

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1923

New Light on Columbus

It is an extraordinary happy coincidence that has brought to the knowledge of the world the long-lost Contarini map, just acquired by the British Museum, close to the anniversary of the Columbian discovery of America. For that priceless historical document throws a new light of the utmost value upon the voyages of Columbus and some of his contemporaries, and is far and away the richest contribution to historical and geographical knowledge of America that has been made since the discovery of the Waldseemüller map, more than a score of years ago. The Waldseemüller map, it will be recalled, was dated 1507, and was the earliest map on which the name of "America" appeared, that name being applied on it to the South American continent, while North America was called "Parias." The two continents were not connected by an isthmus, but were separated by a broad sea-way. The map was printed in the book by Waldseemüller, in which that famous geographer first suggested that the newly discovered continent should be called "America" in honor of Amerigo Vespucci. Now this map by J. M. Contarini, just come to light, bears the date of 1506, a year earlier than Waldseemüller's, and while it does not bear the name of America, it does indicate with considerable accuracy the northern part of the South American continent, which it calls "Terra S. Crucis"—the name given it by Cabral in 1500. It also shows Cuba, Santo Domingo, Jamaica, Trinidad and other West Indian islands, and purports to show all the lands discovered by Columbus on his four voyages.

In so doing it repeats the great delusion under which Columbus labored, that he had reached the shore of Asia. It gives no indication whatever of a North American continent, but shows the Atlantic Ocean extending unbroken across the map, north of the tenth parallel of north latitude, to the shore of Asia. Then an enormous arm of Asia extends eastward, north of the sixtieth parallel, to the longitude of Greenland. The eastern extremity of this land is inscribed on the map as having been discovered by Portuguese navigators, which we may assume to be a recognition of the adventures of Cortereal and his brothers on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador. Most interesting of all is the eastern coast of Asia, which is divided into provinces. Cathay is at the extreme north, in the latitude of Kamchatka; Mangi is about where Peking really is; while Ciamba, which the map tells us is the province visited by Columbus, is between Canton and Cochinchina. South of these provinces, the island of Java is indicated. As this map, with these details and inscriptions, was published in the very year of Columbus's death, the indication is clear that to the end of his life he cherished the delusion that he had achieved his purpose of sailing to the Indies and had actually reached the country of the Great Khan. It may be added that Cuba and the other West India islands are shown with considerable accuracy, as is also that portion of the Venezuelan coast explored by Columbus, including the Gulf of Paria and the Dragon's Mouth. The huge island of Zipsang, or Japan, is shown midway between South America and China. Indeed, in almost every detail, the map illustrates the reports which Columbus gave of his voyages and the theories and delusions which he cherished concerning them.

No less remarkable is the way in which it ignores the discoveries and reports of other explorers, especially of Amerigo Vespucci. It will be recalled that the latter professed to have made in 1497 a voyage around South America and up the western coast of North America, and in 1499 to have gone with Cosa and Ojeda to the entrance of Darien. Besides

also in 1500 visited the Darien Panama Isthmus, at Porto Bello. Finally Amerigo Vespucci professed in 1505 to have explored the Darien coast and gone far up the Atrato River. Yet of all these things there is absolutely no hint on this map of 1506. The reason for this strange omission may be that Contarini did not believe Amerigo's report, although Amerigo was his fellow townsman of Florence. It will be recalled that much scepticism has always existed concerning Amerigo's exploits. Or it may have been that Contarini resented Amerigo's desertion of Florence and his casting in his lot with Cosa, a Biscayan, and Ojeda, a Spaniard, and for the same reason he may have ignored the indubitable discoveries of Bastidas, a Sevillian. Such national rivalries and animosities have not been unknown.

His characters are living beings, and speak and act naturally. Above all he gives us a wonderful presentation of the life of a simple, kindly, lovable folk, full of good nature and fun. "Service brings us into totally different atmosphere. He is the singer of wide open spaces, of life in the rough, of adventure and romance. Born of Scotch parents, he came to Canada at the age of 20, and took part in the Yukon gold rush of '98. Later he went to Paris, drove an ambulance during the great war, a fact that was responsible for 'Rhymes of a Red Cross Man.' He now has his home in France.

"He has a directness and incisiveness of speech, a wonderful gift of Nature painting and character delineation. But unlike Drummond, his poems are often sombre and dark. When he likes he can write light, airy, fanciful verse."

The lecture was illustrated throughout by extracts from the works of both poets.

TALK GIVEN ON CANADIAN POETS

The usual weekly meeting of the Knox Young Peoples' Guild was held on Thursday evening last. The meeting that evening took the form of a literary night and the Rev. W. T. Brown gave an address on two Canadian poets, Drummond and Service. The speaker opening his talk drew attention to the close connection between poetry and life.

