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Editorial

The Appeal of the Christ-Child

It is a sad commentary on our twentieth century civilization that thinking people, the world over, must renounce the present, mad race for worldly pleasures and riches as a malignant influence which is gradually obscuring the fine things of life. If this were applicable to the affairs of temporal life alone, it would be sufficiently alarming; but, which is infinitely more deplorable, it applies also to man's relation to his ultimate end. The sense of moral values which is essential to the leading of true rational lives seems to have been lost, caution and discretion are thrown to the winds, and humanity floats placidly down its unchartered passage through life to what end we shudder to contemplate, unless some potent influence interposes to restore this world to normalcy.

What power, on earth, is there which can arrest this progress towards paganism? There is none; but One there is above the earth to Whom this world, full of blind-



HON. SIR CHARLES DALTON
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

ness and prejudice, is but a tiny dot in the immense scheme of creation. But, insignificant as we really are in all our self-sufficiency, this one power which is God, infinitely powerful and merciful, keeps a paternal and loving eye upon us, His creatures. Such is the love He bears for mankind, that some two thousand years ago He permitted His divine Son to come down to this earth, where He suffered an ignominious death to accomplish our redemption. Not only did God the Son, by dying on the Cross, make possible our eternal salvation; He also left with us the means by which we might obtain the assistance requisite to the attainment of that end.

Such was the mission of Christ when He came on earth the first Christmas day, nineteen hundred and thirty years ago. He came to merit for us the right to salvation, and to instruct us by word and example in the way of eternal life. Down the succeeding centuries, and especially during the holy Christmas season, Christ's supreme sacrifice of His life on Calvary Hill appeals to the hearts of men with a great pleading. And it is by heeding this insistent appeal and enshrining it in our hearts, that mankind shall eventually emerge triumphant from the multiplicity of worldly cares and distractions, and come to see in true perspective those things which really count in life.

Sir Charles Dalton

When *Red and White* reaches its readers, Sir Charles Dalton will have been appointed Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island. As such, he will hold a position which, in point of dignity and honour, is the highest to which a citizen of our province may aspire. An office of such importance naturally carries with it grave responsibilities which demand qualities in the holder peculiarly fitting to his exalted station. That Sir Charles possesses these qualities is fairly demonstrated by his appointment; but, were further proof necessary, it may easily be found in a life whose guiding principles have ever been honesty, integrity, faith in God, and intense love of his country.

Sir Charles Dalton was born in Tignish, P. E. I. in the year 1850. He received his education in the public school, and when twenty-four years of age married Miss Annie Gavin of Lot One, P. E. I. There was in Charles Dalton the same pioneering spirit which characterized his

Irish forbears, and thus it may not be wholly attributable to chance that, at an early age, he became interested in one of Canada's pioneer business enterprises, the fur industry. Mr. Dalton, with his partner, Mr. Oulton, possessing nought save native intelligence and perseverance to aid them in their work, developed the silver fox industry from a nebulous idea conceived in the minds of two enthusiastic dreamers, as they were then popularly regarded, to the substantial reality which exists today. But the attainment of their object was not the product of inspiration alone. Months and years of alternate successes and failures, of hopes and discouragements, intervened before Messrs. Dalton and Oulton finally succeeded in developing from the ordinary wild foxes caught in their traps that aristocrat of domesticated animals, the silver black fox. Mr. Oulton has passed away; and today Sir Charles Dalton is internationally regarded as the father of the silver fox industry, even as Prince Edward Island is famed as its home.

The citizens of our province have participated freely in the success which has so liberally attended Sir Charles Dalton's foresight and initiative. Prince Edward Island has become internationally known as the cradle of the fox industry, and, in view of the important place which advertising occupies in the business world today, this publicity is as conducive to our material welfare as it is gratifying to our pride in our garden province. Sir Charles has also benefited his province through more direct means. He is a munificent donor, and has given freely of his wealth and time in the interests of community betterment. The donation of Dalton Sanatorium to facilitate the treatment of tuberculosis in P. E. I., and the gift of Dalton Hall, which did much to solve the problem of adequate accommodation to St. Dunstan's University are two outstanding examples of his generosity. He has also participated actively in the public life of our Province, and was a member of the Mathieson-Arsenault Government elected in 1912. It was in recognition of these manifold services to his country that the Pope conferred upon him the title, "Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory." We may likewise look upon this latest honour about to be conferred upon him as a further recognition of his knightly services to the material and social development of this, his native Province.

Sir Charles has always been closely associated with

activities at St. Dunstan's, being a member of the Board of Governors and also Honorary President of the Alumni Association. For this reason *Red and White* takes special pleasure in extending its congratulations on the honor conferred upon him.

Red and White takes this opportunity of extending to the faculty and students of St. Dunstan's University, also to its advertisers, contributors, and subscribers, sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

