

W. C. T. U. NOTES

PUT VICTORY FIRST

By Florence Louise Fenton

I know the question I'll be asking myself this long, weary task is done— When the fighting is over — the victory won — have I earned my place in the sun?

When I hear the beat of those marching feet, the drums, the pipes, and the bugles clear, I'll be asking myself (with a note of fear) — have I — have the right — to cheer?

Am I grateful enough — as I breathe a prayer, for the hungry and homeless — sharing their burdens and fighting their fears, with the sound of the bombs in their ears.

Have I done all I could? — I ask myself. And the answer comes clear and plain — that only by giving and giving again — can we win our peace, and avenge our slain.

Their glorious fame I can never attain — but I want to be there — to laugh and cry — and to wave my hat as the troops march by.

To feel that I have — the right to claim my share in the sun, to claim my share in a task well done — My right to rejoice — on the Victory won.

THE NOONTIDE TEST

"When these things begin to pass, then look up and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." — Luke 21:28. Glance back across the chapter and see what things are meant. It is the most devastating catalogue of crisis and convulsion of formidable, ruthless forces playing havoc with good men's dreams. When your mind is confused, and your nerves reel, and your spirit near despair — then, said Jesus, "Look up! Lift up your heads! For your redemption draweth nigh."

In other words, when things are at their worst, you had better be alert and watchful, more vigilant than ever, for that is the likeliest hour for a new decisive emergence of the Spirit of God upon the scene. — The Strong Name, by James S. Stewart.

DR. E. M. HOWSE

1. The Abolition of Liquor Advertising. In the national interest Canada is now banning the promotion of the liquor traffic by advertising. In the national interest she might ban it forever more. Indeed we might make the ban much more effective than it is at present. If, for example, foreign magazines carrying liquor advertisements could not circulate in Canada more than 1000 copies an issue, how quickly the magazines with large circulations would delete these advertisements from Canadian editions.

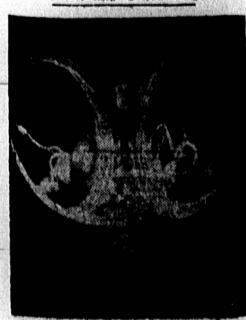
2. The elimination of private profit from manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages. I am not a believer in state socialism. But there are some businesses which, because of their special character we all agree should not be left to the mercies of private promotion. The inherent social perils in the liquor traffic affords ample reason for expropriating it from the hands of gigantic corporations whose organized aim and endeavor it is to persuade people to drink more this year than they did last, and more next year than they will this.

3. Strict regulation against abuse in the process of sale. Prior to government expropriation, this would include judicial control of license, withholding of license for malpractices, limitation of hours of sale, banning of trade practices which are calculated to increase drinking. Both before and after government expropriation its purpose would be just to meet the demand for the beverage without stimulating the demand from the bootlegger.

