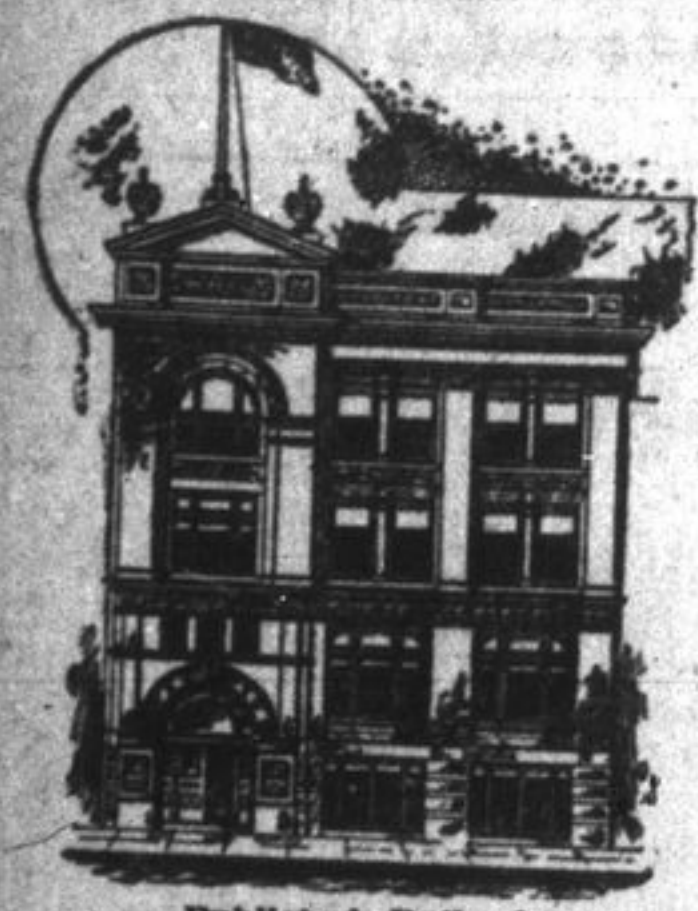


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THE SITUATION IN GREAT
BRITAIN.

There will be grave concern in
Canada over the situation in Great
Britain. We are too far away from
the scene of the conflict to voice an
intelligent opinion as to who is right.
Both sides seem to have able expo-
nents. On the one hand we have
Premier Baldwin and his govern-
ment, a government composed of
some of the ablest statesmen in the
land; on the other hand we have ex-
Premier Ramsay MacDonald and J.
H. Thomas, sane, conservative labor
leaders with deep human sympathies.
All we can do in Canada is to hope
that a spirit of goodwill toward the
dear old Motherland will soon pre-
vail on both sides and that some
compromise will be reached that will
speedily end a situation that is
bound to do irreparable harm if al-
lowed to continue.

KEEP CHILDREN OFF ROADS.

We second Chief Robinson's warn-
ing to children against playing on
the streets. It will be a blessing
when the city playgrounds are ready
for the youngsters, that is, if there
will be any playgrounds. With the
advent of spring hundreds of chil-
dren are turned loose on the streets,
and for that unexplainable reason
that makes kids do what they are
supposed not to do, they use the
road for their playground in prefer-
ence to the sidewalks. Dashing
bitter and thither, on roller skates,
in wagons and on scooters, they're
here, there and everywhere.
It is in the knowledge that no
autoist would intentionally hurt one
of the little ones that a plea is made
to help them out in their desires by
keeping tots off the roads as much
as possible.
Parents who allowed their chil-
dren to use the thoroughfares as
playgrounds, though they might
strenuously argue to the contrary,
could be accused of contributory
negligence if one of their children
got hurt by a car.
It is not with the intention of
clearing the thoroughfares for speed-
ing autoists that this plea is made.
It is to give drivers a fair chance,
and to forestall and prevent the
necessity for vain regrets.

A UNIQUE TRIBUTE.

