

Distinguished Physicians TALK ABOUT DEAFNESS.

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Says a well-known ear specialist—"Deafness in ninety per cent of the cases is the direct result of closure of the eustachian tube (a tube which carries mucus from the middle ear to the back part of the throat) from a catarrhal inflammation of its mucous membrane. Then follows a rarefaction of air in the middle ear, with consequent intrusion of the ossicular arch, with a gradual ankylosis of the ossicular articulations, and a progressive stenosis of the eustachian tubes."

An editorial in the Medical Brief, a journal published by and for physicians and having the largest circulation of any strictly professional medical publication in the world, says, (10-1901, p. 1217):

"Deafness is becoming increasingly common, and the frequent failure of local treatment makes it necessary that we look for systemic conditions which may play a part in the continuance of the trouble."

At least three-fourths of the cases of deafness are due to catarrhal disease involving the eustachian tube.

Simply cleansing diseased mucous surface, inflating the middle ear, injecting medicaments, etc., will make no permanent impression so long as constitutional conditions remain unchanged.

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THE REPORT OF REV. R. M. HAMMOND.

Work Done During the Year Was Promising—Some Cases Cited—Summary of Visits.

Another year of our city mission work having closed, we met to look over its record and to arrange for future work. It is very proper that the friends and supporters of the mission should know what is being done through their agency.

I think that we may well regard it as a hopeful sign of our time that there is such a growing interest in all Christian missionary work, whether it be home or foreign. A missionary convention, lately held in Montreal, strongly emphasized the value of home missions, affirming that the great commission, "Go ye into all the world, etc." did not simply mean to go into India, into China, or South Africa—it meant as well, "Go ye into the sorely needed mission work at your very doors."

During the past year, notwithstanding some discouragement, I am thankful to say we have been favored by the Master's presence. The thought of being even in a humble way, "followers of the Lord of the vineyard," is surely inspiring. We have also had pleasant and helpful fellowship with Christian workers of the different denominations. During the year death has claimed a number of our valued friends and supporters of the mission. One of these was the late Principal Grant, whose character and work were so fittingly commemorated, a short time ago, in this city, a man, not only of great ability, but of broad Christian charity, ever ready, with a kindly, helping hand, where help was needed. Col. Dr. J. M. Laidlaw, Neil McLeod, and the Rev. Mr. Richardson, who was with us at our last meeting. These have all gone to their reward. We miss their kindly interest and help, but they have left us the precious legacy of a good name and a good example. Their removal calls us to greater diligence in all good work, while the days last, notwithstanding these and other removals, our losses have been about made up by new members, and we report an increase in the number of services held, and in the number of calls made.

I keep up my regular visits to the jail, the House of Industry and the General Hospital. I have also, by request, made a few sick calls at the House of Providence and the Holy Child, and held cottage services where I thought they would be most useful. Our work supplies many opportunities of speaking a kindly word to non-church goers, and others who will often admit that they are not improving their many religious advantages, so that their enjoyments and prospects are not at all satisfactory. They find a soul-hunger that Satan's hooks cannot satisfy. It has been our joy to see some of these coming to the gospel feast, and accepting Christ, who calls himself, "The true bread, that sources eternal life."

I will mention an instance, copied from my memorandum book, "An intelligent young man whom I met some weeks ago, acknowledged that he was unsaved. I earnestly urged him to give himself to Christ and assured him a cordial welcome. To-day I met him at his home and asked, 'How are you getting on?' His answer was 'trying to do better.' 'Have you found Christ?' I asked. With a cheery look he answered, 'Yes. He had knelt in his room, as I had suggested to him, and had met his Saviour. I have twice seen him lately, joined with him in prayer and praise, and left him some tracts which I have found to be useful in my work.'

Another case was that of a widow whom I met in deep trouble on the sudden death of her husband, with no provision for the future. The children to be provided for, and her own health poor, the outlook was indeed dark. Soon the facts became known and help secured. But there was still a great lack. She had not yet learned fully to trust and confess her Saviour, but said, "she would like to be a true Christian." I tried to show her the love and privilege of prayer in the home, but making no progress. A few months later I met her bright little daughter, whose eyes fairly sparkled with joy as she said, "Mother reads to us nice stories from the Bible, and we have family prayer every day, either at night or in the morning."

The mother, now a Christian, can see the hand of God in the supplies sent her in times of need.

