

## THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

### Letters to the Editor

**Pleas for Tourists' Camps Here**

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:  
Sir—In preparing for the Sesquicentennial, has it ever occurred to those in charge of the arrangements that Philadelphia has no place for tourists who come in their automobiles? Every little town we pass through has a place where we can drive in, park our car and find places, electric lights, tables and benches, and the glad hand of the citizens stretched out in welcome. How is it in Philadelphia? Not a place; just the administration—"Keep going."

Philadelphia, that wants to be on the map and have a place in the sun, should her gardens be great meeting places, where they can drive in, park their cars, take their refreshments, gussy up, wash, and find it the one way to get the change and relaxation most people need at least once in the year. In taking a trip of this kind last summer, we were asked by fellow campers who were on their way East: "How about Philadelphia? have you got good camps there?" We were very sorry to have the question asked, as it seemed shameful to tell the many things done for us by the different Western cities to have to say: "We have no place where you can camp."

Many were taking the trip from California and other far Western States to the extreme East, and we were more than astonished to learn that there was no place for them unless they stopped in a hotel and put their car and equipment in a garage, a situation far from their plan of an outing. They decided to "keep going," and as one big Western man said, "In that case Philadelphia will get some of our money, and we will spread the word to the great crowds of public who prefer the big outdoors to anybody's hotel."

How about it? We are affording a big in-hospitality! We are making a big time over the coming fair, but it seems to me we could help even that event to be a greater success if we were to put aside a place and suitable equipment for that great number who are taking advantage of this popular movement to get back to nature for a few weeks each year. Do any of our public men ever travel in any other way except Pullman? It would do them good and broaden their outlook if they would take a few months and budget for their own board and eggs, and each night make up a place to rest them weary (?) heads in a sleep such as no hotel or parlor car ever dreamed of. It would not take our public utility long to demonstrate the big idea of putting out the welcome mat before the doors of our many highways.

"All roads lead to Rome," they say, but in the case of Philadelphia, they say, "All roads lead out of our city." It would seem to be vacation time; the roads are full of teamsters with travelers. Are we going to say, "Come on in; we are not going to be the cold, conservative keep-off-the-grass city you have thought us. Make yourselves at home; we have done our best for your comfort and come again!"

Laura H. C. MAGEE,  
Upper Darby, Pa., March 23, 1922.

### Sees Discrimination

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:  
Sir—I have read in your Forum "Wright in Prison" from "Prison," signed "American Citizen."

No doubt he has suffered for the wrong he has done, but let me say this: there are thousands that have done less and the sentence they got is far

more severe. If I had money and political influence I would not be writing these lines now.

On March 19, 1919, my boy fell in with a man who said he would shoot him how to make easy money. On the third attempt he was caught and he alone now must suffer the crime he alone has been forced to do. The sentence is by a Philadelphia judge, fifteen to fifty years for robbery.

Now, American Citizen, I have tried to get this boy paroled, but as I stated, money and political influence is a great thing. This boy was not eighteen years of age when he started, seen his long term. They railroaded him so wonderful that naturalists who were well acquainted with the comparative structure of man, and other mammals, should have believed that each was the work of a separate act of creation."

It was hardly fair of Mr. Hennessy to tell the boy's experience in Tahiti without some reference to his religious beliefs, then and after release. He embarked on the Bosphorus shortly after graduation from Christ College, and was at that time a believer in Christianity. His opinions on this subject did not change until after his five-year voyage. His own words are, "desbelieve crept into me at a slow rate, but was at last complete." The rate was so slow that I feel no distress.

I can agree with Mr. Hennessy that Darwin was not an enemy of religion, but an acceptance of his theories inevitably involves a rejection of the premises on which most all theologies are based, and it is for this reason he is considered an enemy of religion. This, of course, is due to the erroneous belief of a great majority of people that theology and religion are synonymous. No enemy of real religion ever penned these words of Darwin:

"When I view all beings as not special creations, but as the lineal descendants of some few beings which lived long before the first bed of the Cambrian system was deposited, they seem to me to become ennobled. Their grandeur in this view of life, with its several powers, having been originally breathed by the Creator into a few forms or into one; and that, while this planet has gone on according to the fixed law of gravity, from so simple a beginning endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been and are being evolved."

CARL K. MORRIS.  
Sewell, N. J., March 22, 1922.

### Questions Answered

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:  
Sir—Will you permit me to say that in George Noy MacLean's article of Saturday in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, he spelled incorrectly Harry Kellar's name. And if you know Mr. MacLean's name, please let me know. W. A. L. appeared in the Philadelphia North American, Sunday, March 28, and which the editor said was clothed in such a high quality of language, will you favor me by saying to him that nobody before or since ever spelled as he did in the article in question, the name of the author of "Lays of Ancient Rome." G. B. Babington must have turned over the book to see what was in it.