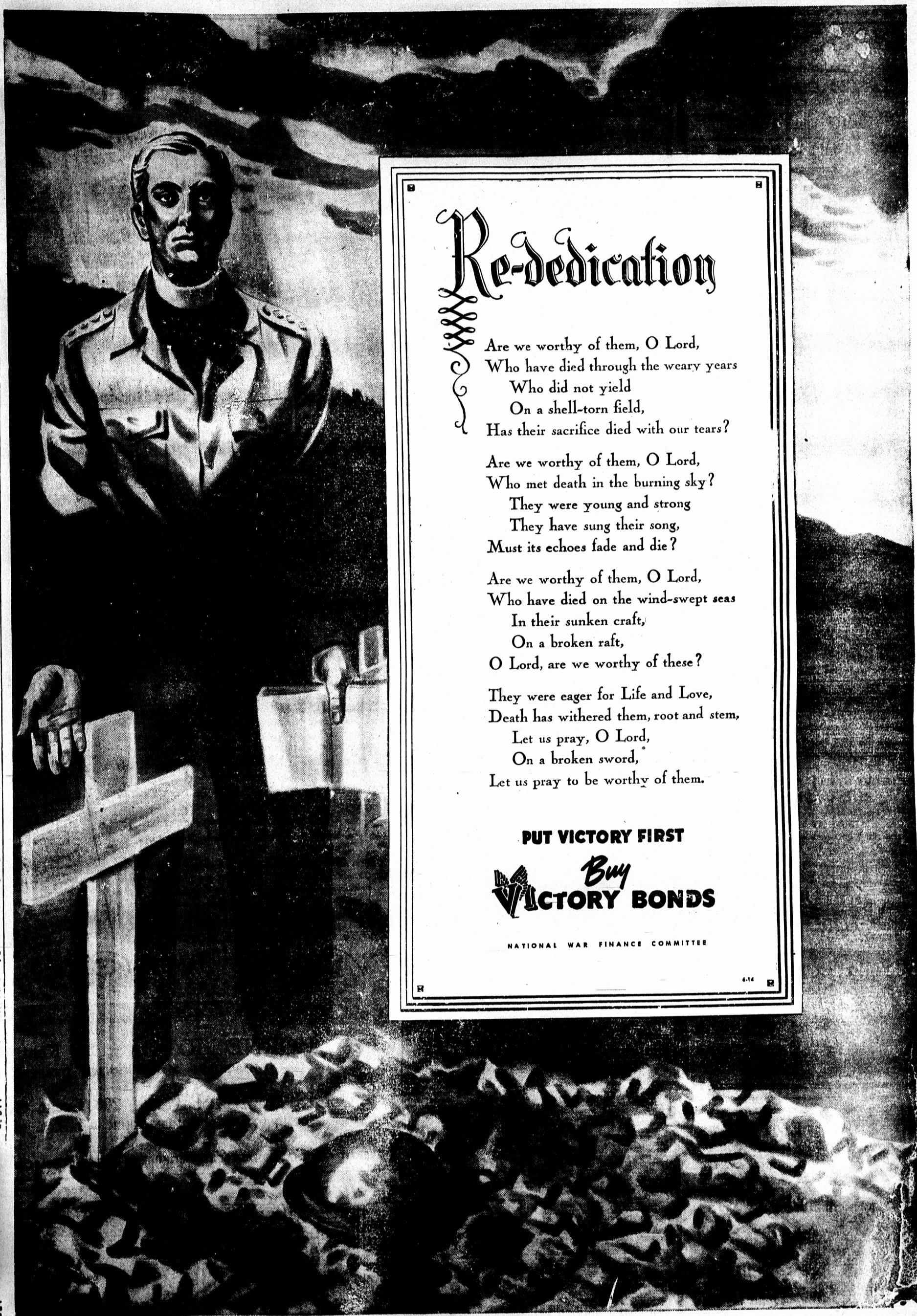
4. Better care of the victims. The customers who become casualties. It is almost futile to send drunks to jail. Few can be cured by punishment. Some, if taken early, may be cured by careful treatment. Canada should establish clinics for alcoholism, which might summon to the early aid of the victim all the resources of medicine, psychiatry, and religion. Concerning this I need only refer you to a recent admirable address by Dr. George Lusk.

5. Better Temperance Education in the public schools. This would involve special training for teachers. But we might well spend some of the liquor profits today to lessen the liquor profits tomorrow. Thus might we contrive to make alcohol, that versatile product, dig its own grave.

Lettuce and parsley aren't decorations. They're foods to be eaten to the last chew Chop 'em up fine and add to soups, vegetables, salads if a stubborn family refuse to eat them any other way.



The chap above literally "carries the torch" for the R.A.F. He's traffic director at R.A.F. station in England, and is pictured using a pair of torches to signal landing directions to bombers returning after night raids over Europe.



# Re-dedication

Are we worthy of them, O Lord,  
Who have died through the weary years  
Who did not yield  
On a shell-torn field,  
Has their sacrifice died with our tears?

Are we worthy of them, O Lord,  
Who met death in the burning sky?  
They were young and strong  
They have sung their song,  
Must its echoes fade and die?

Are we worthy of them, O Lord,  
Who have died on the wind-swept seas  
In their sunken craft,  
On a broken raft,  
O Lord, are we worthy of these?

They were eager for Life and Love,  
Death has withered them, root and stem,  
Let us pray, O Lord,  
On a broken sword,  
Let us pray to be worthy of them.

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