I met a disappointed young soldier in our General Hospital some time ago. He had served in the war in South Africa, and returned in safety to his Canadian home. He again crossed the Atlantic ocean, to witness the coronation of the king, but the coronation was postponed and he returned disappointed. Soon after he met with a railway accident, he fell and was badly bruised and a limb had to be amputated. His reply to my congratulation that his life had been spared, showed that the brave soldier was now despondent. "It might have been as well," he said, "if it had not been spared." I felt thankful that I had God's own word from which to bring him some ray of hope and comfort. No other book could supply his want. On its authority I could and did assure him "that God values human life, and wishes us to make the very best possible use of it in His service—that whatever might be the disappointments of the earthly campaign, there can be no disappointment at the last."

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Every soldier of Christ shall see the coronation of his King, and shall himself receive a crown of glory that can never fade away. These views seemed to cheer the young soldier, and it is hoped, helped him to see that a true life, with such possibilities and missions, is "well worth living."

Returning from my work on Sabbath afternoons, I often met groups of boys at their sports on the common. I gave them some kindly advice on "Sabbath observance," on the dangers of the poisonous cigarette and liquor, the importance of attending Sabbath school and church, shunning bad company, and building up pure and noble character. They usually listen with attention and respect, and seem pleased with the good reading I give them. Should not church and state everywhere join hands to banish the saloon and the cigarette, and save the boys, who are the nation's most precious possession?

Anyone who doubts whether the saloon and the bar should be wiped out, can have his doubts removed by spending a few months in mission work, in any of our cities, witnessing, as I have done, scenes like this: A mother with an infant in her arms, and a number of half-naked children around her, one of them not merely crying, but screaming from cold and hunger, no fuel but some pieces of broken boards. The mother said, "there was nothing to eat in the house," I asked, how did you come to be in such a sad condition, have you a husband? She said, "Yes. But what he earns in summer he drinks in winter, and his being round makes it hard for us to get help." Another poor woman lately told me of her long years of care and sorrow, caused by the drink habits of her husband. She said, "I could not have borne it so long, but for help that came to me in answer to prayer. I have offered," she said, "to support myself and my four children, with my own hands, if my husband would only give up the saloon and the drink."

Can we wonder, in view of the suffering that some women are so earnest for the right to vote for the men who are charged with the making and execution of our laws?

Owing to the increased cost of living some are predicting a hard winter for the poor, especially for those of them who through feelings of delicacy suffer in silence. I called the other day on a widow and three young children. A short conversation confirmed what I had suspected, that help was needed. She said, "I will never ask for charity, I would rather die than do so. When I am well, and able to work, I can provide for my family. For a few days I have not been able to work, and my little daughter is out just now to see a friend who told me to let her know if any trouble came. If she succeeds we shall have something to eat before retiring for the night. If not we must wait." I was glad to be able to relieve her present need, and to report the case to some who are always ready to help the deserving. But it is important that the facts be made known, that they may act intelligently and promptly.

The following is a brief summary of work done by your missionaries during the past year. Calls made, 1,258; of these 350 were at sick, reports made, to ministers, committees, etc.; 39; services held or helped, 112; visits to hospital, jail and house of industry, 49. Much good literature was distributed.

Thieves At Work.

Hartington, Dec. 1.—Rev. M. E. Gibson, Cataract, occupied the pulpit here Sunday night. John Botting, at the General Hospital for the past four weeks, is retiring for the night. Cheese making has closed at the factory for this season; the patrons are well pleased with the returns. Thieves entered the house of Milton Clonkey, while the family were absent, and carried off \$30. Residents are complaining of their hen roosts having been robbed. Several loads of feldspar have been shipped from this station. Mrs. B. Babcock and children, Annapoor, are writing at J. Taylor's.

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THE FORECAST

FOR WEATHER DURING DECEMBER

What Rev. Ira R. Hicks Has to Say—There Will be Frequent Changes and Rain and Snow.

The centre of a regular Vulcan storm period falls on the 2nd, the moon being in apogee on the same day. As the month comes in the temperature will be changing to warmer in western parts, the barometer will fall first in the same sections, and from the 2nd to the 4th inclusive, cloudiness, with rain and snow, will pass eastwardly across the country. If you find the weather growing warm and bright east of the storm centre, don't be put off your guard. Keep an eye on your barometer and hygrometer and be ready for the approach of the rain and snow chariots, which are pretty sure to arrive, pressed close on the western flanks by some stiff, boreal winds and big drop in temperature. Any intelligent, impartial observer will see that these weather pulsations, which we call storm periods, are uniform in their periodicity, and that they are attended by a uniform class of phenomena, all of which may be studied down to the point of certainty, so far as the practical results are concerned. If the storms of a given period are a few hours, or a day or so ahead of the normal time, or if they are delayed beyond their ordinary time, the practical man or woman is not going to be disconcerted, by such slight variations. The warm, open weather preceding the storms will not deceive, and the rush of the storm and the cold wave following will not be surprises. Herein is the great value of teaching the industrial millions to familiarize themselves with the habits of the weather, even though it could be proven that our theory concerning the causes of storm and weather is incorrect.

