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THE LATEST CATECHISM.

For the Edification of the Victoria Voter.

Q—Who is Mr. Bodwell, K. C.?

A—Mr. Bodwell, K. C., has been a very successful corporation lawyer.

Q—What is a corporation lawyer?

A—Generally speaking, one who is hired by monopolists to obtain public resources for less than their value.

Q—How is this done?

A—A lawyer of the greatest influence in the dominant party, that it is possible to obtain, is hired. He uses his influence with his party, deludes the mass of the people by catch phrases, forms political combinations and plots, subsidizes the press, sends deputations to parliament, etc., to obtain the prize, popularity called graft, that the company desires at the least possible cost or conditions.

Q—Has Mr. Bodwell, K. C., any political history by which we can interpret his position?

A—Mr. Bodwell, K. C., originally supported what was called the Laurier Government. But when this government refused the demands of the British Pacific Promoters, Mr. Bodwell, K. C., changed his political allegiance. When the Semlin Government were considering the abrogation of the V. V. & E., charter, it is publicly charged by Mr. Martin that Mr. Bodwell sent a threatening letter to influence the action of the government. When Mr. Martin became premier Mr. Bodwell urged, as against Mr. Martin's policy, that the C. P. R., needed no competition to induce them to deal fairly by us, that their own large interests would lead them to do so. But failing to coerce Premier Dunsmuir into handing over public resources without adequate protection to public interests, Mr. Bodwell, having in the meantime changed his employer, now tells us the C. P. R., is an octopus which seeks to enclose the province in its grasp and hold it at its mercy, that it must be fought and that we must create another octopus to do the fighting.

Q—But is not Mr. Bodwell a Liberal?

A—He claims to be such, except upon such occasions as he deems the application of Liberal principles to be inexpedient.

PUBLIC INTEREST.

Victoria, B. C., Jan., 27th, 1902.

The Charges Against The Army.

The "Daily Telegraph" has received from their correspondents in the leading foreign capitals a number of telegrams reflecting the opinion current in in those cities with respect to the foul aspersions which have been cast upon the honor of the British army and the dignified and simple assertion of Lord Roberts that they are "absolutely without foundation."

These messages tend to show what need never have been doubted (remarks the "Daily Telegraph")—that such monstrous stories have not received the slightest credence among those who are acquainted with England and her people, and especially among those who know the British officer and private soldier. In New York and Washington they are regarded as a slander not alone upon England but upon the entire Anglo-Saxon race. In Rome the Italian military attaches who have shared the campaigns of the British army in Egypt and South Africa declare that such stories are unthinkable, while in Vienna the Austrian Captain Von Trimmel, who has recently returned from an official mission to South Africa, has just publicly declared that the war has been conducted in the humanest manner possible on the British side, and that the exemplary conduct of the troops deserves the fullest recognition.

Don't stand that crazy clock any longer. Take it to Lively's clock hospital and have it permanently cured.

Considerable disappointment was expressed by local Scots at the failure of somebody or other to get up a Burns supper, dance or celebration of some sort for them on Saturday night. Disappointment will just have to be "choked" by the majority until the majority see their way to taking a share of the interest and the hard work that are taken and done by the very small minority. This notion of leaving it all to one or two enthusiastic members to arrange everything and then the crowd go and eat all the good things, without offering to do a hand's turn to help in some way, is about played out in Ladysmith. The people to blame are those who have failed to do anything at all in the matter, not those who have bestirred themselves even a little.

FLOODING NO. 2.

Water Started Into the Mine on Monday Morning.

After a thorough inspection of the bulkhead which has been built in the tunnel quarter of a mile from the entrance to No. 2 slope, Extension, and everything being found right, the water from the swamp above the opening of No. 2 slope was turned into the big flume on Monday morning, and began filling up the mine. It will be kept running night and day till the mine is filled.

The stopping in the tunnel was completed Sunday at noon, after which Mr. J. Taggart, foreman of the work, examined it carefully. The stopping is thirty feet wide at the outside radius, and twelve feet high. It contains 34,400 feet of timber, will stand a pressure of 130 pounds to the square inch, or 3,369 tons.

The mines will contain, it is roughly estimated, about fifty million gallons of water, and with ordinary weather it will take two months for this quantity of water to run into the mine, and almost the same time for it to run out through the pipe in the stopping in the tunnel.

By this calculation it will be the end of May at the soonest before No. 2 will be wholly cleared of water, but work will be started in the upper levels long before that, and gradually increase as the water falls.

Golden Advice.

Stand by your local paper, for it is by this medium that our resources and industries will be made known to the outside world. Nearly two thirds of our readers are outside of this district therefore our resources are widely advertised, not only by the Era direct but through our exchanges who copy any articles of interest pertaining to our natural resources and industries.—Golden, B. C. Era.

B.C. MINING NEWS

The strike on the Ottawa, near Slocan City, is widening, and now shows five feet of ore in the face of the drift.

Conductor Ogilvie intends starting active development work in the spring on the Cleveland group on Isaac creek, in which he is interested.

A mining paper says Butte is producing copper at less than eight cents a pound and could therefore sell at 12 cents with a profit of 50 per cent.

The Northwest Development Syndicate will build a bridge over Fish Creek to connect the Oyster and Camborne properties being developed by the company.

The plant for the Vulcan smelter to be established at Ferguson by the Lardeau Smelting and Refining Company, organized by C. W. McCrossan, was cleared through the custom house at Revelstoke, Friday, by J. W. Bennet and will be shipped in as soon as possible.

N. Abrahamson, of Trout Lake, informs us that the C. P. R. warehouse there is filled with ore from the Silver Cup, there being 200 tons now stored there. Three or four teams are steadily employed in hauling ore from the Cup. Two teams are also steadily employed in hauling ore from the Nettie L.