The *Queph Mercury* in a splendid
editorial remarks on the recognition,
unique and unusual, accorded to the
late William E. Smallfield who died
in *Queph* and was buried at *Ren-
frew*, where he had lived for many
years.
As editor of the *Renfrew Mercury*,
he was known by every person in
that town. His influence was recog-
nized as being for good, and while
all did not always think with him,
all were agreed that he was sincere
and honest in his discussions of men
and politics.
At his funeral the ministers of
four denominations in the town of-
ficiated, and Protestant and Catholic
siks testified to the worth of the
man, who, though being buried from
the Presbyterian United Church, re-
ceived at the same time the testi-
mony of the tolling bell from the
neighboring Catholic Church.
"Such an editor must have been a
good man to have won such univ-
ersal esteem," says the western
paper. "He must have endeavored
always to weigh impartially between
the various interests, to have recog-

BIBLE THOUGHT

THERE IS HE THAT
maketh himself rich, yet
hath nothing; there is he that maketh
himself poor, yet hath great
riches.—Proverbs 13:7.

nized good in all groups and to have
been without bias that would render
narrow any opinion he should ex-
press.
"Editors generally are pilloried by
public criticism, but it is refreshing
to note one here and there who re-
ceives plaudits, kind words and
flowers from every section of the
community, even though these sec-
tions are continually opposed to each
other. It shows that the little good
in all of us is not wholly overlooked
when the final books of life, even
of much maligned editors, have been
balanced and closed."

INFLUENCE OF MUSIC.

The *Montreal Gazette* commends
the splendid words of Mr. Geoffrey
O'Hara on the influence of music as
a deterrent of crime. It thinks Mr.
O'Hara spoke well when he said: "It
would cost more to put away and
keep away Loeb and Leopold than
to provide musical instruction for
three million children; and it has
cost more to put away Harry Thaw
than would provide musical educa-
tion for six million children"—a
number larger than the total of
youngsters in the whole of Canada.
It agrees with the talented speaker
when he pointed out that music
tends to lift the minds of the young-
sters above animal enjoyment and to
strengthen their moral fibre. It also
helps to rescue our feelings from
slavish servitude to the coarse ex-
igencies of material facts. Ruskin,
though not himself a musical artist,
claimed music as one of the most po-
tent of teachers making for perfect
order when of healthful strain and
for deeper depravity and disobedi-
ence if of frivolous and silly type.
Was it not Milton who said that
music might create a soul even un-
der the cold ribs of death? And the
lecturer quoted with approval the
dictum of the great Napoleon, who
maintained that music is the most
liberal of arts and should be given
the earnest consideration of all legis-
lators. If in these troubled times,
the crime-wave amongst the youth
of both sexes has become a menace
to society and an ill augury for the
future of our civilization, it behooves
us to find some way of directing the
surcharged emotions of these young
bloods into wholesome channels. And
it is in this respect musical culture
can be of the utmost service.
To find some counterfoil for this
unbridled and anarchic impulse is
the shortest way to reformation.
Music is a blackboard for the mind,
a sounding-board for the heart. It
appeals to the ear as scenery appeals
to the eye, and, if of good quality,
stirs the best emotions of the soul
into sympathetic action.
It would not be difficult to show
that every great social reform has
been preceded by a new outburst
of poetry and song. They are closely
allied to each other. There is much
force in the adage, "Give me the
songs of a nation, and I care not
who makes its laws." It has been
said that an old harp or violin is
soaked with the soulful hidden pas-
sions of the ages, and there are
songs that have exerted a mightier
influence in shaping the temper of
nations than the mandates of legis-
latures.
It was a mother-song that stirred
the hosts of Israel to patriotic zeal
and a cradle ditty that broke the
bonds of Caesarian power. We call
it the "Magnificat." Who can com-
pute its influence adown the course
of the ages, or, again, the unifying
effect of such strains as—Handel's
"Hallelujah Chorus"?

Music is the language of feeling,
and the one faculty all nations have
in common. We cannot sing or
chorale in a bad temper. We can
only sing when our hearts are glad
and in sympathetic accord. Hence
music everlastingly prefigures the
harmony whereof we are to-day in
search, concludes the *Gazette*, and
to instill young minds with this in-
fluence, to bring them into compani-
onship with this power, is a means
of education which stands second to
none in making for the fine feeling
and friendship, themselves the living
roots of cleaner living and social
righteousness.

REAL SOUND ADVICE.

