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The Bishops and the Mothers.

The Mothers' Union of Great Britain came of age recently, and two dignitaries of the Established church addressed its anniversary meeting in London. The bishop of Stepney, who has since been appointed archbishop of York, a bachelor, breezily reminded his hearers of their duty to their husbands: "Remember that, poor things, though they may be, they are your own. You have got to do your best with them, realizing that women are the makers of men." The bishop of Manchester aroused enthusiasm by admitting that no bishop works as a mother works. Not one, he said, did so many kinds of work, such exacting work, or work which laid such a strain upon mind and body and spirit. In his bachelor days he had talked to mothers' meetings with a light heart; but since he became a married man he had entirely given up talking to mothers about their duties, knowing that it would be mere impertinence. It will be seen that the addresses complemented each other amusingly. The unmarried bishop ventured to give advice, although the married bishop declared that when he ceased to be a bachelor he ceased to give advice. Which was right? Doubtless, says the Youth's Companion, the verdict of their hearers would be that both spoke wisely. Probably the kind of advice that the one bishop deplored was the lamentable nonsense frequently inflicted upon wives and mothers by inexperienced persons, who try to tell them how to conduct a household and bring up a family. It is equally probable that the bishop would have approved that kind of advice which the bachelor cleric did tender, that wives should do their best with—and, of course, by and for—their husbands; for that saying was based upon the abiding truth that "women are the makers of men."

Of the three classes of workmen employed on the great Roosevelt dam in southern Arizona, "hobo whites," Mexicans and Indians, only ten per cent of the Mexicans and whites were found efficient, but 98 per cent of the Indians made splendid laborers. The universal tribute of western contractors, in 27 employments, is that the quality of Indian labor always leaves behind it an open door for future employment. No gang leader is required to make him work. The overseer may go off for two or three days and return to find the Indian faithfully doing his job, having accomplished as much as if a timekeeper had been present. In the field of higher employment, over thirteen hundred Indians are now directly employed in the Indian service, and 12,000 are settled on their own allotments, under responsible Indian agents, and work over 10,000 acres of land.

Foolish stories have long been in circulation about great fortunes piled up in the United States treasury awaiting claimants. These stories take various forms. One fortune represents loans made to the government in war time. Another consists of "dollar mark money" paid by foreign countries and not yet distributed to the proper recipients. An official of the treasury said recently that innocent and credulous persons are often induced to contribute money to designing persons who offer to secure for them shares in these mythical fortunes. It is the "Spanish fortune" over again. The United States treasury has no money belonging to estates or individuals. The treasurer's report shows clearly all the funds in his custody and the source of them.

It has been proposed that if New Mexico is admitted to statehood, its name should be changed to Lincoln. No doubt New Mexico will some day do honor to any namesake, but a new state may be like a new baby—its parents may name it first and find out about it afterward. Still, if New Mexico is not worthy to be called Lincoln, it is not worthy to be admitted. On these questions of fame and merit the people of New Mexico are entitled to speak first.

The Infants' Science academy is the latest thing in the educational line. Its purpose being not to teach infants anything, but to teach mothers how to care for infants. Too many mothers, the projectors say, kill their babies by ignorant kindness. The wonder arises, when one reads these things, as to how it happens that any child ever lived to grow up. And yet a goodly number have lived.

California's state board of health is going to send around a railway car with an exhibit showing how fevers, tuberculosis and other diseases may be prevented. That car would have little chance in the six o'clock rush in this part of the country, remarks the Troy (N. Y.) Times.

Pat Crowe wants the United States to give up $50,000,000 to build a boulevard across the country. But as he does not try to get it by kidnaping it looks as if he had reformed.

WHAT IS DOING IN LANSING

THE WATER POWER OF THE STATE IS BEING GOBBLED UP FAST.

CURTIS MOVES TO STOP IT

What Has Been Done and Things Proposed. Also the Gossip of the Capital.

(Special Correspondence.)

Lansing, Mich., January 11, 1909.

The opening of the senate was marked by the overthrow of the Boyer element which, under the leadership of Senator McKay, rallied to obstruct the administration. Senators Kreuger, Anhut and Scott refused to join the movement which ignominiously collapsed.

There was a howl when the senate caucus cut 10 employes of the list and strenuous efforts are being made to restore the old number and there are indications that the decapitation act was largely in the nature of a four flush.

The newspaper correspondents got a press clerk for the senate included in the house resolution for employes, and though the job was cut off last session it went through flying this time and the boys are jubilant over having the routine work of the senate prepared for them.

One of the best lubricated features of the week was the Republican caucus which put through a complete slate without a break, making every nomination by acclamation.

The house decided on 1:30 p. m. as the opening hour for the daily sessions, except that on Monday the call to order will be 3 p. m. to allow for the arrival of all trains.

The reception to the governor and state officers on Wednesday evening was a decided show affair. It was military from start to finish. There was plenty of music, fowers and good braid, not to speak of the abundance of Warner's cheese and five barrels of crackers. The house and senate attended in bodies but the disease cold had its effect on the attendance of the general public.

The speaker on Thursday announced his committees and created a favorable impression by his prompt press on it has to mill been the custom to adjourn for a week to give him time to make up his list. The appointments gave general satisfaction the only contest being on the chairmanship of the judiciary committee which was finally awarded to Rep Chase. Powers of Detroit was Rep. Cole's choice of the speaker. The makeup of the principal house committees is as follows:

Ways and Means—Gee, Miller, Field, Perry, Charlevoix, Stone, McNaught, Green, Wardle, DeYoung, Hale, Powers, McFadden.

Appropriations—Gee, A. Miller, Edwards, Cline, McNaughton, Max, Schmeer, Sanders, Yager, Dow.

Judiciary—Powers, Hatch, Vaughan, Hackett, Verdier, F. Miller, Cline, Jones, Wright.

Elections—Wardle, Wright, Vaughan, Wilder, Young.

Railroads—Wright, Wilder, Vaughan, Ralph, Wardle, Sessions, Dow, McNaughton, Kopf, Young.

Insurance—Hackett, Perry, Max, Miller, Sutton, Power.

Mines—Ralph, Hackett, Field, Rose, Dow, Sessions, Vaughan, Jones.

Public Health—Vaughan, Jones, Hackett, Perry, Green, McNaughton, Young, Hackett, Verdier, F. Miller, Cline, Jones, Wright.

Agriculture—Wilder, Wright, Vaughan, Wilder, Young.

Public Land—Wilder, Vaughan, Ralph, Wardle, Sessions, Dow, McNaughton, Kopf, Young.

Municipalities—Hackett, Perry, Max, Miller, Sutton, Power.

Mining—Ralph, Hackett, Field, Rose, Dow, Sessions, Vaughan, Jones.

Fish and Game—Wilder, Wright, Vaughan, Wilder, Young.

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