We have seen samples of the Big Bend mica from the Potlatch claim, which is one of the group of 12 claims purchased by Messrs McCarter and associates. This mica has been trimmed to sheets of 5x7 inches whereas sheets cutting 4x4 make a valuable size for commercial purposes.

Next Saturday The Leader will publish an article specially written for this paper by Mr. Bernard MacEvoy of the Toronto Mail & Empire. It is entitled "Comic Cartoons," and is exceedingly interesting and entertaining.

Mr. May, of Nanaimo, has just put in at the Abbotsford Hotel a bar-top of primavera wood which is a perfect picture to look at. The wood was used for the interior finish of the sumptuous palace car specially built by the C.P.R., for the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York on their tour through Canada. Mr. McMurtrie is to be congratulated on this elegant accessory to the attractions of his house.

ONE MORE FABRICATION.

Nanaimo Herald's Latest Slander Effectively Refuted.

Last Sunday Nanaimo Herald published a story to the effect that notices had been posted at all the pit heads in Extension notifying the men that only Ladysmith men were to be employed henceforth. As there is only one pithead in the Extensions at present the use of the word "all" seems to prove that the article was intended to deceive the general public, as well as to work up trouble amongst the men.

The Leader has made the most careful enquiries at Extension and can assure the public and all interested that there is not even a shadow of truth in the statement made by the Herald. The only notices posted at the tunnel and No. 1 pithead were to the effect that, in the one case, no men would be hired there, they must apply at the office; in the other notifying the men regarding some technical alteration in the working of the mine, but nothing at all to do with the engagement of the men.

Some persons might be puzzled to understand what a paper meant by publishing such stupid falsehoods, but there is no mystery about it to those who have watched the Herald's course. That paper is following out a policy in which the maxim: "the public is an ass" is fundamental principle. From half truths it is now venturing on deliberate falsehoods. It is an easy public to gull that from which the Herald draws its support.

Success In Life.

No proverb is truer than "nothing succeeds like success." For one man that is stimulated to endeavor by repeated failures, a score are crushed by them. When all is said, we have to look to success, steady quiet success, as the greatest stimulant and the greatest factor in success.

It is essential to a man who would be successful that he should have self-esteem. This is, we know, a quality which is apt to be looked upon with some degree of suspicion. But that is because it is too often applied to those who value themselves above their merits. And yet of the two errors, that of under-estimating one's capabilities is the more disastrous.

A man who would get on must be able to hold his head up, and in order to hold his head up he must have success. If he has failed again and again—from no fault of his own, he may say, though the cause is perhaps not difficult to detect—he begins to fear to look the world full in the face. He feels his shame, and suspects that others feel it too.

He may desire work, and may feel himself fully capable of undertaking it; but how is he to convince those who have the work to give of his ability? Of what avail is it for him to state his good qualities and his capabilities, even though he speak the truth, when facts seem to disprove what he says? Being down, he must suffer the indignities of those who are down.

But let such a man suddenly step, by a stroke of good luck, into a position of trust and responsibility. Are not all the onlookers ready to swear that they have all along believed in his ability? He has set his foot upon the ladder again. His old self-confidence, of which he has so long been robbed, is restored to him, and he holds up his head with the best.

Truly success breeds success, and your virtues or weaknesses are measured by your success or failure—a rough-and-ready method, but ordinarily the best available. Life becomes a new thing when you are going up in the world. It is not ignoble to desire to be a person of some importance. It has its drawbacks, but its legitimate advantages are greater. What delight is there to be compared with that of going steadily up hill in your professional or business career?

Though, no doubt, with a free choice you would not select it, there is more fascination in having an income of a thousand dollars a year, which is progressive and offers you an almost unlimited future to be aimed at, than in having one of four thousand dollars, which you know is to be stationary and permanent. If you are not spoiled by success, it is good above all things to be a successful man.

Oxygen Not Required.

In the absence of oxygen, the higher plants are found by A. Nabokich to continue their growth, and they are still sensitive to irritations, but they do not form chlorophyl. It is believed that some seeds would germinate without oxygen, but the spores of fungi appear unable to do so.

DOUGLAS FIR.

Extraordinary Tests Withstood by British Columbia Timber.

The January issue of the Pacific Lumber Trade Journal contains much information concerning the timber and timber trade of the Northwest that will be interesting reading, not only to those directly engaged in that trade, but also to the general public. Among other articles is one the subject of which is some recent strength tests of the Northwest Douglas fir, recently made in London for a British Columbia firm. The strength shown by the fir beams seems almost incredible. Says the Journal:

"Builders are familiar with the fact that Douglas fir is among the strongest woods in the world, but figures such as have been prepared for the British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading Company, of Vancouver are of especial value to those interested in the subject. This company sent five fir logs to the testing and experimental works of David Kirkaldy and Son, of London, England, to be subjected to the severest bending and thrusting tests, and full data to be returned. The results show in detail that fir is in every respect satisfactory to those who have always insisted that it was one of the best varieties of wood.

"The specimens given the bending test were 12x15 and 16 inches in dimensions, cut to a length of 18½ feet, with a distance of 12 feet between the supports, and the load applied at the center. The mean total stress in pounds and deflection in inches are shown in the following table:

The weights rose in regular gradations from 10,000 lbs. with a deflection of .065 inch up to 78,000 lbs. with a deflection of 1.203. Only three pieces received the last named strain.

"The ultimate weight borne by the pieces was 78,714 pounds or 35.1 tons, which was equivalent upon the beam of 93,162 pounds, or 41. 6 tons. The timbers were bent to a deflection of five inches and removed.

"Those tested to ascertain the resistance to depression were 12x12 and 100 inches long, with the ends faced true in a lathe.