Sir Esme Howard, British ambas-
sador to Washington, in an address
in Toronto took occasion to say that
he would be sorry to see wealth
made the ideal in Canada. "Rather,"
he said, "let them determine that
truth and righteousness, the only
true foundation of citizenship, be
the aim and purpose of Canadians.
Then with the material prosperity
bound to be theirs and by the bless-
ing of Providence, a great people
would arise worthy of the sturdy
sterling British stock from which
they were descended."

GUTTERS IN THE MIDDLE.

Chicago's board of local improve-
ments has ordered all future con-
struction of street pavements to be
in concave form with a single, mid-
dle gutter instead of convex—as
heretofore with two side gutters.
"To people accustomed to scorning
the middle gutter of the Orient and
of old European cities, this change
on Chicago's part sounds like retro-
gression rather than improvement.

Yet the advocates of the change
bring forward numerous reasons for
it. They say a single gutter is easier
to keep clean than two and that a
single subsurface drain is cheaper
than two. They say the middle-
drained street is more sanitary in all
conditions of weather, more desir-
able from a traffic viewpoint and
less expensive to build than the con-
vex type. It makes for cleaner side-
walks, too.

Initial shock at the idea of a mid-
dle gutter will be relieved by the
realization that such an arrange-
ment in a modern American city will
be very different from the old type
of Europe and the Orient. It will
not be an open sewer, but a properly
constructed and covered drainage
system. Viewed in this light it be-
gins to look like a real improvement.
Anyhow, if Chicago starts it other
communities need adopt it only as
they find it advantageous.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

New York State's St. Lawrence
power plans show that Canada is act-
ing none too soon in clearing the
decks for hydro action in the near
future.

We don't believe that the people
of Canada will agree, says the *Win-
nipeg Free Press*, that any industry
has a prescriptive right to a 35 per
cent. duty on its product.

The investment in automobiles
and busses in the United States ex-
ceeds that of the railroads now. The
annual transportation bill on high-
ways is twice that of railroads.

It is gratifying to note Canada's
willingness to lower her tariff bar-
riers, exclaims the *New York World*,
at a time when our own tariff policy
embodies the quintessence of self-
ishness.

Statistics on the destruction of
American hotels and kindred occu-
pancies show that upwards of fifteen
are visited, more or less disastrously,
by the flames every twenty-four
hours.

The country over shows business
to be good in spots and poor in spots,
with the general result pretty good,
except in the minds of timid folks
and confirmed pessimists. Cheer up,
Don't let the weather depress you!

Real spring weather, bringing a
wave of health along with the nor-
mal burst of energy and confidence
that come at this season of the year,
should soon show a much brighter
situation in business areas.

British school marmes are agitat-
ing for more pay. They want equal
financial recognition with the men
when the same work is performed,
but the traditions of Old England in
this direction will be hard to over-
come.

It is heartening news, cynically ex-
claims the *Brantford Expositor*, to
hear that the debate on the budget
at Ottawa is likely to last for about
four weeks. This will remove the
haunting apprehension that the talk
crop there had been injured by the
backward spring.

Five years ago the United States
spent twelve billion dollars on travel.
This year the cost of gadding by
family motor car, community bus or
limited train will run to twenty bil-
lions. Back in 1900 it was thought
travel had reached a pretty high
peak when the country took a billion
dollars worth of jaunts.

Major Hume Crosby, K.C., former
M.P., of London, Ont., advocates the
establishment of cooking plants
in central cities for the converting
of Nova Scotia slack into domestic
coal. Also that the federal govern-
ment grant a subsidy for each ton
of Nova Scotia coal, sold to Mont-
real and points west, and for each
ton of Alberta coal sold east of Win-
nipeg.

The Toronto Transportation Com-
mission got 350 of its tickets from
the Detroit radicals and asking for a
cheque for them. The T.T.C. is not
likely to redeem them. Other rail-
ways do not guarantee to do the
same, and alien tickets dropped in
the Toronto fare boxes are not sorted
out so that no such demand is
made on other outside railways.
Many T.T.C. tickets received by out-
side systems are detected by conduc-
tors, and a proper ticket is demand-
ed, so that the 350 tickets may not
represent actual loss in fares.

