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Letters to the Editor are published mly over the actual name of

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD.

that proposes the erection of a himself to be unreliable-partly bemonument to Sir John A. Macdonald cause he did not know himself where at the place of his birth, which it he was going-the premier asks that intimates was on the shore of Hay complete trust be reposed in him. Bay, three miles from Adolphusable on the part of a French-Canadian journal, but for our good Conservative editorial friends in Ontario to make their wants known by plebito write about Hay Bay being Sir scite or referendum; he did not like John's birthplace shows that they the results of the last one. At preare not close, students of the bi- sent, besides performing the duties ography of the great Canadian states of the premiership, he is directing man. Sir John was born on the 4th the affairs of two departments and of January, 1815, in Glasgow, Scot- might as well take on others. And. land, and came to Canada with his manifestly, if seven ridings can get parents in 1820. The family settled along for the best part of a year in Kingston for some time, and then without the assistance of elected removed to Hay Bay, but returned to presentatives there is no reason why Kingston in 1836. Although John A. Macdonald received no college education, he studied law and was called to the bar when twenty-one years of age (1836), and his son Hugh John, who is still police magisbar at the age of twenty, according to his biographer. It is to be noted that Sir John died at the age of seventy-six and that Sir Hugh John, his son, last March attained that same age.

To-morrow is the thirty-fifth anniversary of the death of the great statesman, and Liberals as well as less years. And it begins to look as Conservative newspapers do well to if the fellow knew what he was talkrecall to the memory of those who ing about. There are exceptions, of lived in the strenuous political times | course-certain sections of the counbefore 1891 and those born since the try where it is warm most of the great work Sir John A. Macdonald year anyway. But the most of the did for his country, particularly in inhabitants of these parts have exbringing about the confederation of perienced a spring where furnac the Canadian provinces. Sir John fires were the rule rather than the was the Confederation premier, and exception, and northern beaches are his far-sightedness in the momen- still waiting for the rush of swimtous years prior to 1867 marked him mers.

There is no need to erect a monu- petual slaves to the overcoat? ment to Sir John at Hay Bey, where Heaven forbid-and yet, we're be he lived for a while, anymore than ginning to get worried. there is of rearing one at the old stone house down on Rideau street. Kingeton, in which the Macdonald family lived. There are monuments to Sir John in many places, including one here, but two of the best National Anthem which still has a ones that could be established in his place in denominational hymnals and memory would be the endowment of in school text books in England. a chair in Queen's University, King- being vigorously attacked there and Dominion Day a Canadian Day, or ston, his old home and constituency. Its elimination urged. The vers or the erection of a hosbital for the reads: healing of the sick; and on national "O Lord our God arise, scatter our the land. This is a sorry state of afoccasions it would be well to tell to the young the memorable words he wrote in his election appeal only a few months before he died, so that they will always remember his intense patriotism; "A British subject I was born; a British subject I will die."

United States led by Mr. William H. Hays is endeavoring to raise \$15 .-000,000 to establish a fund for the just now falling to do as much as payment of pensions to its ministers. Mr. Hays is convinced that adequate salaries and assurance of retirement pensions will go a long way in stimulating religious activities. Because of the low salaries paid outside of the cities, it is found difficult to seter the ministry; the church is suffering from this lack of pastors. Ministers are human; they know that their life is one of sacrifice, and yet they feel they should be entitled to worldly compensation which will enable them to live in comfort and enloy some of the luxuries of life. Pre-

BIBLE THOUGHT

LET YOUR SPEECH BE ALWAYS WITH GRACE with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every

paration for the ministry involved several years spent in acquiring the necessary education, and this in itself represents a considerable monetary expenditure. It is not fair to seek young men to spend from four to six years in preparing themselves for the ministry and then offer them a salary comparable with the wage of an unskilled laborer.

It is the aim of every person to lay aside something for the future and old age. This is impossible in the ministry. The next best thing is to provide for a pension system. Call it adjusted compensation if you will. It is practically impossible for the average minister to lay aside a sum which will care for him in his declining years. The church owes it to these faithful servants to provide for the future.

The same lack of monetary appreciation of the work of the clergy is felt in Canada and it would be a good thing if some attention was paid to the matter by various denominations.

AFRAID TO COMMIT HIMSELF.

The Toronto Star points out that the reason for the delay in filling the vacant legislative seats is the same as that for not appointing a minister of lands and forests in place of Hon. Mr. Lyons. The premier does not western provinces. In other reswant to commit himself at this stage pects it seems that the question of to either a wet or a dry policy, and rural credits deserves to be studied he is afraid to go to the people, with the greatest sympathy, but not either in by-elections or in a general before we have disposed of the false election, until he can announce a de- and fallacious idea that we should cision. So he keeps on stalling and increase his opportunities of rundisappointing both friends and foes. ning into debt by improvident bor-Having vacillated and procrastinat- rowing from credit institutions, ed, boxed the compass, turned back- backed up by the federal treasury. La Patrie is another newspaper somersaults, and generally shown

Seemingly it is a dictatorship that Mr. Ferguson would like to establish. He has frequently intimated that he will not ask the people again they cannot get along all the time in that way-they and all other ridings-and just trust Ferguson

The premier may cherish ideas that kind. But he should remember that a weak dictatorship is one the worst forms of government and that Anglo-Saxon people never take kindly to dictatorships.

WEATHER.