The weights began at 40,000 lbs. with a depression of .027, and rose steadily by 20,000 lbs. at a time to the enormous weight of 500,000 lbs., these pieces being subjected to this pressure and showing only a depression of .238, and of 560,000 lbs. of .267.

"The average ultimate strain of the five pieces before they were crushed was 531,656 pounds, or 3,680 pounds to the square inch, although two of the pieces withstood a stress of more than 4,000 pounds to the square inch."

Extension

Mr. William Toser left Extension last Thursday evening for Kootenay, where he intends working a quartz mine.

Hon. James Dunsmuir visited Extension Saturday, inspected things in general and seemed well satisfied.

Mr. Crawford Thompson intends moving to Alberta in the Spring.

On Friday the mail was delayed until 5.30 p. m., owing to a break down on the stage. We did not receive Thursday's mail until Friday evening. The people of Extension think better mail arrangements could be made.

Kipling's Trumpet Blast.

When Mr. Rudyard Kipling delivered his message to the people of Great Britain at the close of the Diamond Jubilee demonstrations, it was received with instant favour. "The Recessional" was not a great poem—was not poetry at all in the high sense—yet it was good rhetorical verse, and its combination of patriotism, complacency, and a certain hymn-book snuffle of humility, tended to make it very popular. No such cheap elements of popularity are discoverable in the new message delivered in "The Times" on Saturday. Whether this latest poem of "The Islanders" is or is not great poetry need not be here discussed; what is abundantly clear is the fact that it is a most passionate deliverance, shaped with a fearlessness, and barbed with a scorn, which even Mr. Kipling has not hitherto surpassed. That it will provoke heated criticism, and invoke a widespread wrathfulness, is equally clear. Never has the British public had its self-complacency so bitterly scorned; never have the little gods of our popular idolatry been so ruthlessly crucified.—Glasgow Evening News.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1902.

PRETTY KETTLE O' FISH.

While Dr. McKechnie was president of the Independent Labor Party of Nanaimo, he became a party to a "deal" whereby he will make quarter of a million dollars. Dr. McKechnie, the representative of white labor, actually opposed the insertion of an anti-Chinese clause in the Pulp Bill, for the reason that he was afraid that the Dominion Government would disallow that bill if such a clause were placed in it.

This reason and assertion Mr. Hawthornthwaite characterises as an "absurd falsehood" and a "silly yarn." Had he known that the Doctor would make quarter of a million dollars out of this transaction, as a reward for his deliberate deception of the Labor party, Mr. Hawthornthwaite would have blocked the bill. Hawthornthwaite denounces the affair as a "dirty deal." There is not a doubt that it was, so far as Dr. McKechnie's connection with it is concerned, It was treacherous to betray the Labor party in the way that he did.

Here is another statement of Mr. Hawthornthwaite's that shews Dr. McKechnie in most unenviable colors. When Mr. Hawthornthwaite warned the Doctor that he intended to attack the Doctor as president of the Labor party, Dr. McKechnie offered to resign and retire into private life—with, of course, the cool quarter million won by his perfidy and dishonor. Mr. Hawthornthwaite then calls attention to Dr. Kechnie's boast in his election address regarding his political integrity, that the electors should "paste his remarks thereon in their hats for future reference." This is the man who sells the Labor Party on the chance of making quarter of a million dollars. The Nanaimo Labor party has been unfortunate in its choice of leaders except as to Mr. Hawthornthwaite, who deserves the thanks of the citizens for exposing the shocking dishonesty and, we might go farther and call it the rascality, of the two men who, with their press organ, are trying to drive Mr. Hawthornthwaite out of public life.

If the Nanaimo Labor party retains in its ranks those persons after this terrible exposure it will lose the sympathy of the province. The admissions of Smith and McKechnie are sufficient to show that they are posing on the wrong pedestals; they should be placed where they belong—amongst the capitalists and their followers. The only man who comes out of this melee with clean hands and a better record than ever is Mr. Hawthornthwaite. He promises to give his enemies some gentle exercise to pass the time before he himself passes in his political checks, and we have no doubt he will.

We shall look forward with liveliest anticipations to more of those confessions from the diary of a young politician, and if Mr. Hawthornthwaite fetch The Leader a shrewd knoit on the costard we shall take a hand in the scrimmage with ill-disguised glee.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

As showing at once the generosity and the wealth of London it is reported that the Mansion House War Fund has already reached the enormous sum of six million dollars. Contributions are still pouring in from all quarters of the great city.

Twelve years penal servitude is the punishment meted out to Sergeant-Major Missler of the German army for selling a mobilization plan to a French spy. Not so long ago death would have been the penalty for this offence, and looking at it from a military, and even from a patriotic standpoint, justiy so. When a man will do that sort of thing he is in reality a worse enemy to his country than any foreigner could be.

Russia's big battleship, Retilar, has been trying oil for fuel, with remarkable results. The black smoke trouble was got over; the ship's radius of action was increased fifty per cent.; and the number of stokers was reduced one half. The fuel supply was replenished in two hours, whereas it usually takes a whole day to coal a battleship's bunkers. The British Admiralty have been greatly impressed with those tests. It is even said that coal is already doomed in the Navy.

Snow is decidedly de trop in this part of Canada. "Back East" it may be just the thing, but out here it is an unmitigated nuisance. We are duly sorry for certain complaisant remarks made just before this white horror fell upon the land, to the effect that this winter was passing away as if made to order by human beings who knew what weather should be. Then came the snow and spoiled the homily. We should like to trade off the stuff for a moderate amount of rainy weather.

Kaiser Wilhelm seized a recent opportunity when congratulating a number of the higher officers of the German army to pass merciless criticism upon the murder, duelling and martinet scandals which have agitated that army for some time back. The Kaiser insisted that drinking and duelling amongst the officers, and the maltreatment of the rank and file must be stamped out once and for all. No quarter, he declared, would be shown to any commander who permitted those things. The Emperor said in conclusion:

"I have spoken as a gentleman to gentlemen. I wish my remarks to be received in the friendly spirit in which they were uttered, but my orders in this matter must be obeyed."

