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Education-Everybody's Business'

(In observance of Education Week which starts tomorrow, this editorial is written by Mrs. W. D. Lambie, member of the School Board for District No. 52.)

I'I'IS sometimes said that what is "everybody's bus-. wings." Certainly in my iness is nobody's business." This is not true of edu- | near-60 years of life in cation. Education is big business. Stocktaking is a | Canada I have never come has gone away. normal procedure in any efficient business so Edu- across any political party cation Week is an appropriate time to "take stock" in that could long claim a become conscious of a strange They clatter down the stairs, settle down for another few minthe business of education.

Visit-your schools and talk to your trustees. Examine your own thinking on what schools should be doing but be sure you understand what they are trying to do. Determine how you can play an effective part as a parent, a citizen, a taxpayer, a teacher or a trustee.

Education means to "lead forth" the development of all the powers of the individual. School systems of all enlightened countries recognize this meaning and provide for the development of all the powers of the pupils—physical, intellectual and moral.

Recent modifications in courses of study and in methods of instruction emphasize the development of fall the child's powers. The practical trend of instruction leads the pupil to prepare himself for his vocation. Vocational guidance is an important factor in the school system and is very helpful in assisting pupils to decide upon the occupation or profession they desire to follow.

There are many problems existing in our school system today. It is true that we are confronted with demands for more schools and more teachers to meet the ever growing needs of a rapidly increasing enrolment. Last year there was a decided increase in attendance at our teacher training institutions. However, quantity without quality will not solve our problems.

Teaching is creative work, with its basic materials the minds, hearts and ambitions of impressionable youngsters who desperately want and need guidance. It is enduring work and a teacher can never tell where his influence stops. He must have courage to see beyond-all the frustrations in order to realize the true value of his efforts. If he likes his work, and has done it well, he knows he has directly helped young people toward the best ideals of civilization. Also we should see to it that, in every way, a teacher enjoys the privileges of a first-class citizen, as well as the dignity and respect that should attach to those entrusted with the education of our children.

Pupils have a natural loyalty to their schools and parents should never try to undermine that faith. A child has no valuable powers unless his upbringing shows him how to use his potentialities. That great skill must be taught with sympathy and patient firmness, for the world in which the child will live as a grown-up is formidable indeed. All children respect firmness without anger.

It must be seen that no business is receiving the attention of more citizens than the business of educating-Canadian youth. No system is ever beyond the reach of criticism. Undoubtedly there will always be controversies; and problems, but because thousands of children are critering but schools every year "education is everybody's husiness."

She Might Tell

Il'S not always wise to say to a woman friend, "How are you?" she might begin to tell you.

-St. Thomas Times-Journal.



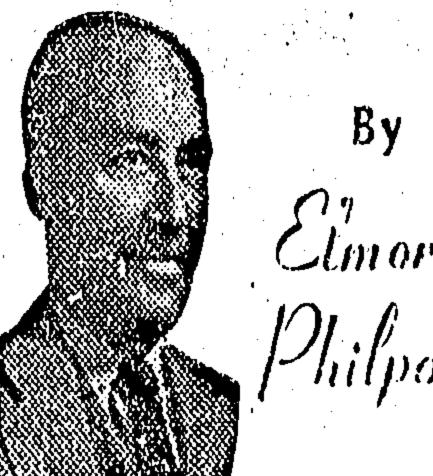


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Saints and Sumers

IT MUST be true that "all God's chilluns got

monopoly on saintliness. Two or three times in my lifetime I have seen political parties start out with loud hallelujahs and hozannas testifying to how holier than thou they were. I even remember one or two poli- gone?" ticians having their pictures taken with enormous Bibles, and boasting that they were taking | off for their respective capitals with the Bible in one hand and their political platform in the

So far, I have never seen such blasphemy end in any other way than disaster for the public. Back in old Ontario, around 1920, we had the Farmers party sweep into power on the wave of evangea bad government—in fact in The world wide movement;" many ways it was an excellent which has been such a boon to told by the angel that he was

es of political party propaganda is that it is a direct violation of the commandment "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

You can go right across the four political parties in Canada and find in them people of all religions, and no religions at all. You may find slightly more of one denomination than another the young. She founded a Sun-power nothing is impossible. vatives are strong on Anglicans. Wesley greatly encouraged. It God cannot help, bless, or use but elsewhere, have a rather develop the movement, which the man who sits looking at his higher percentage of Catholics he nobly did. The Sunday school problems with folded arms and than do some others. The CCF movement shows us how impor-, a draws very strongly on the old tant it is not to be dismayed by much Methodist tradition in Canada, difficulties, but face them and fully surrendered his life to The Social Credits, at the begin- "TRY" hard to overcome them. Him. ning, had a very powerful back- To act upon the little word TRY ing among the taberhacle type of makes all the difference between congregations, and especially success and failure in life. among the Pentecostals.

But in spite of the superficial "TRY" soon drags the wagon differences, I have never yet de- out of the rut. lected any great distinction in the moral level in the various built in the world was called the parties. We have good men and women in every party in Canada and thank the good Lord the decent and honest people are in the great majority in all.

Unfortunately, every party has its varying quota of crooks too.

