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The Public Library

Of the three vital institutions of a city's life and progress—the library, the school, and the church—the library, with its ever open door, and its university of books, has been the last to meet to appreciation of civic support.

A good book has a personal attribute. In it the author reproduces himself and breathes his life into other souls. It is much more than a reprint of the author's words. It is thought inbreathed and outbreathed. "Books," says Addison, "are the legacies that a great genius leaves to mankind."

But a whole library! It is like a forest of the trees of Lebanon on a mountain top. Every tree has its own life and character, while it forms a part of a mighty host and "all the trees of the field clap their hands," as in a chorus of hallelujahs.

But the voice of a library of good books is more than the music of the forest, it is a chorus of thoughts rather than of sounds, vibrating in the souls of men, generation after generation. No institution is so intimately and so constantly connected with the life of the whole people as the public library. Its door is open to all without regard to creed or color and it is as free to the child of the poorest citizen as to the wealthiest. And none of us are independent of it, if we really care for the quickening and sustaining of our intellectual life. Indeed the citizen who has a library of his own at home, is the most likely to discover the need of other books not to be found in his book case.

As to our schools it is safe to say that a ready access to a good library will add much to the value of school studies. Somebody has said that "supplementary reading, especially in the lower grades, is worth all the rest of the school work." Let the tax payer consider that in the light of economy. To double the product of our school system at so small a cost is in the very highest degree true economy.

When life in the home is at stake no amount of cost within the possible reach of the family is considered. The life and progress of a community is more than its wealth.

Let the citizen further consider the value of the library as furnishing—education for adults who have not other opportunities—materials for teachers, ministers, journalists, authors, physicians—books and periodicals for technical instruction to mechanics and others—counter attractions for youth against the barroom and other evil associations.

With all these advantages in view we must vote the public library an invaluable institution.

In large headlines The Champion of Fair Play prints on its first page the following:

"Because thousands may more or less misuse a gift of God, all men, even the temperate ones,

are branded as depraved; and this is done from the pulpits in the name of God." There is no other reasonable interpretation of the above language but that "gift of God" refers to alcoholic drinks. Vegetables in the form of fruits and grains may decay, but when left entirely to the processes of nature they never turn into alcohol. Alcohol is the product of man's device. Science has asserted this over and over again. The Champion ought to know it by this time and probably does know it. But what matters it to the mouthpiece of the liquor traffic whether it promulgates truth or falsehood, so be it that the traffic is increased?

The attempt to separate the public school entirely from the religious atmosphere and definite religious teaching has been sometimes pushed to an extreme. But I know of no state or county where the extreme has been long maintained. The recoil is sure to come, and it comes because men find that in respect of faith, culture and morals the extreme of separation is most disastrous. In respect to morals, it is clear that there is an immense loss when the religious sanction is completely withdrawn from the teaching of social duty. And in respect of culture it is equally manifest that a nervous and narrow determination to banish all references to Christianity and its positive beliefs, the Bible and its historic place, from the text-books and the class-rooms of our schools creates a situation as absurd as it is shameful, and as pathetic as it is absurd.—William Douglas McKenzie, D. D., in the "Materials of Religious Education."

The Greatest Power in the World for the Good of Mankind, Rejected

In Orchestra Hall, Chicago, on the occasion of the Knights of Columbus celebration of Columbus day, Judge Peter Grosscup delivered an address in the course of which he said: "The one blot on the American public schools is the exclusion of spirituality as one of the great facts of the world. The law admits Darwin, admits scientists of every day, and admits all facts except the supreme fact that religion is the fundamental influence in all movements of mankind. The schools teach the life of Lincoln, of Washington, of the great American characters, but are forbidden to teach of Jesus Christ or the Bible. The purpose of this, I suppose, is to avoid factional feelings and strife among the various sects. The position is not a neutral one, but an avoidance of a supreme subject."

Judge Grosscup said he did not know any immediate cure for the condition he criticized, but added: "So long as America turns its back upon religion and the existence of God—the perfect message of Jesus Christ, it is excluding one of the most powerful influences for good, both spiritual and civil, that the world has at its command."

We believe the above to be as true as the law of gravitation is true.—DeSota County (Florida) News.

It is certainly very gratifying and encouraging when one of Judge Grosscup's ability and high professional standing as a jurist, so forcefully emphasizes the importance of making the Bible and the Christian religion strong factors in the education of the coming generation. The writer has been long enough engaged in educational work to know something of the value in character building that comes from the daily study of the Bible.

