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Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—WATSON.

Thursday, June 2, 1927

PASSED AWAY TUESDAY AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Late Mrs. (Dr.) J. L. Smith Had Spent Whole Life in This Vicinity and Was One of Town's Most Respected Citizens.—Funeral Service This Afternoon at Knox United Church.

A death that was a shock to the whole community occurred in Durham last Tuesday morning when Mrs. (Dr.) J. L. Smith calmly breathed her last after an illness of only two days from bronchial pneumonia. While it was known to her relatives and closer friends that she had been taken ill late Saturday evening, the general public and many who knew her intimately, had no inkling that she was unwell until the news she had passed away was circulated.

The late Mrs. Smith, who was in her 65th year, was born in Glenelg and spent her whole life in that vicinity until nine years ago, when she moved to Durham. A woman of high character, quiet disposition, exceptional neighborly qualities, she was very highly esteemed in Durham, and even more so in the neighborhood of Dornoch, where practically her whole life was spent. Her death was a great shock to her friends, and she had many, and it is hard even yet for them to realize that she has passed on, so sudden was the call.

Mrs. Smith was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison, and was born in 1862. She was one of a family of eight, and this is the first break in the family. She was married in 1883 to Dr. J. L. Smith, then practising in Dornoch, and until 1918, when they moved to Durham, they resided in that village and had the respect of a very wide circle of friends, to which they have added greatly since becoming citizens of this town.

Besides her husband, the deceased leaves one son, J. Morrison, now residing in Mount Clemens, Mich. Five brothers and two sisters also survive: Dugald, in Oakville, Man.; Duncan, in Glenelg; Mrs. James Ledzinski (Isobel) in Dornoch; John, in Durham; Peter and Donald in Ladner, B. C.; and Miss Margaret (MacKenzie), of the Toronto teaching staff.

The late Mrs. Smith had not been in robust health for the past fifteen years, and though this was generally known, it was not thought that the call would come with such suddenness. She was about town on Saturday, completed her shopping and late that night complained of feeling ill, but did not take to her bed until Sunday evening. She continued growing worse until Tuesday morning, when she passed away, her illness being diagnosed as bronchial pneumonia, which, in her weakened condition she could not successfully combat.

The deceased has been described to us by one of her old neighbors as one of the truest christian characters that ever lived. She was extremely devoted to her church, was a regular attendant at all services, interested in all the departments of her church, and a woman who practiced her religion in her daily life. A thorough home woman it will be here her loss will be felt the most, and the sorrowing husband, son and family have the sincere sympathy of all in their loss.

The funeral is being held this Thursday afternoon from Knox church, where service will be held at 2 o'clock, after which interment will be made in Durham cemetery.

LOST INDEX FINGER

An unfortunate accident befell Mr. H. D. McLean of Bentinck, north of Aberdeen on Friday of last week when, in using an axe, he in some manner cut off the index finger of his right hand. This will be a serious handicap to Mr. McLean, though we are pleased to know he is recovering nicely from his misfortune.

Chronicle Want Ads.

Readers would do well to look over our Small Want and other Ads. on page 7. There are many things in them that you might want to buy, and if you have anything to sell they can do that too.

Of course, they can't take the place of the big display ad., but for the smaller articles you will find they will do the trick. Try them.

COMPOSITE FEATURE OF AVERAGE MAN

While there are many millions of average men there is perhaps no single one who is a perfect average. Certainly there is no one who admits that he is average unless he does it with a false pretence of humility the better to triumph over somebody he suspects of putting on airs. Notwithstanding the elusiveness of the average he has recently been the subject of study by scientists. They have examined many records, investigated many histories and out of it have presented a composite photograph which, to be sure, is no exact picture of any specific human being but shows a marked family resemblance to the millions who have made it up. The data upon which American scientists have drawn has been collected over a long series of years by life insurance companies, school records, police blotters, and the other indices that reveal human history. A tremendous mass of material was gathered when the United States entered the World War for the 4,000,000 soldiers in training, half received various tests, physical and mental. For the purpose of statistical evaluation a sample of 93,000 men was used as a basis, these men being selected from different sections of the country and from different social groups. What proved to be the average in this group might very well be accepted as the average for the nation.

