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OUR CLUES. The Significance of Rotary and Kiwanis.

As we all know two new clubs have been formed in Kingston recently and have been going along since their formation with ever-increasing vigor and success. The Kiwanis Club was the first of these to arrive, Rotary the second. Neither of these clubs are of the type which excludes the average small-city business man. There are some clubs, very exclusive, where a man may go and read, may spend a short time if his home is closed for any reason, may lunch when it is convenient, or may do one of a large variety of respectable and useful things, but may also get beastly drunk outside the reaches of the law, may gamble away everything down to his cuff links and may lead a fast and useless life in general, or what is more disgusting, if it is not so harmful, may loaf his life away in a very aristocratic manner and still be highly respected.

These two clubs which have come to Kingston lately are of an entirely different order. What they do is open to the eyes of the public. Their aims are all good and they work hard in the attainment. The "old boys" of the city are waked up and encouraged to mix with the younger crowd, to the advantage of both sets. It has been discovered here that the "old boys" do not require much of the waking process and are very quick to recall various ways of having fun, while at the same time their judgment is invaluable in the serious sides of the clubs' work.

Just that by way of a little reference to these clubs. They do not need any defense or recommendation. The point is this: When these clubs were first suggested the cry on all sides was "It could not be done." Yet, in spite of this cry, two or three active spirits, in each case, got together and produced "the impossible." The clubs were formed and are growing more effectual and active every day.

Therein lies a lesson for the city of Kingston. Unless it is learned and the moral followed this town will be in fifty years the same as it is now and has been for some time. Things do not grow without the planting of seeds and the cultivation of the sprouts resulting. This city will not grow if the people continue to sit back and wait for something to happen.

We have a great many churches in Kingston. In fact, it is quite a church town. Undoubtedly that is a very good thing, but it might be a little use, in between this Sunday's service and the one next Sunday, to remember that "Providence helps those who help themselves." It is good to pray for a thing, but one should not then leave the rest to the Almighty. That is laziness and He knows it as well as we do. If everything were to be obtained by the

simple matter of saying a little prayer then this world would be no problem at all. All that would be necessary for obtaining happiness here and hereafter would be a little prayer.

We must work. Whatever is desired it must be worked for. Pray by all means, but pray for the strength to work harder. That kind of prayer produces better results and better for the soul. Those men who formed the Kiwanis and the Rotary did not fold their hands and say: "Lord, send us nice active clubs. Amen." They said: "Lord, we're going after something with both hands and we need a little help." It certainly looks as if their prayers were answered. As those clubs were formed, so must the Kingston of the future be formed. It has been said that Kingston has too much piety. That is not true, as no city could have too much piety. But there certainly has been too much "lazy piety." Get out and boost. Never mind the unemployment, tight money, income tax, or prohibition; boost anyway and if there is something you don't like, beat it with work.

RUMORS AND REALITY

Some Changes Made, Others Suggested and Still Others Merely Rumored. There are several changes being made around the town just at the present time, chiefly in the line of the retail merchants. Here and there a store appears with a new name, another springs into prominence almost overnight with an old name in a new situation and changes progress merrily. Of those that are known, we have the retirement of Warwick Brothers, who have been in business here for many years, as tailors, cleaners and pressers, and the occupation of their stand by D. S. Collier, of Collier's Toggery Shop. Mr. Collier is turning over his gent's furnishing business to F. G. Reeves, of the Club, who will amalgamate his stock with that of the Toggery shop.

This makes two vacancies immediately in the centre of one of the busiest blocks on Princess street, but there are already rumors of occupants for them. One report about town says that the store recently vacated by the E. P. Jenkins Co., is to be occupied by a well-known Toronto man, who will conduct a ladies' ready-to-wear shop there.

Another firm of a different sort, the Rudd Harness and Leather Company, is going out of business on the first of June, as the lease on their premises expires on that date. This firm has conducted a reputable and successful business on Princess street for over twenty years.

These changes, with others which are only rumored as yet, will make quite a difference in the "make-up" of Princess street. People will be watching these stores for signs of new owners and there will prob-

ably be some new blood introduced into local business circles in a short time.

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