Seattle Post-Intelligencer is pleased to remark on the strength of the provincial mineralogist's report, that "British Columbia has a Klondike at home." The report upon which this flattering estimate is based certainly presents comforting reading for British Columbians. The gross output for 1901 is estimated to have been $20,713,000; as compared with that for 1900, which was $16,344,000. Probably ten years hence we shall look back upon those figures with a smile at their insignificance compared with the figures of that coming time.

London Daily News says that Rudyard Kipling seems to have forgotten when slating the "flannelled fools at the wickets, and the muddied oafs at the goal," that other true British sportsman "the sweating ass at the oar." Why not run in something about "The giddy galoot with the golf club," or, "the perspiring prig at his ping pong," or "the hobbling hoboes at hockey." ? All are elegant and equally insulting to ladies and gentlemen who are doing more by their heroic exertions at the golf course, the ping pong board and the athletic field to save the Empire from making an assignment than all the pro-Boers in the country.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mr. Rae's Final Word.

Editor Leader:—The letters on the Coronation Oath last issue were rather disappointing. With Citizen's letter we have nothing to do, however. He is unwilling to risk his name to any statement he makes, and his estimate of himself, although very poor, is a very correct one; and his judgment in withholding his name is better than we might otherwise expect.

Father Verbeke has ability enough to discuss the question at issue if he so chooses; and in refusing to do so he gives just one more instance that his Church is still in the dark ages Where it can not rule by terror and superstition and mysterious rites it will not rule at all. But we live now in the Twentieth Century and we have long ceased to believe anything simply because the Church says so. While the Church can practice any means of teaching within herself she chooses, it ought not to be necessary to say that where an appeal is made to the general public, it must be an appeal to the minds and consciences of the people by argument and reason. But you can't change the leopard of its spots.

Two little flurries were made by him at refutation, and very feeble they were. He tried to show that Protestants denied the possibility of the salvation of Romanists by quoting the Westminster Confession which distinctly admits that they may be saved. "The visible church consists of all those who profess the true religion," and there the Father seems to think the Presbyterians teach that they assert that they and no others have the true religion. But we do nothing of the kind. We know that God never gave man powers to judge ultimately who had the true religion and who had not. God alone looks on the heart. When the Son of Man comes in his glory we shall see who have the true religion. We have not lain hold of powers that only God can have, and asserted that sinful men could use those powers. If Father Verbeke satisfies Christ that he has the true religion in his heart, he will be saved. This is what we teach and believe. Even "Citizen" will have a chance. The Romish Church, however, teaches that there is no possibility of our salvation, and while they have been doing this for ages they complain of our "insults." It is rather late in the day.

It is asserted that the divinity of Mary (Virgin blessed or unblessed, as you please) is implied no more in the words "Mother of God" than "Mother of my Lord." Any Sabbath School pupil will tell you that in the quotation of Elizabeth's words "Lord" refers to Christ. If "Mother of God" and Mother of the Lord can be used interchangably as the Father asserts, why do they not call Mary the Mother of the Lord instead of Mother of God? Mary was the Mother of Jesus and to call her the Mother of God is only a trick to gain for Mary a sanctity she never had.

It is asserted that the past records of Protestants or Catholics have no bearing on the question. It is because of the past records of Catholics that they were dethroned. No doubt they want to blot out the past. It is our duty to profit by the teaching of profane as well as sacred history, and after all the lessons that are so plainly written in history, if the British people ever allow again a Romanist Catholic to ascend the throne they ought to have all the horrors of a second inquisition practiced on them. Two blacks do not make a white, nor twenty blacks do not make a white. The Romanists have blacks enough now to their credit, and it is our intention that so far as the crown is concerned they will get no more on that side of the hedge.

Regarding the oath said to be administered to priests, it is claimed that it was a malicious insinuation. It was no insinuation but a plain statement and was open for denial but none came. If the statement is a false one I will gladly apologise to Father Verbeke and ask forgiveness from one who can forgive for bearing false witness against my neighbor.

If Father Verbeke can argue his case no better than this I feel that the further schooling he kindly recommends for me would be altogether useless for him. His case is hopeless.

I assert again my pleasure in the liberty—civil, political and religious—enjoyed by Roman Catholics, and if any attempt was made to impair their liberty in any particular I would resist it. But when anyone tries to show that Protestants are doing anything else than maintaining the interests of the empire in excluding Romanists from the throne by the Coronation Oath and when they try to prove our King a perjurer I will always be ready to offer some arguments to the contrary.

Mr. Editor, I thank you for your valuable space.

W. A. RAE.

Ladysmith, B.C. Jan. 27th, 1902.

This discussion is now closed—Ed. Leader.

TO "CITIZEN."

Perhaps the following poem would possess some interest for your correspondent "Citizen." I make a present of it to him with my best regards. Yours truly,

W. A. RAE.

Ladysmith, B. C., Jan. 27th, 1902.

The Nameless Writer.

By John Imrie, Toronto, Canada.

An open foe we need not fear,
But watch his tactics far or near,
And make him pay for errors dear,
As suits law's reason,
But "nameless" writers oft get clear,
Though full of treason!

His pen is dipp'd in venom'd gall,
His poison'd darts are sharp and small,
His heart—if one he has at all.—
Is Virtue's slighter,
The meanest coward since the Fall—
The "nameless" writer.

He may be fair before your face,
And seem possess'd of every grace,
Till confidence in him you place,
This hidden smiter;
Infinite wisdom scarce could trace
The "nameless" writer.

He whispers oft where zephyrs blow
An innuendo soft and low,
Some reputation to o'erthrow,
This base backbiter;
With eloquence his phrases flow,
The "nameless" writer!