Not For Canadians

Dr. Harry Hollingsworth, a Columbia physiologist, and Sidney and Lucille Pressley, the scientists who have drawn their conclusions from this and other data and venture to give a picture of the average American. We shall see that in some respects it resembles a picture of the average Canadian though somewhat more ill-favored. The picture of the average Canadian has yet to be drawn. It might not be flattering, but as we have remarked nobody thinks he is average, and however repellent in drawing nobody would accept it as personal. The average man dies off at the age of about 53, although there was a time when he died much earlier, and as the years go by he will profit by the advances in preventive medicine and hygiene and will continue to be average a good deal longer. About one third of this fifty three years he spends in sleep. He weighs 150 pounds, and is five feet seven inches tall. This we believe is a good proportion and is about as close as the average man comes to any sort of perfection. He wishes he were taller and heavier, but believes that most eminent men have been rather short than tall and rarely have weighed more than 151 pounds.

What He Knows

His brain weighs 1,300 grams and he will be flattered to learn that this is more than twice as heavy as this great ape. He is also unaware that there are other men going round whose brains weigh as much as 2,000 grams, but since he does not know what a gram is, he is not disturbed. He might be interested to learn that the difference between the weight of his brain and that of the real heavyweights is more than twice the difference between the weight of the brains of the lowest human beings and the highest of the ape tribe. The vocabulary of the average man includes some 7,500 words, many of them being profane, but he could by no means spell them all. Lorraine Pruette, writing in the New York Times recently, said that the average man will know pretty well what is meant by the word "nervous" but will have cloudy ideas of what is meant by "coinage." He understands "shrewd" and "insure" but is hazy about "dilatated" and "philanthropy." From actual experience he may know the difference between poverty and misery, but would be unable to explain it. He is able to give three differences between a president and a king, but does not know the difference between revolution and evolution.

How His Mind Works

If given a minute to summon the resources of his intellect he can tell how many pencils may be bought for 50 cents if the price is two for 5 cents. He will also be able to calculate what seven yards of cloth at 15 cents a yard will cost, but if he is asked how many boxes there are in a collection in which one large box holds four small ones, each of the smaller ones holding four others his 1,300 grams of intellect will fail to make the grade. If he hears seven numbers he can remember them, but if he is asked to repeat eight he leaves out one of them. He can repeat accurately such sentences as: "It is nearly half past one o'clock—the house is very quiet and the cat has gone to sleep," but if complicated instructions are given him he will forget some of them. He leaves school in the eighth grade, which we suppose is something like the Canadian fourth book used to be. In consequence he has but a smattering of history and local geography, while he is privy to a few facts about physiology. He is able to speak but one language, of course, and that not very precisely or elegantly. He has no general knowledge of civics, science, politics or literature.

Strong in Common Sense

He is not likely to have occupation superior to that of his father, though he is likely to drift into one of the skilled trades after a short period of training. At an early age he



The New Angel of Peace—The Evening Times (Glasgow, Scotland)

marries and has from three to five children. Until very recently the income he received was not more than \$1,000 a year. Now it is probably larger. Naturally enough he believes a lot of nonsense and superstition. He is a great believer in what he calls "common sense," with which he supposes himself to have been generously endowed. He has firm convictions about health and disease and is ready to prescribe for any known ailment. He believes that crops should be planted in the dark of the moon or in the light, and if he has heard of Darwin he believes that Darwin said men descended from apes and was an obvious liar. He has made some observations about the weather, none of them trustworthy, and believes, for instance, that lightning never strikes twice in the same place. His conversation with his fellows consists largely of personalities and comments upon the weather. In politics and religion he is the same as his father was, for the same reason. He falls a ready victim to all kinds of quacks and is in all respects the backbone of the nation. God bless him!

THE RHYMING OPTIMIST

How strange it seems that at the set of sun the thoughts you hold most closely to your heart are not of splendid triumphs you have won, great struggles where you played the victor's part! You cherish not gifts kindly years bestowed or any rank or fortune you attained, prize not the strength with which you bore your load of joy or heights of shining peaks you gained; not these, but little fleetings things like words a loved one spoke at twilight long ago; a Springtime hour when, to the song of birds, you glimpsed new beauty in a soul you know. How strange it seems that at the close of day the thing that brings you most gladness to your thought should be remembered laughter, sweet and gay, or some small kindness that your hands have wrought.