"Poetry sprang out of the heart of a people," he said. "Canada, like every other nation has her poets, all of whom are influenced by the life of their fellows." Mr. Brown rapidly reviewed the different influences that contributed to make Canadian poetry what it is today.

"We today owe much to the French Canadian, who had the gift of song handed down to him by his ancestors from Normandy and Brittany; the 'chaous' or folk songs mark his contributions to our poetry. Then too, the English, Irish and Scotch settlers added their share; but the greatest contribution of all was that made by the U. E. Loyalists, who kept alive a great love for literature. They might live in log cabins and labor hard for bare existence, yet they had books and learning, and in their hearts was a firm resolve that their children should not grow up untaught. Thus they laid deep firm foundations for Canadian education and letters in generations to come."

The rest of the talk dealt with the works of W. H. Drummond, the poet of "The Habitant" and R. W. Service, "The poet of the West."

"Both, while writing of totally different races and types of people, had much in common. They both sang of life as they saw it; they give us intimate glimpses of men and women; they are one in their appreciation of Nature, have each a keen sense of humor, are artists at vivid word-painting, and lastly are neither native born Canadians.

"Drummond has in his 'Habitant' poems done successfully one of the most difficult things for any writer to do. 'He has got inside the skin,' so to speak, of an entirely different people to his own, has learned to think out their thoughts and experiences. Born in Ireland, he emigrated to Canada at an early age. After a career of hard work he became a physician at Montreal. He was a keen hunter and fisherman and to this fact we owe those splendid verses of his. His hunting and fishing trips brought him into close contact with the native French Canadian and made him acquainted with their peculiar character and folk lore. Characteristic of his poetry is an exquisite simplicity and directness. His painting of Nature in its different moods is very fine.

Past Masters' Night Is Held

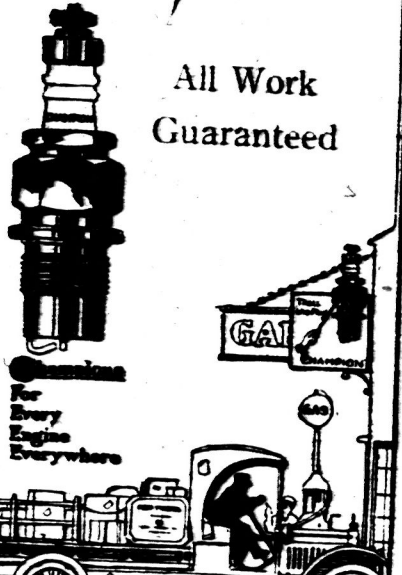
Past Masters' night was held at the regular meeting of King Solomon Lodge, A.F. & A.M. last Friday night. The third degree was exemplified on two candidates after which a banquet was held. Worshipful Brother Albert Booth, master of the lodge was chairman, and short addresses were given by Worshipful Brother J. J. Parsons, Right Worshipful Brother Dr. William Jaques, Brother Rev. W. T. Brown, Worshipful Brother J. S. Burwash and Brother Robinson, of Otterville.

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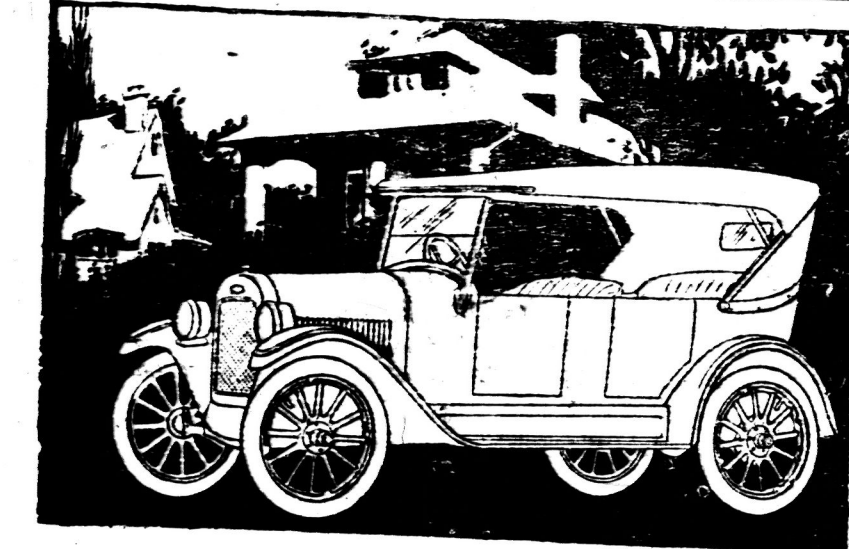
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