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### The Daily Times.

## The value of Reading

It cannot be gained that from books a great deal of what is ideal is learnt. What a dreary dull life which would be lived if there were no ideal to aspire to the reader after. Probably it may be said that books of this sort, treat of the imagination, but the imagination is a faculty by which we take the actual to pieces and construct it again as a principle of our own contracting here, expanding there, embellishing everywhere. We need to get away from facts, to make for ourselves a world on which the sunshines more brightly than in this world, in which the men are nobler, and the women fairer, in which the events and sensations are more intense and numerous, and in which the life of destiny always completes itself to the perfect circle instead of stopping short at the broken arc as it so often does in experience. Many probably would say that this is the true domain of literature, the mission of which is not to help us with the work of our common life, but to withdraw us from it and so refresh us when the work of day is done. The life of the majority of men is dull. It has not enough variety and excitement. The majority of people are the reverse of handsome, and the greater part of conversation the reverse of brilliant. But books enable to get into a region where events are more exciting, where the heart throbs and the temples beat with an intenser life, and where we feel that life is worth living. The man who is acquainted with books however poor his surroundings, and

however hard his lot, has an ivory snail which he can climb, an ivory door by which he can escape out of ordinary life into the region where the convulsions are far more brilliant, and the company is far better than we can get in ordinary life. However humble he be, the great chiefs of literature—Homer and Virgil and Shakespeare and Goethe—will not disdain to take his hand, and introduce him to the personages of this realm of romance, and after an hour of enjoyment he returns to ordinary life refreshed, and able to bear the burden more courageously than before. Poets as have said hold the keys to the romantic world, but it may be true to say that in this our age novelists do so fiction being by far the most popular kind of literature. It would be well that the young should endeavor to read books of the best type. It might take a long time before a young person to finish Scott and Dickens Thackeray and George Elliot, but a taste will be formed to which inferior books will be distasteful. Likewise there might be a danger in reading to excess, books of this sort such reading might be of the nature of relief, coming at intervals between long spells of more serious reading. But they help us to value ordinary men and women, and to see the romance in common life. Here are heights and depths in the men and women among whom we live which an idealist may help us to divine; there is a heroism in the sacrifice of daily life which such writers may help us to understand, and thus to know the dignity of common human nature and the grandeur of ordinary human life to have the true wisdom of life.

## How will Panama affect American Railroad Traffic.

(By W. H. Hall.)

What may be considered accurate predictions are being made by those who know best, that the Panama Canal will be ready for opening in 1915. Ten persons outside of those who have managerial charge of the railroads which will be directly affected by the Canal, have given much attention to its influence on railways.

Those who have studied the question thoroughly, say that the Canal will bring into existence a coastwise trading system along the entire seaboard of the United States from main on the Atlantic, to Washington on the Pacific. A service of the sort would consist of steamers and small sailing vessels, carrying goods from, say, New York

to San Francisco, and stopping at many intermediate points to load and discharge freight. At San Francisco the vessels would take on a return cargo, stopping at different ports on the way back, to pick up or unload additional consignments. The rate for carrying freight by water in vessels of this sort, from New York to San Francisco according to the estimate of those who have closely studied the matter, will be about one-fifth of the rate now charged by the railroad for carrying the same goods across the Continent; and it is not likely that railroads will find it practicable to reduce their rates so as to compete effectively with the ocean-going vessels. The effect of this would be to take from the trans-continental railroads a good deal of traffic which they now enjoy, and give it to the ships. But, the traffic diverted from the railroads in this manner, will be for the most part, only that which is heavy, cheap, and slow.

In its working out, the coastwise water transportation system will have the effect of drawing from the interior for several hundred miles, those classes of commodities which can be transported by water more cheaply than by rail. The great inland that this tendency will operate, cannot be definitely stated. Indeed, it will be different as to each article. Furthermore, while an industrial product manufactured within a few miles of the Atlantic seaboard, may perhaps find it cheaper to ship by way of rail to the Atlantic and by water to San Francisco across the Continent, the same shipper would not find it profitable to ship his goods to the Atlantic and thence by water to New Orleans, or Galveston, but would find it more economical to ship by rail. In other words the water portion of the shipment must be sufficiently large to overcome the expense of shipping to the seaboard and of rehandling the traffic there. This operation of the economic law against the water traffic, would be much more pronounced, if the articles in question were required also to be shipped by rail inland from the port of destination.

Probably as time passes and all the economic forces get into operation, there will be a considerable trend of Commerce toward the sea along the American seaboard, or both ocean and the Gulf. As suggested this will probably extend inland several hundred miles. A rough delineation of it, might show it to be the territory East of the Alleghenies and West of the Rocky Mountains.

Another aspect of the effect of the Panama Canal is, that the average rail-haul would be considerably shortened. This

would be due to the fact, as already indicated, that the longer hauls will seek the water route, especially for heavy cheap, and slow freight.

## Buildings of the Salvation Army.

From the Telegraph and Guardian it is learnt that a contract has been signed with Messrs Taylor & Gibbs for the erection of the new premises in Orange Street and Peter's Lane Kingston, Jamaica, which will become the Chief centre of Salvation Army operations in the city of Kingston.

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With the assistance of friends and sympathizers of the work in Port Antonio, and a grant from the Home-body money has been secured to warrant the erection of a suitable meeting hall and a cottage for the use of the officers in that town. It is hoped that the balance required to complete the internal furniture and a few other details, will be raised in connection with the opening Service.

## The World's Future.

From the *Gleaner* the news comes that President Ferranti of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, London, recently lectured on the wonderful developments of electricity. He explained a Scheme for a Universal supply of Electricity for all purposes at sixteenth of the present cost. He declared that when electricity was understood more fully it would probably control the weather, producing or preventing rainfall when and where it was wished. All the things now achieved by coal could be better done by electricity. Coal should be converted into electricity at a few centres and retailed at a few. This would save annually 90,000,000 tons of coal, which by the conversion would give enough Ammonium Sulphate to fertilise all the cultivated lands of England.

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## Programme.

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3. How the judges take the statement of "The Slave's" "Prize Fighting" will sail from Limon for New York, via Colon and Kingston, on the 19th taking mail and passengers. This is the last chance for sending Xmas presents. She will be in Kingston on the 22nd, giving ample time for landing passengers and mails before the Xmas.
4. A Swimming practice in the french navy. Instructive.
5. The death of "Mozart" the famous German composer.
6. Hard to get a place for a picnic Goin'.

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1. For 6 cents. Comic.
2. The orphan of Messina. Drama.
3. Animated dolls. Tricks.
4. The slave's love. Drama.
5. The death of "Mozart" the famous German composer.
6. Follow me to get a free dinner. Very comic.

## Shipping News.

The Hamburg-American Boat S. S. "La Plata", with 400 tons of general cargo, arrived yesterday from Boca and Colon. The S. S. "Optim Fouchier" will sail from Limon for New York, via Colon and Kingston, on the 19th taking mail and passengers. This is the last chance for sending Xmas presents. She will be in Kingston on the 22nd, giving ample time for landing passengers and mails before the Xmas.

—The S. S. "Parisina" arrived yesterday from New Orleans, via Puerto Barrios, and sails to day for Colon, via Boca.

## A descendant.

### of Columbus

From Madrid comes the news that the Duke of Veragua, a descendant of Christopher Columbus and ex-Minister of Marine died a few days ago. He was born in 1537.

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