street. "Are you working to-day, uncle?" asked one of his acquaintances. "No, sir," he replied, "I'm colbuthin' my golden wodden sub."

"You were married fifty years ago to-day?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, why isn't your wife helping you to celebrate?"

"My present wife, sir," replied Uncle Ephraim, with dignity, "ain't got nothing to do with it. She's deourish, sub."

The Free Press' Short Story

The New Minister

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CHE new church at Tellman's Crossing was finished, and the parish felt it had a right to take pride in its work. It was not the first church built in all the country-side, and did it not stand, so to speak, on its own feet, free from a penny of debt? The coming winter would bring in a goodly amount of architectural beauty had given the village contractor full away, and the result stood upon the green, cheerful hill, yellow and white, framed in "ornamental" with living, breathing beauty with an air of conscious superiority, unashamed by notions of beauty of design.

"Yes," said Deacon Oliver, as he and Annie Taylor walked away from the church. "It's a good job, I think, what I call a good job. I have not far to look in my deep sleep."

The deacon spoke earnestly for him. "What was ever a man more anxious?" He was about to speak again when his eye chanced to light upon Helen. Then he understood the purport of the quiet words in her look of mingled pain and pride, and pride, and the quick tears which had sprung in her eyes.

The deacon rose abruptly. "Guess I better be going along, Mr. McHugh."

"A letter will be more businesslike," he thought, as he made his way home. "I'll write this night, and there will be any chance to mistake it, either."

When Mr. Nichols came back from the door, Helen had caught little Annie in her arms and was carrying her to bed.

"People are very good to me," the deacon said, "but the world is full of ingratitude on our heads."

"The world is full of ingratitude on our heads," he said, as he tucked Annie into her crib.

"Good man!" exclaimed the deacon, and there was unmistakable impatience in his voice. "Of course he's a good man. It's gone to sleep long enough until Mr. Nichols' goodness has come to me, a few sparks fly around Sunday morning."

The short out across the fields led into the road near Anson Taylor's home. The two men came along, Mrs. Taylor was standing in her open room window, while Miss Taylor, who was responsible for the styles in women's dress at the Crossing, was standing in her doorway.

"There's Anson and Deacon Oliver," remarked Mrs. Taylor. "I guess you'll have to cut out a mite under the head, if you're going to make them look like this."

Anson had not met his father since he had come over the ocean to him while he was a stranger, so he had dressed him naked, and he clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you visited me."

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