REV. J. E. PETERS STAYS IN GREY PRESBYTERY

The final draft in the Toronto Conference of the United church places Rev. J. E. Peters, for the past three years pastor of the Queen street church here, in the pastoral charge of St. Vincent, with residence at Meaford.

Mr. Peters will preach his farewell sermon in Durham on the last Sunday in June and will take charge of his new pastorate the first Sunday in July.

It Will Pay You to Advertise in The Chronicle.

PORN Halliday—In Durham Hospital, May 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halliday, Normanby a son.

McKechnie—In Durham, May 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Archie McKechnie, a son. (Clayton Vickers).

Mountain—In Bentinck, on May 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mountain of Normanby, a son.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. James Livingstone of Hamilton announce the engagement of their daughter, Etta Audrey, to Jack Wilford Temple, of Toronto, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Temple of Dundas, the marriage to take place the latter part of June.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Joseph Ferris and family of Swinton Park desire to express gratitude to their many friends for kindness during the illness and death of their beloved wife and mother, the late Mrs. Ferris.

GIFTS For the June Bride

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Wooden Trays with fancy patterns ..... 1.69
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Stringer and daughter, Miss Mabel, accompanied by Mrs. D. Spahn of Kincardine, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Davey and attended the farewell services at Trinity church.

Mrs. Ralph Catton entertained the Young Women's Auxiliary of Knox Church for their social and work meeting on Monday evening, May 30th, when a large number of the members were present. At the close of the meeting lunch was served by Mrs. Catton.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lyan of Toronto spent over the week end with Mrs. Wm. Hargrave and Messrs. James and Will Brown in Glenelg.

Misses Myrtle Dean and Jean MacKay spent last week-end visiting friends in St. Marys.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Craigie and daughter, Lorna, of Paris, spent last week end at her home here.

Miss Lottie Dean has returned to Toronto after spending two weeks at her home here.

Mrs. Dodds of Berkeley visited with her sister, Mrs. Traynor, and brother, Mr. Hugh Firth, in town, and with other relatives and friends in the vicinity, from Thursday to Tuesday of last week and this.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Catton, and daughters, Ruby and Effie, of Toronto, spent over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Catton.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moorhead and family, of Fort Wayne, Indiana are visiting this week with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Moorhead, here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Schell and Miss Margaret, and Mr. H. Davidson, principal of the High School of Alliston, visited with Miss J. Weir, over Sunday.

Mr. Hugh Firth and daughter, Miss Kathleen, and Miss Fettes, matron of the local Red Cross Hospital, were in Owen Sound, Monday attending the graduation exercises in connection with the General and Marine Hospital in that city. Miss Marjorie Firth of this place took the highest marks in the examination in the intermediate class, the prize for this honor being presented Miss

DURHAM MARKET

Table with market prices for various goods like Hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Mixed Grain, Hay, Butter, Eggs.

Firth by Miss C. McLean, R.N. The city hall was crowded to overflowing for the ceremony, the building being made gay with a profusion of flowers and other decorations.

Mr. Donald Ray and Mrs. Flora Conlon of Toronto, are visiting their brother, Mr. John Ray, of Dornoch, who is quite seriously ill at present.

Misses Maud and Louise Seaman of Ithaca, N. Y. are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hunter, in Egremont.

Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery and family, of Detroit, are visiting with old friends in town and vicinity.

Mrs. James Lloyd and babe are visiting with relatives in Toronto and Beaverton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Burgess and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McComb, spent Sunday at Priceville with Miss Christena McKinnon.

Miss Laura Schreiber of Chesley and Miss Ruby Blyth of Bentinck spent over Sunday at the latter's parental home at Varney.

Rev. B. D. Armstrong is in Stratford this week in attendance at the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, which opened Tuesday evening. Mr. Armstrong preaches at Forest next Sunday morning, the services here being taken by the Rev. Mr. Rintoul of that town.

Mr. W. J. Hollinger, general manager of the Arrow Coach Lines, was in town Wednesday night and gave us a call.

Institute Summer Series

The Summer series of meetings for South Grey will be held in:

- Durham, June 6
Zion, June 7
Dromore, June 8
Aberdeen, June 9
Allan Park, June 10

and thence to Louise, Lamash, Elmwood, Hanover, Carabell's Corners, Aytan and Holstein. These meetings will be addressed by Mrs. T. W. Meek of Alton, who comes highly recommended as being efficient in Institute work. For further particulars see bills.