H. P. D.

The recent mortality of governors of states has been striking. Within year Gov. Johnson of Minnesota, George L. Lilley of Connecticut, Samuel G. Cosgrove of Washington and John Sparks of Nevada have passed away. This is certainly an extraordinary number of gubernatorial deaths, says the Hartford Times. Govs. Cosgrove and Lilley had been in office only a short time when the summons that no man may ignore or evade came to them. Both were inaugurated in January, and Gov. Cosgrove died in March and Gov. Lilley in April.

Darker grows the shadow over Spain. Following the troubles in Morocco comes the prediction of a revolution and the overthrow of the monarchy. But as the prophecy comes from a socialistic source much allowance must be made. Socialism of the stripe marking most of the agitation in continental Europe is not usually the kind that would be satisfactory even if successful.

A colony of women are to establish themselves in Australia, in which colony neither men nor married women will be allowed to own a foot of ground. Men will be admitted to the colony, but will have no say in its government. The result ought to be interesting for educational observation.

The new overland wireless telegraph record of clear communication between Duluth and New York city, a distance of 1,391 miles, is announced closely upon the heels of the new ocean wireless record reported by the army transport Buford, which exchanged messages with stations on the Pacific coast when four days westward from Honolulu, or 3,500 miles from the American continent. The difference between the two records reveals the strength of the disturbing influences on land, which are more evident in the day than at night, when wireless telegraphing is easier and clear.

A cloak model in New York obtained a place one day, was kissed by her employer the next, sued him for \$500 for the kiss, which was so vigorous that she had to wash her face, and got the damages demanded. It is not on the stage only that the beautiful cloak model gets dramatic revenge.

Mexico is in many respects well governed, but its efforts to suppress independent newspapers do not help its reputation either at home or abroad.

Two men were fatally shot in a fight over a clam in New York. There is such a thing as carrying one's love for dumb animals too far.

It seems that as far as having is concerned, some eastern public schools are not better than the private institutions.

Every automobile driver should be able to tell in the dark the difference between an accelerator and a hand brake.

For the time being the arctic clubs have taken the wind out of the sails of the aero clubs.

Anyhow, Uncle Sam saw it first. Even Cook and Peary will agree to that.

Would you have recognized the north pole from the picture?

A sudden rain on any summer Sunday afternoon can wet more people and wet them wetter than any other kind of downpour.

Astronomers are getting plenty of excitement out of looking for Halley's comet. Whoever sees it first wins the game.

Life goes on just the same even if the north pole has been discovered and duly tagged.

Pity the poor microbes that have to live in the family ice chest without overcoats!

El Paso will feel important when it has two presidents on its hands.

One of the safest places from which to view an automobile race is the main deck of a captive balloon.

Spain is conducting its war without anybody to carry a message to Garcia.

Many a football player survives to become a useful citizen.

Are you a monopolist or a biplanist?

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R W Hawkins to R A Bard, lot 6, Sub of lots 5 and 6, blk 34, Highland Park. W D \$2763.00.

Mary G Pelnar and hus to Emma Atteridge et al, part lot 16, Western Add, Lake Forest. Q C \$1.00.

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Carolina Lindstrom to Eda M Lindstrom, lot 14, blk 1, Highland Park. W D \$1.00.

James E Hale et al to R S Grice, lot 31, blk 54, North Chicago. W D \$2500.00.

A W Paraski to J L Vetter, Jr., lots 66, 67 and 68, blk 5, Deerfield Park. W D \$1.00.

C E Saylor and wf to Anton Serkowske, lot 39, blk 44, Washburn Park. North Chicago. W D \$135.00.

L H Lloyd and wf to Adolph Anderson, lots 13 and 14, blk 2, Lloyd's Sub, Highwood. W D \$300.00.

C L Nelson to Harold Dyrenforth, lot 48, Ravinia Woods, Highland Park. W D \$1500.00.

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Chas Phillips and wf to Isabella James, 80 acres in N E 1/4 Sec 31, Warren Twp. Q C \$1.00.

J P Schneider and wf to E E Skrine et al, lots 50 and 51, blk 8, Deerfield Park. W D \$100.00.

Cheer up, Girls

Announcement is made of the organization in Denmark of a company to insure and reassure young women who dread becoming old maids. A girl who takes out a policy in the company in question pays a fixed sum every year. If she finds a husband before she reaches forty, she is presumed to have received her money's worth and the policy lapses, the sum she has paid in going to a general fund for the benefit of her less fortunate sisters. If she is unmarried when she is forty she begins to receive an annual pension, which continues through the rest of her life, or until she marries.—The Argus.

Honor Belongs to French Chemist. The first process of making soda on an extensive scale was discovered by Nicholas Leblanc, a French chemist, in 1701.

All She Could Do. "She thanked him with a look." "I s'pose her gown was so tight that she couldn't trust herself to speak, eh?" —Washington Herald.

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