

### At Home Come in & Chat Awhile

—Ruth Raeburn.

Dear Friend Robert:

Your letter received and I note your request for suggestions for a birthday gift for that particularly fine girl friend in whom you are so interested. You say you have no idea just what she might like especially well for a gift. There are a variety of things to take into consideration in making a choice—suitability, originality and a personal message seem to me to be the most essential things to keep in mind. Perhaps I couldn't do better than to quote for you a message of appreciation for a gift received by Helen Keller:

I had a birthday.

And on my birthday came the gift of a dear small book, all finely clothed in tawny leather so soft and smooth, it is like a caress to the eager hand. It was the "Meditations of Marcus Aurelius".

I have other copies of those meditations, and greatly I value them but this especially shall I treasure for the suave loveliness of its touch, and for the message which I found enclosed on a tiny slip of paper hidden among its leaves.

"This little book," wrote the friend who sent my gift, "voices the faith of a man who bore with constant calmness and without a known moment of weakness the multiplied burdens of a disordered empire, treacherous friends, implacable enemies, domestic grief and painful illness. Believing as I do that no one may suffer vital injury except through wrong he does his own spirit, and that the weight of each day's living is never greater than that day's strength, no matter how heavy may be the sorrow from the past or the menace of the future, I have often found in his fortitude help in meeting both hurts and burdens—even sometimes comparing myself to him, a humiliation that stirred my pride and so, was also a strength."

"I do not know whether he can speak to you with the same voice but if he can, you will find that his power and helpfulness grow with each time you turn to him."

There are sentences in that message which I shall treasure and hold as dearly as any from the pen of Marcus Aurelius himself.

"A man who bore with constant calmness and without a known moment of weakness the multiplied burdens of a disordered empire—"

How often have I been inadequate in facing the multiplied burdens of the disordered empire within myself! Uprisings and very revolutions of spirit have found me weak and cringing. I have covered in the dark, and the powers of evil, the temptation to be weak and self-pitying, have conquered me.

"No one may suffer vital injury except through wrong he does his own spirit—"

That, my friend, is a treasure-trove of sweetness and wisdom. I shall make it my own, and whisper it to myself whenever I am hurt or angry or rebellious.

"The weight of each day's living is never greater than the day's strength—"

That, too, shall become a little beacon-light of power and wisdom to me on those days when the load is heavy to bear and it seems as though I must sink to the ground with discouragement and anguish before the sun sets and it is time to seek new strength in sleep.

The gift that my friend has given me is much greater than that to be gaged in a little book, lovely as it is in its naive and tawny leather!

Helen Keller.  
You see, Robert, that it was the personal touch that made the little gift to Helen Keller so valuable and precious. Have you read Spencer M. Free's

"The Human Touch"? 'Tis the human touch in this world that counts. The touch of your hand and mine, which means far more to the fainting heart; Than shelter and bread and wine; For shelter is gone when the night is o'er; And bread lasts only a day, But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice Sing on in the soul away. Another beautiful thought has been given to us by Thomas Curtis Clark "Gifts"

I have no gold to give to you But I send what gifts are mine: Two dawns, a sunset full of calm, And a day of silver shine. These gifts will cheer when gold is o'er; When silver sheds its lure— And let me add just one gift more, A friend whose love is sure. —RUTH RAEBURN.

### THE KELLOGG PACT DEBATE

According to the Ottawa Citizen:

"The people who like to show superiority by criticising the politicians should carefully avoid reading the Parliamentary debates on the Kellogg Treaty, unless they are willing to be converted to the idea that Canada really stands before the world as a nation both worthy and worthily represented. The records of our Parliament will be searched in vain for a finer expression of the people's thought on a great subject."

The Senate first approved of the Treaty, and then sent it to the Commons. Only two speeches were made, one by Senator Dandurand and the other by Sir George Foster, but each was a masterpiece.

Sir George emphasized in eloquent and living words, the gain made by the Treaty. He said:

"Someone may tell me it is only a gesture, that there are no teeth in this pact, that it is only the expression of a pious wish. Well, search the history of the world, and show me any pious wish so universal, so distributed, so authoritatively emphasized and embodied as in this case. Instead of finding fault with this because it has no grip, and spreading doubt and scepticism, is it not a better exercise of human effort, and better national wisdom for each and every man to say

"God be thanked for the progress so far made. Let me cultivate hope, and optimism in reference to the realization of that hope, for only through hope and optimism has humanity made its great advancements in the past."

He made clear, in the following sentences, the widening of the great body of American people are peace loving, and greatly desire the peace of the world.

"In the United States of America the public peace sentiment is probably more vital, more widely distributed more warm and active and more thoroughly organized than it is in the Dominion of Canada."