The years 1926 and 1927, it was prophesied some time ago by a meterological expert, are to be summer

Can it be true? Are we to be per-

THE "HATE" VERSES.

Make them to fall. Confound their politics; frustrate

their knavish tricks. On Thee our hopes we fix.

tions, (1) the lines are merely dog- to emulate another brand of pickling gerel and (2) they offend the senti- variety, suggests the Brantford Exment of the present day.

Another writer suggests, possibly, with the worrisome incidents cor The Presbyterian Church of the nected with the coal dispute and the recent general strike in mind, that the subjects of Their Majesties are they might to promote the happiness of the royal birthdays, and wonders whether the verse in question, considered at present suitable for school instruction, might not pardonably be

attered from the throne itself. The "hate verse" has of recent years been eliminated from many of the denominational hymnals of Canadian churches. In any case we are fain to admit very few in Canada ever sing the verses through, and in many instances our people know nothing more of the anthem than the first verse and if the second verse attempted the majority can only hum the tune. But the loyalty of the people to the Throne is not black-bluish body measuring from The final outcome in most cases is doubted if they cannot sing the nathree to four inches in length, with undecided, one fighting to kill with tional prayer. We cannot get beyond wings a deep orange red measuring the bite, the other with the sting. the chorus even of "O Canada"

Cadet training does no harm, It weed. does much good.

BY W. L. GORDON

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "where have they gone to ?" Omit "to."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: docile. Pronounce the o as in "of." or as in "no."

OFTEN MISSPELLED: restaurant. SYNONYMS: anxiety, concern, solicitude, care, vigilance, attention, worry, watchfulness.

WORD STUDY: "Use a word three time and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. To-day's word: VERNAL; belonging to spring. "The vernal days have given way to summer."

RURAL CREDITS.

With the exception of a few particular instances, it is correct to suppose that in reality the farmer has often suffered in the past more from an abuse of credit facilities than from a deficiency of them. It is almost always in consequence of this indebtedness to a degree ceeding his normal capacity, says the Montreal LaPresse, that the farmer has suffered in our country. more precise, particularly so in the

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The old-fashioned farmer's conception of farm relief was four five husky sons.

It has been made an offence to jay-walk at Edmonton. Which is going to be hard on the local jays.

Let autoists practice common dinper table politeness back of the steering wheel and help save thousands

said he kept a stock of liquor to give to his cows when they were sick. Probably had hay fever.

"East and west must pull together." says Lady Byng. Absolutely. But they must not make it a tug-ofwar, comments the Winnipeg Free

The inquiry into the grievance of the Maritime Provinces will begin in June, it is announced. But does anybody in this country have grievances in June?

Canada will celebrate her next birthday by returning formally to the gold standard, but the paper Canadian dollar came back without waiting for it.

"No man can play golf on Sunday and expect his children to go to church," says Prof. Kerr. But would Tit-Bits. they go if he didn't play or if he spent the day in bed?

A truism for parents: Better let the children play on the grass, though the lawn be spoiled, than on the roadways where their lives are in imminent danger always.

Principal R. Bruce Taylor, enunclates this aphorism: "Honesty and thoroughness in work is demanded today, and remember, what you get in this world worth while is what you have to toil for desperately."

Canadian Clubs, as a whole, have done and are doing nothing to make any other kind of a Day at all. The clubs are near stagnation all over

A man has been arrested in Philadelphia who is accused of having married, in his time, fifty-seven wo-A school teacher has two objec- men. He has evidently been trying

> Where were the speed cops when Peter Smith and the newspaper followers burned up the roads at the speed of forty to seventy miles an | you've got to do to make your? The papers publish the evi- happy is to forget the tune."

This interesting insect, with a fierce.

It feeds entirely on this weed. If devour the wasp.

from four to six inches from tip to | If the taraptula killer is success-

tip, flies over the fields and pas ful, it will drag the spider to its

tures, lighting only on the milk nest, which is a hole in the ground.

dence that should convict them. Let

Hon. George P. Graham, as chairman of the Tariff Board, has the right idea when he announces that the board is to be an open forum.

the law be enforced.

It is interesting news to hear that the British coal strike is likely to soon end. The operators and operatives evidently think the industry has been long enough idle. The world is growing accustomed to substitutes and the coal trade is feeling the effects.

Recommendations for improvements in the organization of the civil service have been made by the Civil Service Commission. The abolition of the Commission would be the greatest improvement and eught to be the first, remarks the Montreal Gazette.

SUNDAY THOUGHT.

These Things Never Die.

impulses to wordless pray-

The longings after some-The spirit's yearning cry. The strivings after better 4

These things can never die. A gentleman in British Columbia . The timid hand stretched forth

> A brother in his need, kindly word in grief's dark

That proves a friend indeed:

When justice threatens high. These things shall never +

-Charles Dickens.

Wit and Humor

A Compliment. He: You look very betautiful to-

He: Really; I had to look twice I recognized you.-London

No Wonder. "I'm going to give you this violin." An out-and-out gift? "Absolutely. No strings to it!"-

As Usual.

"What, another row with your wife? What's the trouble this time?" "The same old thing-she's right and I don't agree with her."-Life.

Fears Confirmed. Isobel: No, father, I won't need any clothes this summer. Father: Ye gods! I was afraid it would come to that!--Life

She: I can't see the stage very well

He: Use your opera glasses She: I can't. I forgot to wear my

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ant: But there's no war. scruit: I know, I meant duration

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