We surely cannot be to blame,
When such address us without name,
To set their "scribblings" in a flame,
These cowardly fighters!
They play a base, unequal game,
The "nameless" writers!

Modern Educational Methods.

Editor Leader,—I have carefully read the above named article in your last issue, as I do everything I see relating to the work of my profession. It contains some valuable hints which every teacher ought to observe in teaching. But there are one or two statements that ought not to pass unchallenged.

(1.) The heading of the article reads, "Cruelty and Absurdity of Modern Educational Methods," This leads one to believe that the writer condemns the whole of our educational system. I quite agree that "cramming," or forcing upon the mind more than it can grasp and assimilate in a natural and healthy manner, cannot be too strongly condemned. Every intelligent teacher knows this as well as Lue Vernon. But it does not follow that the whole educational system is wrong. The fact is, it would be difficult to find a better system of education anywhere in the world than in Canada. The men directing our educational system are the ablest in the country—men who rank with the best educationists of any land. They are constantly watching and studying the educational methods and movements of this and other countries and trying to keep abreast with the times. Our teachers are specially trained in normal schools by the best experts, so that when Lue Vernon condemns our educational methods as cruel and absurd he shows that he has not fully investigated the matter.

(2.) Lue Vernon condemns "home studies" and quotes from the Ladies' Home Journal and the Portland Oregonian to the effect that multitudes of American children are seriously injured by cramming and by too much "home-work." Well, I have no doubt this is true of the American schools, but I take exception to the statement that this is generally true of our Canadian schools, particularly those of British Columbia. B. C. teachers are expected to use "discretion" in assigning home tasks and are recommended not to give any to pupils below the Second Reader class.

A little home work is good for the average child over nine years old, and so far as my experience goes, most children like to have a little home work to do. Many of my younger pupils feel slighted if I do not give them home work. They often come to me and ask for some, and apparently take delight in doing it and bringing it for inspection next day. I have also often been asked by parents to give their children more home work, on the ground that it kept them from running the streets. Indeed, the average child not under nine should be able to do home work for half an hour to one hour without any serious injury; and two hours, I think, would not seriously injure the older ones. I should like to ask a number of our professional and business men—say, the esteemed editor of The Leader, Dr. Gordon, the local clergymen, Mr. Rolston, Mr. Christie, etc., if they were much injured by the amount of home work their teachers made them do.

If the American children are so puny and sickly and delicate that it makes them ill to do a few easy sums or a little composition or geography or nature study after hours, it speaks poorly for the rising generation. Canadian children seem made of better stuff than that.

Of course I have been speaking chiefly of the country school with which I am better acquainted. I have no doubt that, in the cities, there are many sickly and delicate children whose parents feed them on hot mince pie, candies, etc., and keep them indoors most of the time, and who easily get sick if they try to do a sum or an easy lesson in composition or geography. But I do not think many of the Ladysmith children are like that. Doubtless Lue Vernon would think so, too, if he should visit our school at recess time any day. Most of them from the second class up do more or less "home work," too.

In all my experience of Canadian schools I can recall very few children whose parents had to remove them because of injury from cramming or too much home work, and it was because the children were delicate and sickly.

In conclusion I would ask any of the Ladysmith parents who find their children are being injured by too difficult home work to speak to the teachers about it. I would also ask parents to see that their children do their home work carefully and well. Yours truly,

T. J. BARRON.

Ladysmith, Jan. 27, 1902.

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THE LIGHT THAT IS FELT.

A tender child of summers three,
Seeking her little bed at night,
Paused on the dark stair timidly;
"Oh, mother, take my hand," said she,
"And then the dark will all be light!"

We older children grope our way
From dark behind to dark before;
And only when our hands we lay,
Dear Lord, in thine, the light is day,
And there is darkness nevermore.

Reach downward to the sunless days,
Wherein our guides are blind as we,
And faith is small and hope delays;
Take Thou the hands of prayer we raise
And let us feel the light of Thee!

JOHN G. WHITTIER.

BOOKS

Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested—Bacon.

Warwick of the Knobs, by John Uri Lloyd, illustrated; W. J. Gage & Co., Toronto.

Fearing that this was just another of those dialect horrors which have deluged the land of late; books in which the unfortunate and unoffending English language is subjected to tortures compared with which the fiendish cruelties of Torquemada and Titelmann were benefactions, I began the reading of Warwick of the Knobs in no eager mood.

But this is no mere broken-English story, where one clown expresses his crude imaginings to another clown, in archaic jargon. It is a story that deserved to be told, and that deserves to be read. I can hardly fancy anyone beginning this tale of old Kentucky and failing to finish it. There is not a great amount of literary power displayed in the management of the story; it is spiced with some Americanisms that to a taste nurtured across the Atlantic do not please; I do not mean the racy, picturesque expressions native to the very air of frontier America, but downright solecisms such as "leaned," the abomination that serves on this side of the ocean for the English verb "lent." Others there are which broadly betoken that the hand which wrote Warwick of the Knobs was indigenous to the American soil.

This is a story having for a background the American civil war, and for hero Warwick, a Baptist minister of the old school, who interlards his ordinary discourse with extraordinary quotations from the Scriptures; and whose religion blinds and deafens him to all human sympathies. The Knobs are the small hills or kopjes which ornament Stringtown County, in Kentucky. The story turns upon the rigid religiosity of old Warwick and the inevitable clash between his artificial code and the play of human passions and emotions in his sons, his only daughter, and her betrayer, the rock hunter from the North. Trials as fierce as ever tested the temper of any man come upon this stubborn old giant of the Kentucky wilderness, but to the last he is unbending.

