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## UNREST AND THE HOME.

Everybody agrees that the home is the foundation of society, but most everybody agrees to it indifferently as a matter of course, commonplace, and without any considerable depth of conviction.

The home is not being taken seriously enough, and has not been for some time. The home, and its significance, occupies too small a place in the mass mind. Much is done to create and maintain various systems and institutions, but comparatively little is done to improve the home, to encourage home building and better home conditions.

A home is more important than any substitute that ever was, or that ever can be devised. It can not exist without a house, but it consists of far more than a house. It is a miniature of civilization, but it is also the source.

What we feel, what we think, what we aspire to attain, comes to us largely through and from the house or through and from the lack of it.

Free love finds a natural origin, and a plausible excuse in broken down, disrupted homes. Much of the undigested radicalism from which we are suffering is traceable to children's resentment at neglect, repression or brutality in poorly ordered homes.

Everything that comes to the plastic, unformed mind via the home atmosphere, whether for good or evil, is ultimately transmitted to society and becomes a part of our political, economic and moral problems.

So long as the vast majority of homes are dominated by a spirit of co-operation, patience and helpfulness, society has little to fear, but whenever even so much as a considerable minority fall under the influence of antagonism, indifference and discord, social and political conditions will soon be disturbed.

The home is humanity's basic institution. It came in with the race, and it will last as long as the race. We can change laws and religion, we can transmute governments and alter industrial conditions, but we can not do anything, even survive, without the home.

The movements of history, the rise and fall of various civilizations, are mainly consonant with the care of, and attitude toward, homes. Not toward houses, exactly, but toward the family, the marriage relation, the rearing of children, the responsibilities of parents, etc.

Practically every retrogression in human history has been preceded by a substitution of other institutions, systems and activities for those of the home—the increase of tenantry, for instance, the induction of slavery, the development of large propertyless classes, the making of many families dependent on other resources than their own, the destruction of that feeling of responsibility which goes with proprietorship.

The home spirit can be maintained for some time under a system of rentals, but not for very long, unless

the system is of such a character as to insure life tenure.

Any system that keeps people moving about from house to house, that invites constant change, that puts a premium on aimless roving, is bound to eventuate in general restlessness.

We are broaching such a system in this country today. It is time for us to think about it and the problems it presents.

## FIGHTING INFLUENZA.

New York, like all other places is fighting the influenza epidemic tooth and toe and the observations of Dr. Copeland, city health commissioner, will be of absorbing interest to all communities. He says:

"A school child with a cold should be sent to a room until he can be examined. If he has a temperature or is found to have influenza he is sent home in the care of the Board of Health and one of our nurses or doctors determines at once whether his home conditions are such that he can be given the proper isolation to protect the other members of the household and the proper care to himself. If not, he is taken to a hospital. If home conditions are satisfactory our representatives find out whether the family has a private physician, and if not a physician of the Board of Health takes charge of the case."

"Now, how much better it has been to have those children under the constant observation of qualified persons than to close the schools, let the children run the streets and assemble when and where they would and if they get influenza to let them get it under conditions of which the health department had no knowledge and in which it was not prepared from the start to deal with the situation in the best way."

"Now about the theaters," Dr. Copeland continued. "I never had any doubts in my mind about the big modern sanitary theaters. The only question of infection was in the hole-in-the-wall moving picture shows. Some of these had low ceilings and no direct doors and the windows opening into the air, sometimes their artificial ventilation systems were defective or not operating. Such places were breeding grounds for the disease. Without saying anything to the public about it, agents of the department of health, the police department and the bureau of licenses inspected every place of entertainment in New York City, and dozens of houses of the sort I have described were closed without any public statement being made."

"My purpose in doing it all in this way, without issuing general closing orders and making a public flurry over the situation, was to keep down the danger of panic," Dr. Copeland went on to explain. "I felt that one of my prime duties was to keep this city from going mad on the subject of influenza. My aim was to prevent panic, hysteria, mental disturbance, and thus to protect the public from the condition of mind that in itself predisposes to physical ill. I attempted to maintain the morale of New York City. I wanted people to be able to go about their business without constant fear and hysterical sense of calamity. Of course the necessary warnings were issued against crowds, etc. and the necessary things were done."

"All along, my greatest anxiety was over the matter of transportation. After all, there is not much danger from theaters and churches; people who are sick do not go much to the theater or to church. But sick people do go to work."

"I have no doubt that the most dangerous means of transmitting disease was the subway. Undoubtedly there were many cases of influenza in the cars, and these infected others. Many a man who was sick must have felt that he had to go to work, and must have taken his disease into the subway and spread it to other people without realizing what he was doing."

## A DIFFERENT KIND OF ARMY.

"When Bill was in the army I always knew where he was and didn't worry about him, but now that he is discharged I can't keep track of him at all. Come and get him for your old army again." So wrote a Dauphin county wife to Colonel Kemper, the recruiting officer at Harrisburg.

A recruit's a recruit and recruiting is the colonel's business, but he just couldn't find a place for Bill in the new, democratic, peace-time army. It isn't that kind of an army these days.

So, William Henry Harris, the most interested party, who wasn't consulted at all by either wife or recruiting officer, will have to remain on the inactive list of the Husbands' Reserve Corps.

John Lucas, of Monon, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. James Brannock slipped on the sidewalk yesterday and falling she broke her arm just above the wrist.

## HURTY TO TAKE INDEFINITE LEAVE

Veteran State Health Board Head in Harness in Six Years.

(TIMES BUREAU AT STATE CAPITAL.)  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Feb. 15.—Dr. John N. Hurty, for twenty-four years secretary of the state board of health has been granted an indefinite leave of absence by the state board. Dr. Hurty has not fully regained his strength since a severe illness several

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## Proclamation

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It behooves us, both as individuals and as a community, to aid, encourage and support by every means within our power an organization which has such a splendid record of progress and service as the Boy Scouts of America has to show for the ten years of its existence.

It is fitting that we at this time give due recognition to this great organization.

I, therefore, Daniel Brown, Mayor of Hammond, do hereby recommend the period marking the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scout movement, Feb. 8th to 14th, be observed in this city as "Good Turn Week," and I strongly urge that every man, woman and child in the community, for that period at least, adopt the Boy Scout habit of doing a good turn to someone each day. I urge you to support the \$8,000 Campaign now being waged for the support of the Boy Scout movement the coming year. Please be as liberal in your donations as your purse will allow.

(Signed) DANIEL BROWN, Mayor.

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