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After Thirty Years

JAMES Truslow Adams, eminent in current literature both as historian and essayist, has written for the October Atlantic Monthly an article under the title "Emerson Re-read."

"I confess that, when after these thirty years or more I turn from reading about Emerson to reading him himself, I am rather amazed by what seems to me the shallowness of these essays."

The chief defect in Emerson he finds is the lack of any organized system of philosophy. His writing is a collection of "trenchant aphorisms" but not a comprehensive interpretation of life.

For that matter through what different eyes do we read the work of any of the New England school of the last century. As youths at school we were all carried away with the poetry, the stories, the essays of those writers who gave Boston and Concord a distinction which still lingers about them.

It is not so much we believe the second-rate quality of their work as the change in taste and mood which has come over this generation. Walt Whitman is the landmark noting the change from the period of Victorian acquiescence and acceptance to the modern attitude of challenge and revolt.

The literature of today is that of criticism. Its mood is that of disillusionment. Its purpose seems the deflation of earlier literary and biographical valuations.

Of present-day literature little seems to reach standards which insure permanence, even as compared with the product of the Concord school. George Santayana and John Dewey are more profound and surer philosophers than Emerson, though not so scintillant as stylists.

While for ourselves we confess disappointment similar to Mr. Adams in picking up Emerson again, or Whittier, or the old seventh grade reader which contained so many of the old worthies, yet at times we feel surfeited with the output of today's literary craftsmen.

"Thirty years" and twenty even, take their toll; yet we cannot but believe that the literary taste of the generation reared on the nineteenth century poets and essayists is finer than that of the youth who now are trying to assimilate a diet of criticism, realism and finely milled satire.

Power on the Klamath

POWER development on the Klamath river should be suspended until there is a proper adjudication of the rights which the Klamath Irrigation district asserts were filched from them by the federal reclamation service and improperly turned over to the California-Oregon Power company.

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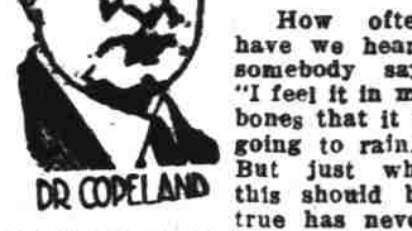
This issue ought to be brought before some proper tribunal for trial and settlement. It is a blot on the name of the power company and the federal reclamation service until it is cleared. The first step necessary is for the legislature to memorialize congress to give the district permission to sue in a federal court, bringing the reclamation service and the power company into court.

Another forceful point was made by Mr. Liljequist. The

HEALTH

Today's Talk By R. S. Copeland, M. D.

A popular notion, long believed by everybody, is that sufferers from rheumatism are good weather prophets. Recent experiments made by the study of scientists of the Mayo Foundation appear to prove this age old theory.



How often have we heard somebody say, "I feel it in my bones that it is going to rain." But just why this should be true has never really been solved.

According to a report made to the American Medical Association a short time ago, the Mayo investigators studied, over a period of a year, 367 patients suffering from arthritis, or rheumatism.

It is reported that for more than 90 per cent of the time the experiments showed a relationship between stormy weather and an increase in the pain. During 72 per cent of the time the patients seemed to suffer more pain as the barometric pressure fell.

There were included in the experiments observations on the humidity, temperature and atmospheric electricity. It was thought that these factors working together might have some effect.

It is well known how restless birds and animals are before a storm. They seem to possess a foreknowledge of approaching bad weather long before there is any sign of it in the sky.

Persons who suffer from rheumatism should keep the bowels freely open. They should be moderate in eating and drinking and avoid alcoholic drinks.

Local treatments of dry heat, stimulating liniments, electricity and moderate massage will help the rheumatic pain. But as rheumatism is, directly or indirectly, a germ disease, the only real cure is a clearing up of the seat of the trouble.

Answers to Health Queries L. C. Q.—Will drinking too much warm water affect the stomach?

A.—No. "Thank You." Q.—What do you advise for redness around the eyes?

A.—Apply one per cent yellow oxide of mercury ointment to the eyelids at night.

A. O. N. Q.—What will strengthen very weak wrists?

A.—Massage and exercise should prove helpful. It would be rather difficult to make suggestions along these lines without knowing just what condition exists.

A Reader. Q.—What causes a stich in the side?

A.—This may be due to neuritis. "This is usually due to acid in the system. Correct your diet and avoid poor elimination."

R. M. F. Q.—How much should a girl of 14, 4 ft. 8 in. tall, weigh? Also a girl of 19, 4 ft. 3 in. tall?

A.—What do you advise for pimples?

Today's Thought

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"GIRL UNAFRAID" By GLADYS JOHNSTON

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BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

The Methodist were plungers: Something was said in this column yesterday about the visit of Williamette valley and the site of Salem of Rev. Samuel Parker in the latter part of 1835, with a promise of a little more today.

Bancroft said: "It is not to be supposed that of all the Protestant denominations the Methodists alone responded to the demands of the Flatheads for teachers. . . . But the Presbyterian church, more careful and conservative, did not plunge into an unknown country and work as did their Methodist brethren. . . . The Dutch Reformed church of Ithaca, New York, resolved to sustain a mission to the Indians west of the Rocky mountains, under the direction of the Rev. Samuel Parker in May, 1834, arriving at St. Louis late to join the annual caravan of the American Fur company, as they had intended."

Rev. Parker returned home and Dunbar and Allis remained in the region of the Missouri and joined a band of Pawnee and Loup Indians, endeavoring to teach them sacred things. In the following spring (1835), Parker came back and repeated his effort to get to the Rocky mountains, this time with success.

But the Methodist "plungers," the little party of five, with Jason Lee in charge, had, April 30 of the year before, "plunged into an unknown country," and were building and extending their mission work 10 miles below where Salem now stands. Even had Rev. Parker and his two companions caught up with the fur company's caravan of 1834, they would not have been first in the field, for they were only "appointed to explore the country for a mission site," while Lee and his "plungers" came to build their mission on whatever site they themselves selected.

And these Methodist "plungers" were in the divinely appointed time and place to put the region west of the Rockies under the Stars and Stripes; and Jason Lee was the divinely appointed man to lead that special movement, as a retrospective study of history has proven to every studious person who has followed the course of events from that time until the admission of California as a state into the union.

Rev. Parker again left his home in Ithaca March 14, 1835, and by way of Buffalo, Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati and Louisville, reached St. Louis April 4, where he found awaiting him Dr. Marcus Whitman. They joined the caravan of the American Fur company, under Foutenelle, at Liberty, Mo. While at Bellevue, near where Omaha now stands, cholera broke out among the men of the fur company's caravan, and three of them died almost immediately, and Dr. Whitman took charge of the men who had not been stricken to a separate camp on higher ground, attended the afflicted, taken to another camp from the poor place where they had been located, and thus earned the gratitude of all.

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