He loses two sons, one in the war, the other shot by his own sister; the daughter elopes with the scoundrel from the North, then returns to face her father's wrath. Joshua, the only remaining son goes North to kill his sister's betrayer, is overwhelmed with the grandeur of life in the great cities, accidentally meets the mother and little sister of the man he has come to slay, and his courage oozes out of his finger ends. He returns home to tell his father that the last of the Warwicks is a coward. The old preacher spurns the coward from his door, and the tragedy winds up with the forlorn father musing upon vengeance beside his ruined daughter and her helpless infant in its cradle. Many passages have great dramatic force and intensity, as for instance the scene between the judge and the preacher; and that where Mary returns after her flight with Lionel. Mr. Jessup of the Ladysmith Pharmacy has this excellent tale in stock.

The Idol of Bronze, a story of Mexican life by Louise Heaven; George N. Morang & Co., Toronto.

Mexico, with its romantic history, interesting people, and beautiful language should be a veritable enchanted land for the romancist and novel writer. Remarkably few stories have been written about that wonderfully interesting corner of America. While Bret Harte has done much to attract attention to that side of the continent, Mexico still awaits its Scott or Dumas. Nevertheless excellent work is being done by some clever writers, amongst whom the authoress of "The Idol of Bronze" may be classed. This is a story of the railway coming to a remote part of Mexico, and the doings of the people of that sequestered vale. Around the loves of Cosme, the peon, humbly born, but highly endowed with manly graces and spirit, and Carmen, the heiress of Tlaltelzingo, the story pleasantly winds itself toward the somewhat tragical denouement; which has just a suspicion of melodrama, and a flavour of "once aboard the lugger and she is mine," though very decently done. Cosme pops in at the wedding of his distracted love, Carmen, with some hidalgo who has wealth, but who is not loved. Much in the airy, mock trooper fashion of the young Lochinvar, Cosme gallops through the crowd of wedding guests, stoops from his fiery steed and lifts the not unwilling senorita to his saddle bow; then:

"There was racing and chasing on Canoble Lea,
But the lost bride of Netherby ne'er did they see."

The two take to the mountains, where the horse has to be abandoned. On they wander across the summit and down into the valley beyond, while the caballeros, vaqueros, and hacendados are scouring the country in search. The two finally bring up against their fate, and Cosme justifies his lady's love for him by dying a heroic death. Those who sit down to this well-told tale will not be disappointed.

The Prose of E. R. Sill, Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston & New York.

This is a small volume of essays on diverse subjects, ranging from psychology and ethics to nature and literature. The author writes with grace and knowledge; indeed, with a delicacy of taste that forcibly reminds one of the work of Matthew Arnold, and sometimes, owing to its delightful egotism, introspection and self-searching, of Robert Louis Stevenson or Marie Bashkirtseff. His nature studies are charming, showing an intimate acquaintance with the dumb things in wood and field and stream. The essay on "Should a college educate?" is most ingenious. His essay on "shall and will" may be read by the best scholar with profit and instruction. His snatches of poetry fully bear out his biographer's claim that Sill was of the elect. But his prose is certainly to be accounted amongst the best that America can show in the domain of the essay. The book is one that thinkers would favour as a companion in woodland or seashore rambles, for its pages breathe the spirit that should go with one at such times.

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Keep the Pig Growing.

The pig should be kept growing continually, says Professor J. W. Sanborn. It requires a certain amount of food for maintenance. If there are no growth and no gain, this maintenance food is actual loss. About twenty-five to thirty years ago good hogs were marketed usually at eighteen to twenty-four months of age, and the general average of weights was not more than is made now at eight to ten months, showing the great improvement in the present methods and the great loss of feed by the old plan of long maturing.

THE CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Care Should Be Exercised In Selecting and Furnishing It.

Not every mother has the means nor the conveniences for fitting up a well equipped nursery for the use of her little ones, but there is no reason why the room in which the children must spend the greater part of their time each day should not be bright and dainty and attractive. The room set aside for the children, where their toys are kept and they are allowed to play and romp and plan their daily occupations, should be so suggestive of latent possibilities as to keep the little minds and hands pleasantly occupied, even though the most inexpensive furnishings must be used. To be bright and attractive does not necessitate being costly.

It is too often the case, however, that the children's room is a decidedly doleful place, and it is no wonder that the little folks persist in straying from their own particular domain, going upon little excursions to the drawing room, the library or the kitchen, any one of which is far pleasanter than the quarters up stairs that have been assigned to them.

Mothers argue: "Anything is good enough for the children when they are young, they are so destructive, you know. After awhile I will fix up their quarters, but so long as they are small it doesn't matter much what they have so long as they are comfortable."

Would that mother be comfortable in a room where the outlook gives one only a glimpse of back streets and brick walls? Would she think it comfortable to catch her toes daily in holey carpet of a hue so dingy that it is enough to drive even a baby into a fit of artistic despair? Would she be comfortable with no pictures on the walls, which are covered only by a solid wall paper the pattern of which is unpleasantly suggestive of all sorts of crawling things? To be warm and have enough to eat is not all the comfort required by a baby, though many mothers appear to think so, judging from the quarters of their little ones.

Babies are quick to notice beauty. A bright carpet, some pictures representing events in child life, a sunny room where the furniture is whole and clean—in fact, a bright and cheerful nursery—will leave its pleasant impression on the childish mind long after the occupant has passed through its portals to do battle with the great world lying beyond and will be the cornerstone of many pleasant memories, whereas the prisonlike dens which pass for nurseries will never be thought of save with feelings of dislike, for first impressions even in small children are the ones to last the longest, and the early surroundings are bound to make their mark on the minds that are at that time in the most receptive state.

Have a Home of Your Own.