THE finest Christian gentleman I ever knew used to say, beware of people who shout to the high safe crossing over the Atlantic heavens that they are going to from Bristol to New York, There put more religion in politics, he found copies of a newspaper They usually end up by putting with a leading article by the a poisonous mixture of politics in editor who said it was impossible.

Teligion, he said.

· Ry G. E. MORTIMORE

The boy sweeps into the bed-listening. Not a single bloodroom like a cold wind, lifting curdling scream, not even the covers from his drowsy, par-small crash of falling crockery ents and tweaking at a half-can be heard. covered nose or ear with small, "Maybe he's up on the road,"

says Daddy, and all of a sudeager hands Whether his parents have den he begins to think of the slept eight hours or two, mern-little pest running in front of a Austria. The Czech army newsing always comes at the same truck.

time for the boy: 7 a.m. without stopping to put on a "Hello," says Mummy. "G'way," says Daddy, flapping dressing gown, and sprint into five balloons to remove danger

realise that events have taken which have been sharing the "We thought we had lost you, an unusual turn. The boy really little boy's bed — his rabbit, for a while," Daddy says, as he This fact dawns on them cougar and a couple of toy pressed on him by the boy.

a persistent gnat.

slowly. Still half asleep, they cars.

Mummy, "Isn't it quiet?" - ` "Quiet?" echoes Daddy. So it They find the little pest in glad he is there.

Both of them leap from bed

his arm as though to discourage the boy's room. There is nothing to air traffic. there but a jumble of bed-Some time passes before they clothes and an army of toys has managed to reach down.

Daddy mumbles. "Yes," replies still dead quiet, except for the pest is now in full cry. cat minowing to go out.

by goth. WHERE has he the kitchen, kneeling on a shelf without a stitch of clothing. Both of them sit up in bed, gobbling marshmallows which held

Saturday Sermon

By REV. W. T. KENNEDY - Pentecostal Tabernacle WHY NOT TRY

In the ancient city of Gloucester, England, a young man by the name of Robert Rakes, is credited with starting the first Sunday school. It was not only a Sunday school, but a day school, for children were taught to read and write and to do simple arithmetic lical frenzy. It was by no means as well as learning about sacred truth.

government. But in the hodge multitudes of young people was to be the means of delivering Rev. J. A. Roskam podge combination of saints and established in Gloucester after the nation from the Midianiles sinners, the sinners won out, many difficulties. While medi- he was astonished. He had so hands down. The man they put tating on the subject the word little confidence in himself he charge of the cash—that is, "TRY" was so forcibly impressed asked God to give him a number the taxpayers' cash—helped him- on Rakes' mind that he deter- of signs so that he might be self to generous chunks of it. mined to do something, how-sure of the success of the ven-Of course in the end at least ever little it might be. And many ture. It seemed futile to attempt some of the crooks got caught, years after, when his plan had to rout a mighty army with only!" and at least one went to peni-succeeded far beyond his high- 300 men, who were instructed tentiary for a good long term. est hopes, he observed that he to merely attack by making a never passed the spot where the noise by breaking pitchers, ONE OF my objections to the "TRY" came into his mind shouting, blowing trumpets and without lifting his hands and waving torches, in the darkness I heart to heaven in gratitude to of the night. The strategy was God for having put the desire successful. The enemy, aroused

into his heart. Robert Rakes however, was frightened that it-fled and was not the first person to start a completely routed, and its prin-Sunday school. A young woman ces slain. Gideon believed in the named Hannah Ball, a convert little word TRY, and he found of John Wesley, was prompted that if God is asked to help us, to "TRY" and do something for that linked with His might in certain parties. The Conser-day school, a work which John we are willing to try. The Liberals, not only in Quebec was the task of Robert Rakes to

"Can't do it" sticks in the mud,

The first big ship that was: Great Eastern. The builders were told by many critics that so big all vessel could not be brought under the proper control and would be unable to find mooring in the port. The Captain of the great vessel had the word TRY as his motto. which he acted upon, and in [due course made a swift and

to navigate the Great Bastern It may not always be true in safely and it was fool-hardy to the future, but it surely has been make an attempt. Once more trucin my lifetime. The political the word "TRY" had accomparty which presumes to harness plished another big triuming the name of the Almighty to the over the seemingly impossible, cause of its election seems to me! Whatever difficulties you have to be as guilty of sacrilege as the to face in any sphere of life; Kalser or Hitler who sent out the resolve at all costs to try and German armies to savage Eur-you will overcome them. You? ope but with every man wearing will find in your Bible many / "Gott Mit Uns" on his belt examples of the value of the I word "TRY", When Gideon was:

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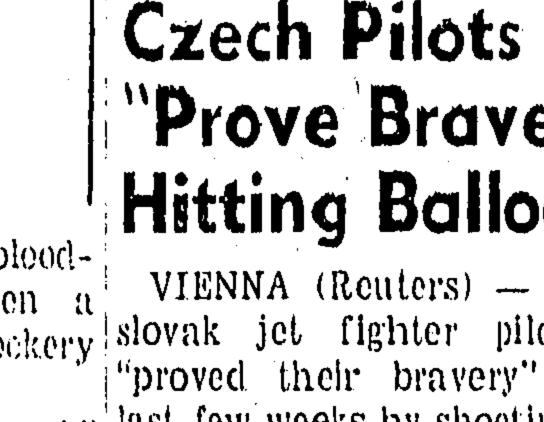
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