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If We Want a Library  
We Must Pay for It.

If we wish to have a library in this city we must pay for it. There seems to be no way in which we can shift the burden on to someone else. Last autumn a meeting was held and it was then decided to try to secure a Carnegie library. The effort failed. Now we are left to our own resources. We must raise the money ourselves if we wish to have the institution here. And, after all, that is the correct method. What we build from our own efforts we value much more than what we have given us. There is altogether too much of that looking outside for what we want, instead of getting busy ourselves and securing it from our own efforts.

First Thing Is  
A Librarian.

There seems to be a prevalent idea that the first thing needed is a big building. As a matter of fact the first thing needed is a librarian. Miss Helen Stewart says so, and she is the highest authority on libraries in the West. She is president of the Pacific Northwest Library Association. In writing to a Prince Rupert resident she says: "I should strongly urge that any scheme involve a trained librarian. Experience has proven over and over again that it is 'the man behind the gun' here as elsewhere that counts. In fact I have often said that the best way to start a library is to engage a librarian, and after that books, building and so on just naturally flow in."

Herbert Killam, secretary of the Public Library Commission, says the Provincial Government does not give aid to libraries until the people themselves have "shown that they have made a reasonable effort to help themselves."

Fallacy of Making  
A Wrong Start.

Nearly two years ago the business men of the city decided to start an athletic association. An organization was formed that did excellent work in the way of getting a plant together, and there have been some results that were really worth while. At the same time it has fallen far short of the ideal owing to the lack of having a trained man in charge. The expense was considered too great, and all know what has happened the Athletic Association. The man is the thing. These remarks are no reflection on those who have helped with the association, for it was always a side line with them. The way to make it succeed is to have a man in charge who has been trained to the management of athletic associations and would be the mainspring of all its activities, including its financing. The building and equipment are but a small part. The man in charge is everything. Mr. Lamb, who has been in charge, has done wonderfully considering his opportunities, but it is important to have a man give his whole time to the institution, to pay him a good salary, and to expect results, holding him responsible for them.

What applies to the Athletic Association applies also to a public library. The most important thing is to have a good librarian and then to back him up and see that results are obtained. During the coming autumn it should be an easy matter to get together a group of men and women who have the interests of the city at heart to rouse public opinion and to organize for the formation of a library association and the institution of a library that will be a credit to the city.

There Must Be  
An Organizer.

Possibly the statement that the first thing in forming a public library is the appointment of a librarian is not wholly true. The first thing is for one man or woman to become imbued with the idea that this city needs a library and that determined effort can secure it. Then organization will commence, but it will fall off at the first breath of opposition unless there is someone who is determined and who will see it through. Then when the campaign is over and the library is secured the real mover and mainspring of all the work must expect to see the credit go to someone else. That is usually the way. There is, however, a great satisfaction in having carried through a good work for the public benefit. The plaudits of the multitude do not amount to much. The artist is a creature of emotions and lives on the praise of the people, but the organizer and mover of multitudes from within is willing to let others have the praise as long as he has within himself the satisfaction of work well done.

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## In the Letter Box

## SUNDAY SWIMMING GALA.

## Editor, Daily News:-

The letter from the local clergymen was an appeal to all Prince Rupert citizens to refrain from patronizing all organized sport which is held on a Sunday. The point seems to have been entirely lost by "Nil Desperandum" (I like his Latin better than his English, it is easier to understand). None of the writers made disparaging references either to being out in the fresh air on Sunday, or against the workers who worked so hard to get the Salt Lakes so well-filled up for Balloons. My first letter was a protest at my name being down as a steward, (unknown to me until I saw it in the evening paper) for the Swimming Gala which was to be held on Sunday. Working as I do, so much with the children, and doing my best "to practice what I preach" in my own daily life, I felt I should not let it pass.

## Fine Children.

Prince Rupert has some of the bonniest children entrusted to her keeping in the world—quite 1,000 of them! What is the use of a fine healthy body if the soul is neglected? We cannot build up a city to be proud of unless God is working with us. Sunday (with the little time the poor hardworking mothers can spare) is the only day on which our little children can get any religious instruction — on an average one hour a week to feed the soul, and ten and a half hours per week to feed the body! After all, if it were not for God, life would not be worth anything.