They are a wise young man and woman who start out in their married life in a home of their own in some place where they will have green grass about their house even if it is only a few feet. It makes no difference how humble or how modest the house may be. The smallest box of a house with a plot of green is a temple of common sense compared to the finest "flat" or "boarding house" in the city. If there is anything appropriate in this life, it is that young people should live somewhere where each day they can see their own unfolding lives reflected in the unfolding works of nature. There is no beginning in the home sense to a young married life so true, so wise, so lasting and so satisfactory as that. No life in a city is comparable with that which is lived in a small house with green things growing over and around it, where God's pure sunshine bathes and sweetens every side of the house during the day and where the surest lifegiving odors that God gives to his children—the odors of soil and growing things—are blown into the house while we sleep.—Edward Bok in Ladies' Home Journal.

Don'ts For Girls.

Don't waste emotion. Life is very short, and excessive feeling disturbs the brain, weakens the heart and ages the body.

Don't be proud. Be self respecting. Let none use you as a stepladder. Offer to assist when you can.

Don't preach. Live your sermons. Be honest, virtuous, obliging, merry and wise, but don't be pharisaical.

Don't judge men by their treatment or by their speech. Flattery is a cheap and belittling thing, and many a shabby man has a noble soul, says the Pittsburg Chronicle.

Glove Friction on Jewels.

"If you want your rings to last well," said a jeweler, "don't wear them under gloves. But if you decide that gloves are a necessity, as probably you will, then send your rings twice a year to a jeweler to be overhauled," says Home Notes. The reason for this warning is the constant friction of the glove wears the tiny points that hold the stones in place, and the result is that the stones fall out unless they are constantly looked after. You might not detect a loose stone, but a jeweler would at once and thus might prevent your losing a valuable gem.

A Club Sandwich.

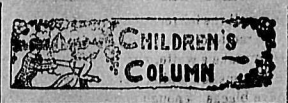
Toast a slice of bread evenly and lightly and butter it. On one half put first a thin slice of bacon which has been broiled till dry and tender, next a slice of the white meat of either turkey or chicken. Over one half of this place a circle cut from a ripe tomato and over the other half a tender leaf of lettuce. Cover these with a generous layer of mayonnaise and complete this delicious "whole meal" sandwich with the remaining piece of toast.

Releasing the Cork.

The trick of extracting a cork from a bottle without touching the cork is well worth knowing. Fill an ordinary bottle with water and cork it, not too tightly, so that the end of the cork just touches the water. Then wrap a cloth tightly around the end of the bottle and, taking it in the right hand, hammer it smartly against the wall or any other immovable object. The water then acts as a solid body and shoots the cork from the bottle.

When Buying Stationery.

In buying stationery the woman who is nice in trifles leaves a quire or two of her note paper unstamped, this for use when a second or third sheet is needed to complete a voluminous letter, says the St. Louis Republic. It is one of the small things that betray a knowledge of correct usage that only one sheet of a letter shall bear the address or monogram. Repetition is unnecessary and should be omitted.



A TALE WITH A MORAL.

The Kid That Lost Its Life by Not Following Its Mother's Advice.

One day as a Goat and her Kid were grazing in the field the latter sniffed the air and sagely observed:

"Mother, I have a curiosity to know whether I smell wolf or crow."

"We'll call it wolf and not get any nearer the forest," replied the mother.

A few minutes later the Kid stared hard at some tracks in the soft soil and said:

"Really, now, I'd like to be sure whether these are tracks of a coon or a wolf."

"We'll presume that a wolf passed this way and keep our eyes peeled," was the answer.

It wasn't ten minutes before the Kid looked fixedly at the forest and remarked:

"I certainly saw something moving among the trees, and I'm dying to know whether it's a wolf or a woodchuck."

"If you'll paste it in your hat that it's a wolf, it won't hurt no woodchuck's feelings," said the mother as she nipped at another thistle.

The Kid thought the matter over awhile and then concluded on a closer investigation and set out for the woods. The mother heard her bleat as the wolf sprang out upon her, and after clearing her throat of prickers and wiping the moisture from her eyes she said to herself:

"Of course we didn't know for sure, but if that Kid had only inferred that it was a wolf she'd have escaped being eaten."

Moral.—It's no use to touch a buzzsaw with your finger to see if it's revolving.

Sunny Guy.

A sunny little lad was Guy;
The sunbeams glistened in his eye,
The sunbeams nestled in his hair,
The sunbeams kissed his forehead fair
And mingled in his laughter were.

The sunbeams helped him in his speech,
And all his smiles were sunbeams each;
In fact, the boy from top to toe
Was full of sunbeams—that we know—
And so beloved by high and low.

Dear little children, if you try,
You soon may be like little Guy.
Rays of sunshine will peep through
If your heart is kind and true
And gathers it each day anew.

—Anna D. Walker in Christian Work.

The Dutch Language.

The Dutch language is of a good old fashioned tongue. It is not so difficult that English speaking people cannot without difficulty acquire it. In fact, some folk say, it is more like unto English than it is to German. The Boers of South Africa use the Dutch language as it was spoken 200 years ago. It is a lingo that is bound to stay, though it shows little powers as a wanderer.

Wonderful Trees.

The largest tree in the world is to be seen at Mascali, near the foot of Mount Etna. Its trunk is 304 feet in circumference. The largest tree in the United States is said to be the gigantic tree near Bear creek, on the north fork of the Tulare river, in California. It measures 140 feet in circumference The famous giant redwood tree in Nevada is 119 feet in circumference.

Misunderstood.

Harry's little cousin, Mabel, was paying him a visit, and he undertook one day to teach her to play croquet. After a few strokes the balls lay quite close to each other, and Harry said:

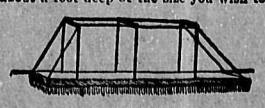
"Now, Mabel, you must hit me."

"But, Harry," said the matter of fact Mabel, "that would be fighting and not playing. I believe I'd rather not learn."