The Abdication

When the czar at army headquarters heard of the revolution Petrograd he despatched General Ivanoff with artillery and machine guns to suppress it. The czar obeyed orders, but when he arrived at Petrograd his soldiers all deserted him and he found himself a prisoner. In the meantime the czar in a special train was returning to the Royal Palace, and a problem was to be solved. The czar was to be held off, to be ensky and the revolutionists informed of the movement by train, cutting one line after another as Nicholas sought to dodge, and reach his destination on unimpeded rails. Finally he got to Pskoff where his friend, General Rusky was in charge of an army. But Rusky advised him to get out and showed him a train waiting against him, remaining on the ground, was perfectly ready. Then the czar went even further than the Duma had demanded. He had been required to abdicate in favour of his son, but under the regency of the czar's mother, Grand Duke Michael, the czar abdicated on his own accord, and also an account of his son, named Michael as the next czar.

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Salmon, 1 lb. tin 25c.

We stock O'Keefe's Dry Ginger Ale per pint 20c. Canada Dry Ginger Ale, per pint 25c.

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KERENSKY RECORDS FALL OF CZARDO

When we first saw the picture, Alexander Kerensky haranguing Russian troops were reminded of a boy soprano for some reason that is not now clear. The conceit has persisted, and when Kerensky meant well and had usual oratorical gifts he proved useless as a Swiss volunteer. His task that was suddenly thrust upon him. In an article in the New York Times Magazine he tells the story of the czar's abdication. He relates that on the occasion of the first meeting with Nicholas, the latter was his prisoner, he is the unfortunate man to refer to in the future. We are rather surprised that Mr. Kerensky should have recorded that promise, for it would appear that even yet he does not recognize his futility. To say it is not to rob his narrative of interest. For some terrible reason he moved in the centre of a vast helplessness to direct it, but no confused that he does not now remember what occurred. His account of the first days of the revolution and the actions of Nicholas confirm other stories of Kerensky's acceptance as authentic.

Czar Without Supporters He notes the fact which impressed other observers that throughout Russia there was not an arm raised in defence of the czar. Not in the army, not among the Czar's Dukes, not among any of the nobles, nor Nicholas or the czar, nor a friend seventy-two he after the revolution had been the Grand Dukes and the impudently aristocrats literally fell off each other in their indecent bid to get first to the revolutionists to pledge their support. The czar Duke Cyril, who now presumes to call himself "The Czar of All Russias" and resides in Cologne, Germany, rushed to the Duma the head of his naval guards with a red band across his chest, even before the official abdication of the czar. In other words the abdication of the czar was one of the obvious notions that only has been suggested to meet with universal approval. The heads of the Duma communicated with the Russian generals and found them all favorable. Only Mikuloff, among prominent Russians declared himself in favor of a monarchy on purely personal grounds.

Michael Refuses Crown But by this time the demand of the revolutionists abolished the Czarist monarchy. Efforts were made to communicate with Michael and prevent him accepting for it was feared this action might lead to a revival of the monarchists. A telegram was sent to the grand duke and next day a committee of the Duma awaited upon him. After a speech, the grand duke went to a private conference with two members of the delegation, and afterwards announced that he would not accept the throne, which made an appropriate speech at the incident closed. This was the end of the Russian monarchy. Thereafter there never was any effort made to make any czar. The whole country seems to have been satisfied to see the situation ease much what befell to Nicholas and his family, the more extreme members of the Soviet of Workmen's and Soldiers Deputies were not indifferent. He wanted Nicholas and his family murdered. They proposed a plan after which the sentence of death should be passed. It was Kerensky's duty to protect the royal family, then imprisoned in the palace. It was his intention to get the czar and his family shipped to England.

Kidnapping Plot This news got abroad and did enhance Kerensky's popularity. A conspiracy was hatched by a group of Bolsheviks to kidnap the czar and hand him over to the soviet. Kronstadt who could be guaranteed to lynch him after a brief and formal trial. All worked well, conspirators entered the palace, forward to surrender. No obstacle in the way of the plot hurried him into an armoured car and disappear with him. But the leader of the kidnapers was son of a general. He weakened