The Prime Minister very ably presented to the House of Commons the steps that led up to the Kellogg Pact. He told of the proposal of Briand of France, for a treaty of friendship with the United States; the widening of the circle by the United States asking five nations to join her in renouncing war; the still further extension until on August 27th in the Clock Hall, Paris, with the flags of all nations flying over the building, the Declaration was signed by fifteen nations. Only one speech was made on that memorable occasion, and that by Briand. He said in part:

"It will, I hope, be no exaggeration to say that today's event marks a new date in the history of mankind. For the future (war) branded with illegality, it is by mutual accord truly and regularly outlawed so that a culprit must incur the unconditional condemnation, and probably the hostility

of all his co-signatories. It is a direct blow at the institution of war, a blow against its very life. War as a means of arbitrary and selfish action, is no longer to be deemed lawful. Gentlemen, in a few moments the cables will be telling the entire world of the awakening of a great hope; and from now on it must be our sacred duty to do all that can be done so to bring it that that hope may not be disappointed. Peace has been proclaimed, and that is well. That is much. But peace has yet to be organized. For settlements by force we must substitute settlements by law. That must be the work of tomorrow. Let us seek a common ideal within which we can all merge our fervent hopes and put away all selfishness. There is no country represented here that has not poured out the blood of its children on the battlefields of the last war. I ask you to dedicate to your dead, to all those who died in that great war this solemn agreement which we are now about to consecrate with our signatures

Mr. King gave the terms of the Treaty—that the high contracting parties outlaw war as an instrument of national policy, and declare that no solution of conflicts or disputes shall be sought except by pacific means. Mr. King said that sixty-two of the sixty-four nations of the world had signed their willingness to sign the Pact. The Prime Minister took the Pact at its face value, making little of the reservation.

The Leader of the Opposition took strong and courageous ground. Again and yet again he emphasized the need of going on.

Hon. Mr. Bennett said: "We are a practical people and when we speak of peace we must not for a moment forget that the price of peace is effort, and that means effort for peace."

And again—"If we are to have peace we must have the will to peace, which means more than the mere expression of words. It means that we live in accordance with that will, and that instruments of war are not created."

"We, being a practical people and living in an age of actualities, must see to it that there is behind that will for peace itself an expression in concrete shape by disarmament, by bringing about the lessening of armies, by bringing about the lessening of navies, by bringing about the lessening of

aircraft, by bringing about the cessation of manufacture of the materials by which chemical warfare is carried on. Unless we do that this covenant becomes something, a little higher perhaps than covenants of days gone by, but it becomes after all a byword and a reproach. The very essence of it—not this country alone, but every other nation in the world that becomes a party to it—begins at once to destroy by peaceful means those instruments by which peace is rendered impossible."

Messrs. Bourassa, Woodworth, Irvine and Garland, in learned and eloquent speeches, pointed out the dangers in the fact that defensive war France, Great Britain and United States have made mental reservations.

Mr. Woodworth, made it clear that Canada was not bound by the reservation (defensive) and the further fact that was not defined, (all wars are called wars made by Great Britain, and also that Canada had signified her intention of signing the optional clause—this is referring all disputes to arbitration. The same gentleman emphasized the danger of great armies, navies and aircraft yearly increasing.

I took the view that most will be gained by reading into the text of the Kellogg Pact, the full meaning as written, and then holding the Governments to the letter and spirit of the Pact, that the greatest danger lies in the fact that peoples might think the work of peace was completed whereas it was but begun.

The Citizen, in the same editorial supplies a fitting conclusion: "There was a curious foretaste of the millennial fulfilment of the treaty in the peace which united all parties. There was a human, almost ingenious touch in the congratulations offered the Prime Minister upon having had the honor to put his name to the treaty on behalf of Canada, and his modest, yet proud, acknowledgment of these compliments."

1,200,000 WORDS SPOKEN IN BUDGET DEBATE Statistics are usually regarded as formidable, but not so in the case of the budget debate. Only when reduced to terms of hours, words and pages in Hansard does the discussion which the House of Commons recently concluded, leave the monumental and come somewhat within the realm of the routine. It is estimated that a mere 1,200,000 words were recorded during the 14 days

of the debate. This is the most expert computation which the Hansard office can reach. It is based upon the assumption that each speaker occupied the full 40 minutes of his time, and he delivered himself during that time of some 7,500 words. Allowance is then made for the fact that the Prime Minister and financial critic of the Opposition are not restricted in time, and the total is reached.

There were 109 speakers in the debate. Of this number 47 were of Conservative persuasion, 45 were Liberals, and 17 belonged to the other groups in the House.

The total time of the chamber which their utterances occupied was close to 89 hours.

Some 537 pages of Hansard have been required to translate the spoken into the written word.

The debate, which has closed has been neither unduly long nor short. It was average. Experience has taught the Commons that the length of the debate has no necessary relation to the character of the budget upon which it is based. Hon. Mr. Robb's budget of this year was conceded by the chamber to be satisfactory in its financial showing and uneventful in its tariff policy. But the budget debate is the time-honored opportunity of private members to address themselves to their constituents from the floor of Parliament, and there is rarely any disposition to forego the privilege.

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