And who did Arthur Brisbane, the highest paid newspaper man in history, the man who knows more than all other writers combined, the man with the most bulging forehead in the whole State of New York—why did he in his editorial in the Journal spell it Shapen? And why did Arthur Brisbane, the highest paid newspaper man in history, the man who knows more than all other writers combined, the man with the most bulging forehead in the whole State of New York—why did he in his editorial in the Journal spell it Shapen?

Why did Theodore Roosevelt, the deceased spell Milford (sic) with one d and march with two u's. Why do professional writers spell it Wilfred, referring to the first name of the late French Premier of Canada. And so it goes—against the grain.

I think the question "What is a gentleman?" has been asked once or twice before by curious people. Whether the answer satisfied them I know not.

CHARLES B. STENCY,  
Atlantic City, N. J., March 27, 1922.

### Darwin's Theories and Religion

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:  
Sir—from a reading of the article on Charles Darwin by Mr. Hennessy, in the "Forum," it is evident that he believes Darwin intended to differentiate

The People's Forum will appear daily in the Evening Public Ledger and in the Sunday Public Ledger. Letters discussing timely topics will be printed. Letters of general interest will be answered.

### Deaths

**BEDNALL**—March 29, 1922. SUSANNA wife of Thomas Bednall. Relatives and friends may call Thurs., 8 to 10 P. M., POLKAN—Sojourner, 29th Street, MAS. wife of M. M. Polkan, formerly of Boston. Relatives, friends and employees of the National American Bank, who have been with the firm for 30 years, will be present. Interment North Cedar Hill Cemetery.

**BERNER**—March 29, 1922. CHARLES A. St. husband of Caroline Beets and son of the late Henry and Sarah Beets. Relatives and friends invited to attend funeral, 2 P. M., at St. John's Episcopal Church, Sojourner, 34 P. M., in adjoining grounds.

**BELMONT**—March 29, 1922. DAVID BELMONT, 2nd son of David and Anna Belmont, chief surgeon of 20th Century Merchant Club, died at 2 P. M., April 1, 1922, in Hospital Services, Thurs., 2 P. M., April 1, 1922, at Hospital Services, 2nd floor, Artisan Memorial Church, 27th and Arch Streets.

**BRAUN**—March 29, 1922. ADALBERT BRAUN, 22, of Laurel Springs, N. J., son of Adalbert Braun, Middleton, N. J., and wife, Anna, died at 10:30 A. M., April 1, 1922, in Hospital Services, 2nd floor, Artisan Memorial Church, 27th and Arch Streets. Friends and relatives invited to attend funeral, 2 P. M., April 1, 1922, at Hospital Services, 2nd floor, Artisan Memorial Church, 27th and Arch Streets.

**BROWNE**—March 29, JULIA, widow of Adam Park, Funeral services Sat., 10:30 A. M., at her residence, 2200 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Int. private.

**BROWN**—March 29, 1922. WILLIAM K. BROWN, 23, of Philadelphia, son of William K. Brown, 42, and wife, Anna, died at 10 A. M., Int. private. Funeral services, 2 P. M., April 1, 1922, at Hospital Services, 2nd floor, Artisan Memorial Church, 27th and Arch Streets.

**BURKE**—March 29, 1922. MARY ALICE BURKE, 22, of Philadelphia, daughter of Michael, aged 7. Relatives and friends invited to attend funeral, 2 P. M., at her parents' residence, 10 Harrison Ave., Int. private.

**CARLSON**—March 29, 1922. MARIE CARLSON, 22, of Philadelphia, daughter of Carl and Anna Carlson, died at 10:30 A. M., April 1, 1922, in Hospital Services, 2nd floor, Artisan Memorial Church, 27th and Arch Streets.

**CHAPMAN**—March 29, 1922. MARY CHAPMAN, 22, of Philadelphia, daughter of Frank and Anna Chapman, died at 10:30 A. M., April 1, 1922, in Hospital Services, 2nd floor, Artisan Memorial Church, 27th and Arch Streets.

**COOPER**—March 29, 1922. ROBERT COOPER, 22, of Philadelphia, son of Robert and Anna Cooper, died at 10:30 A. M., April 1, 1922, in Hospital Services, 2nd floor, Artisan Memorial Church, 27th and Arch Streets.

**COWARD**—March 29, 1922. ROBERT COWARD, 22, of Philadelphia, son of Robert and Anna Coward, died at 10:30 A. M., April 1, 1922, in Hospital Services, 2nd floor, Artisan Memorial Church, 27th and Arch Streets.

**CRAVEN**—March 29, 1922. ROBERT CRAVEN, 22, of Philadelphia, son of Robert and Anna Craven, died at 10:30 A. M., April 1, 1922, in Hospital Services, 2nd floor, Artisan Memorial Church, 27th and Arch Streets.

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