## One Hour a Week.

I believe all the clergy in town ask the children to do their best to attend the morning service during the summer, when Sunday school closes. One hour a week isn't very much to learn all about God, is it? It isn't very much help to the parents either to entice the children away to earn prizes on a Sunday in sports, when they are trying to encourage them to keep Sunday differently from any other day in the week.

## Liberty-Freedom.

Liberty and Freedom, there is no such thing for a would-be Christian! By the way, did "Nil Desperandum" take part in the terrible war, which was fought to save the world from being ruled by the Devil and his legions, not to give us freedom from "our duty towards God"? If we who have been saved from disaster by the heroic self-sacrifice of the glorious dead, "carry on" in a careless and frivolous manner, neglecting to rebuild the Empire with the best material we can produce, we are not worthy to live under the Union Jack or any other flag. Yes, they did fight on Sundays—God has always allowed necessary work, even on His own special day—but, for a glorious victory against wrong, not for a swimming prize.

## From Rupert Boy.

The following is an excerpt from a letter to his mother, from a boy who used to be in Rupert, who joined up the day after war was declared, became a Lieutenant when he was 26, was wounded three times, won the D.S.O. M.C. and had he lived would have also been presented with the Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre. He was killed in July, 1918.

"Pray that I may have more strength to 'carry on,' more courage to face the worst that comes, victory without giving my men unnecessary pain, and that I may be spared to return to you. That if that may not be, I have not lost faith, my conscience is fairly clear, and I am not afraid to 'go over the top' to meet my maker for everlasting peace."

That boy is one of thousands of the good old bulldog breed of which the British Empire is made up. We have lost thousands of them "over the top," and must replace them with as good material—they couldn't be better. I had the pleasure of mothering him amongst many others whose homes were in Canada and Australia during the short leaves they had from France.

He was one of Canada's own boys, a real sportsman and a very regular church-goer. Have you a son or daughter like that? It is the result of soul and body training together!

We are proud of our young

friends. If we could not shoulder arms and fight with the gallant boys, let us at least 'carry on' in such a manner that they will have the joy of knowing that they at least gave up their precious young lives for people, and an Empire that was worth while, not a frivolous, pleasure-seeking, lazy ungrateful people. Do not use their sacred self-sacrifice to try and cover things God has distinctly warned us not to do.

## Thumb Twiddling.

I've been trying to picture an educated man or woman, sitting and twiddling their thumbs when not actually engaged in work or violent bodily exercise!

Why want holidays if that is all you can do? However it is one more point in our favor. I guarantee that if you go to church twice every Sunday, do your very best to join in everything, prayers, singing, listen to the sermon, (there's generally a trick to hit us in the weak spot) you will work so hard for your employer after, and feel so much you can do for other people that you'll hardly see your thumbs, (let alone, twiddle them) you'll be so busy!

You would also miss seeing the "party" parade over to the Salt Lakes every week!

## Words of Wisdom.

I am far too busy trying to get rid of my own sins to bother about "Nil Desperandum's" but if you feel so unhappy about the work you did on Sunday over at the Salt Lakes, my advice is "don't let it occur again!" One more thing I ask you, is to honor the words of wisdom the padres in town give up. If you cannot agree with them and help them at least do not hinder them. If it is God we have to reckon with at last and He does the judging of all our actions, and we are told that we are only called to account for what we know, not for our ignorance. The padres have told us—we cannot plead ignorance. Swimming Club please do not put stumbling blocks in our little children's paths!

## MARIAN ROBERTSON.

**Knew His Bible.**

Bricklayer—Stop it—we can't ave you a blowin' that trumpet round 'ere.

Boy Scout—Why?

Bricklayer—"Tain't safe—yoh know whop appened to the walls of Jericho; don't you?"—Til-Bits.

## Those Mad Wags.

"Do you suppose we will ever have complete disarmament?"

"I am afraid not. Even though other nations agree to it, vaccination will still be in arms."—Boston Transcript.

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