A Tumbling Mat.

A reader of The American Boy sends to that paper the following concerning a tumbling mat for amateur acrobats:

All boys know that tumbling on hard ground is not pleasant, so I have thought of a plan by which a tumbling mat can be easily made, having made one myself that is very satisfactory. First dig a hole about a foot deep of the size you wish to



THE MAT IN PLACE.

make the tumbling ground. Fill the hole about three-fourths full of dried grass or straw packed well. Lay an old piece of carpet or sheets of heavy paper over this. Then sprinkle an inch or two of shavings and over all spread about three inches of soft dirt mixed with shavings. This makes a soft and elastic ground.

How Pigeons Travel.

The carrier pigeon, when traveling, never feeds. If the distance be long, it flies on without stopping to take nutriment and at last arrives thin, exhausted, and almost dying. If corn be presented to it, it refuses to eat, contenting itself with drinking a little water and then sleeping. Two or three hours later it begins to eat with moderation.

Ladysmith, B. C.

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THE CITY

Str. Tellus arrived from Frisco this week, and is now loading her usual coal cargo.

Mr. Robert Allan spent Sunday in Victoria as the guest of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Coburn.

Do you believe in your own goods? Then don't conceal the fact from the public. Advertise.

Mr. J. MacLennan had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse last week from some severe equine disorder.

Mr. Samuel Baxter, government inspector of boilers, visited Ladysmith last Saturday and inspected several local boilers.

Lively, the leading jeweler, is showing some fine gold and silver watches. They are sold with a guarantee. *

Mr. D. H. Davis announces the opening of the Portland Hotel First Avenue on Friday evening when all will be made welcome.

The members of Laurel Rebecca Lodge, I. O. O. F., are making preparations for a concert, supper and dance to be given on February 18th.

Fire in a residence on the top of the hill Saturday night did damage to the extent of about $100. It originated from a stove in the hall.

It is the intention of the Company to begin teaming operations here with one good team. The number will be increased as the town grows.

Rev. Allister Murray, pastor of the Extension Presbyterian Church, exchanged pulpits with Rev. W. A. Rae, of Ladysmith, last Sunday.

Burns's birthday was celebrated in capital style at Wellington on Friday evening. A large number of Ladysmith and Nanaimo people were present.

The latest styles in hair cutting and beard trimming at the Ladysmith Shaving Parlor, High street.

Mr. George Thomson, government agent, had the satisfaction of seeing the fine new safe sent up from Victoria, safely installed in his office on Monday.

Attention is called to the oyster supper and dance to be given by the local Foresters and Woodmen of the World in Gould's Hall, on the evening of Feb. 5th.

"It is never too late to mend" is one of Charles Reade's most fascinating novels, and Lively the jeweler will show you what Reade meant if you take your watch or clock to him for repairs. †

Tobogganing is all the rage on the sidewalks and streets with enough incline to make a run. Several sleighing parties were made up on Sunday, and much enjoyed.

DR. J. GRICE,

DENTIST

Johnston Block, - Nanaimo, B. C.
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Mr. and Mrs. George Raymond of the Hotel Wilson, Nanaimo, are going to make a pleasure of the Coast. They will then go to Honolulu, where it is rumored Mr. Raymond will again go into the hotel business on a large scale.

Next Saturday a review of Dr. McKechnie's political history, with particular reference to his course regarding Asiatics as domestics and servants of public companies, will appear in The Leader from the pen of a specialist in the study of abnormal political types.

From all indications the baseball dance which was held in Gould's hall last night was going to be a great success. Splendid work was done by the committee. The boys should really appreciate the efforts of those gentlemen who have done so much to keep the club together.

For silverware, gems, chains, ornaments of all kinds; and for skilled repairing at most moderate prices, there is no place like Lively's, the leading jeweler's, First Avenue. *

The manager for the Clara Mathes Company, now playing in Nanaimo, writes The Leader his regrets that this town has not an opera house. If it had the company would play probably a three-night stand here. This is what Ladysmith is missing for want of a nice comfortable hall large enough to accommodate travelling companies.

Hon. James Dunsmuir came up from Victoria on Friday night on a special train and passed on to Extension, where he made a careful inspection of the dam in No. 2 tunnel, which was ready for the inflow of water. Mr. Dunsmuir returned to the capital on the morning train. He was satisfied with the way the work of stopping the tunnel had been done.

Mr. A. J. McMurtrie, of the Abbotsford Hotel, would like very much to know who it was that shot his valuable hunting dog. The poor animal was terribly injured by the shot just behind the fore shoulder, and must have lain out in the snow for two or three days before dragging itself home. The animal had lost much blood and was so weak that very little hope of its recovery was entertained until Monday night, when it began to take nourishment. If Mr. McMurtrie can find out who committed the crime there will be some decidedly interesting developments.

Yesterday took place the election in Victoria, but The Leader had to go to press too early to get the results. The Leader's hopes were on old man Riley—but Victorians can never be depended upon, and might reject the only man who could do them any good at Ottawa and send there a man with nothing but a protest. A "pull" is better than a protest any day.

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J. A. McALONEY,
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Nanaimo, B.C., January 14th, 1902.

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Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the statutes, that provincial Revenue tax, and all assessed taxes and Income tax, assessed and levied under the Assessment Act and Amendments, are now due and payable for the year 1902. All taxes collectable for the South Nanaimo Assessment District are due and payable at my office, situate at Ladysmith.

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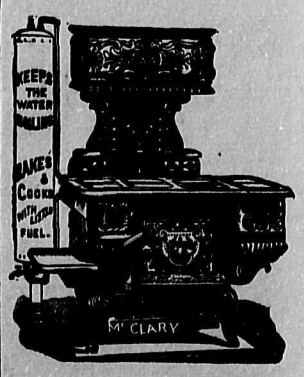

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