LOOKING
AROUND

Rev. Dr. W. G. Jordan, who is re-
tiring from the staff of Queen's
Theological College, is one of the
best Old Testament scholars on this
continent. His books are widely read
and are of interest to the layman as
well as the cleric. When in his
prime, Dr. Jordan was one of the
most brilliant preachers of the Cana-
dian Presbyterian church. At seven-
ty-four he is still a splendid teacher
of students and an interesting and
instructive preacher. It is to be
hoped he will remain with the uni-
versity here as professor of Hebrew
language and literature.

Queen's University has passed an-
other milestone in its history, it be-
ing eighty-five years since it received
a royal charter from the late Queen
Victoria, four years after she as-
cended the throne of Great Britain.
The completion of eighty-five years
is marked by the greatest endow-
ment effort made on its behalf, al-
though the endowment campaigns of
the seventies and eighties were most
vigorous, as the very existence of the
university was then threatened.

The ordinary man understands
that the word "sabbath" means
"rest day," and whether that day is
on Saturday or Sunday does not mat-
ter to the great majority. As the
present Sunday was chosen for the
weekly rest day, we will have to be
content with it. What would be
more satisfactory would be the mak-
ing of a fixed Easter week, instead of
the present fixture by means of the
moon.

Attorney-General Nickle is one of
the most careful of automobile driv-
ers and if ever he gets into trouble
he can secure many witnesses to
swear that. His friends cannot get
a nod from him as he drives along
the streets as his eyes are always
looking ahead, guarding against
trouble. Mr. Nickle is spending these
days in Kingston attending Queen's
University meetings, and is no doubt
glad to be again in his native city
and freed of the strenuous political
life in Toronto.

Perhaps the people who failed to
put their clocks and watches ahead
an hour on Saturday night might
blame the civic authorities for not
issuing a proclamation for a week
before the change. The *Ottawa*
newspapers contained a large pro-
clamation by Mayor Balharrrie from
April 22nd until May 1st warning
the people of the Capital that day-
light saving would go into effect on
Sunday morning, May 2nd. One
failed to find any civic proclamation
in the Kingston newspapers, which
however, were kind enough to give
the people a warning on their own
account.

The passing of Rev. Dr. James
Lawson at Ottawa removes an old
friend of the Whig and a frequent
contributor to its columns. Dr. Law-
son was an excellent hymn writer
and also a composer of music. Once
the writer engaged him in contro-
versy over the music set to a certain
hymn (a dirge being set for a hymn
of adoration), and some interesting
points about hymn writing and
music were brought out. Dr. Law-
son served his day and generation
well.

Another good friend has departed
in Harry W. Newman, who took
years from his life through the
earnestness with which he entered
into all activities, whether it was
business, municipal, church, fraternal
or sporting affairs. Harry New-
man always played a strenuous
"game," whether it was on the bow-
ling green, the curling ice, in the
municipal council or the Sunday
school. He worked to help others,
and he got the very best out of life.
In the midst of heavy business duties
he would attend a public utilities
meeting or take a train to a place
fifty or sixty miles away to help out
his bowling team. He might have
lived ten years longer by slowing up
a few years ago, but he couldn't.
Harry Newman will long be remem-
bered as one of the kindest, most
charitable and unselfish of men.
Would that Kingston had more like
him.

They Have Them, Too.
Visitor: I should think by the
look of things that this is a pretty
dead place.
Native: Oh, no, it's lively for its
size—why, it's not two weeks since
we had an eclipse of the moon—
Passing Show.

Her Fears.
Helene—Is Marion going to send
her sweetheart a valentine?
Terice—No; you see, her sweet-
heart's an editor and absent-minded,
and she's afraid he'll return it with
a rejection slip.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

BY W. L. GORDON

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Say "my sons-in-law," not "my son-
in-laws."
OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: retail. Accent the verb on last
syllable, the noun and adjective on first syllable.
OFTEN MISPELLED: besiege. Note the ie.
SYNONYMS: large, great, gigantic, immense, massive, vast, ex-
tensive, enormous, bulky.
WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us
increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. To-
day's word: INSISTENCE; the act of demanding with persistence.
"The insistence of the people required quick action."

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