The cold weather sure to follow the first storm period of the month will moderate on and touching the 7th and 8th, the barometer will fall, winds will drop around to southerly, and more rain, turning to snow west and north, will pass eastwardly across the country. On and about the 8th, general rains, with possible lightning and thunder southward, are probable, as on this date the moon passes over the celestial equator, very close to its first quarter. The winter solstice period also sets in at this time. In all reasonable probability, a wide and general cold wave will spread over the country from about the 9th to the 12th.

A regular storm period is central on the 14th, covering the 12th to the 17th. The disturbances of this period will reach a crisis within forty-eight hours of the time of full moon on the 14th, naturally rather rather than before that hour. During this period many very decided winter storms will visit the North Atlantic ocean, making navigation perilous and unpleasant. In fact, a long and severe spell of boreal storms and storminess, especially on the seas and along northern coasts, will set in about this time and continue well through the remainder of the month. Very decided blizzards in the north and west will be very natural on and about the 14th and 15th. Behind these storms look for a very high barometer, with severe winter gales from the north west, and a cold wave that will be felt in varying degrees to the southern coasts.

All through this part of the month continued tendency to winter storms will prevail, but a marked return to storm conditions, with general rain and snow may be expected about the 19th to 21st. On the 21st these reactionary storms will culminate in possible winter thunder, wind and rain, especially in the south, but it will be wise to look for a sudden change of snow, sleet and freezing, as the centre of low barometer works well to the east. Remember that all these phases of storm and change follow close on the heels of each other, all moving from west to east, and no part of the varying disturbances can surprise you. The warmer, "beautiful days," just before the rain or snow will not deceive you, and the rain and snow will put you on the watch for the cold wave behind them.

The last storm period for December and the year 1902 is central on Christmas day, the 25th. Storms of this period may have developed in western sections by the 25th, but central and eastern parts of the country will most likely have fair and moderate weather Christmas day. From about Friday, the 26th, to Monday, the 29th, rain and snow will advance eastwardly across the country, leaving very cold weather behind them over most of the country as the month goes out.

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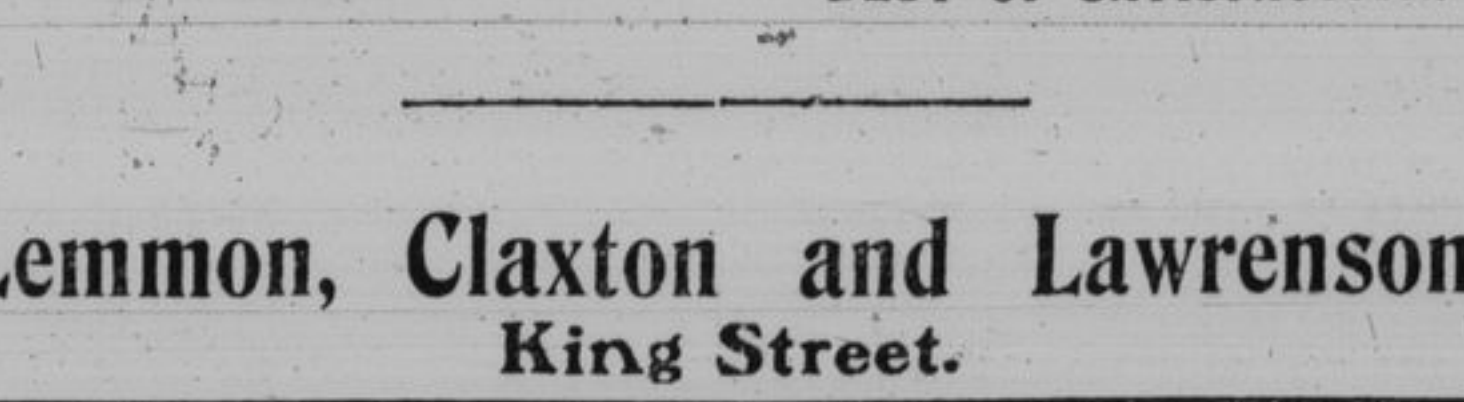
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