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MANSE AND MOTHERLAND

One of the most striking features of the war is the devotion and sacrifice of the clergy. At a recent meeting in London, the Archbishop of Canterbury announced it would be necessary to amalgamate a number of church livings as so many of the rectors and curates had gone on active service, while the colleges had been practically denuded of divinity students.

Again, the Rev. Duncan Cameron, The Manse, Kilsyth, in the course of a letter to the Times, says:—

"With the approval of the Right Rev. the Moderator of the General Assembly, I have compiled a roll of the sons of the manse who are serving in the Army or Navy. As the facts that I have ascertained are very remarkable, I venture to think that they will be of interest to our fellow-countrymen and to others beyond the borders of Scotland.

"Ninety per cent. of the sons of the Scottish manse are now serving in one of the two arms of the forces of the Crown. With very few exceptions, all the manses of the Church of Scotland have given every available son to the service of their country. Sons of the manse have returned from all parts of the world to join some home regiment and many sons are serving in the various dominions contingents."

What is true of the rectory and the manse is true also of the working classes in many districts. In one mining village of Fife, out of a total population of 2,118 men of military age 2,115 have enlisted and the remaining three failed to pass the doctor. That, of course, is exceptional, but in this instance the men were recruited by the Laird and his two sons, and by the ministers of the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church, all of whom themselves showed the example by volunteering.

For a city, perhaps Hull supplies the best example of what patriotism means. Crossland Avenue, in that city claims the record for the number of men who have joined the services, taking into account the number of houses. There are 18 houses in this working class street; in three of them there are no available men, the occupants being widows, and in another one man was rejected. The remaining 14 houses have supplied 15 men, all for the Army, except one, who is mine sweeping. Some of the men are at the front and the others are waiting to go.

On the other hand there are many districts where recruiting has been the exception rather than the rule, and it is there where patriotism lags that the Government may have to bring pressure to bear that the eligible men may be brought to a realization of their duty.

What the aristocracy has done needs no comment. The casualty list bears eloquent testimony to their devotion to King and country. Several instances of gentlemen refusing commissions and taking their place in the ranks are recorded in recent home newspapers. In the House of Commons three of the wealthiest members have joined as private soldiers, and Lord Crawford, who as Lord Balcarras was member for the Chorley Division of Lancashire, has also enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps as an ordinary Tommy. Lord Crawford, who is forty-four years of age married Miss Constance Lillian Pelly, a granddaughter of the late Lord Wemyss, and has several children. His oldest son until such time as he succeeded to the family honors was known as the Master of Lindsay. Lord Crawford was for two years a Junior Lord of the Treasury and Unionist Whip, and held a Captaincy in the 1st Volunteer Batt. of the Manchester Regiment, and is also hon. secretary of that excellent society which endeavors to protect ancient buildings.

Thus the common peril has come to remove all class distinction, the one fact recognized being that our Mother Country needs men.

Leave the furrow all unfinished, to the plough—
Leave the lonely cattle lowing on the lea;
For she's calling night and day,
"Oh my children, come away
To glory or to death for me."

INSPECTOR WANTED

The falling across the sidewalk of part of a building on the corner of Pownall and Water Street Saturday morning was an event of little consequence, under such circumstances, the only damage being the breaking of a lantern—as there happened to be nothing else directly in the way. The man who was carrying the lantern was perhaps uncomfortably near a much more serious loss but "a miss is as good as a mile" when a building falls.

The consequences, however, might have been very much more serious; children are in the habit of playing on the sidewalks; men and women are in the habit of walking on the sidewalks and this habit would no doubt have brought many children and men and women to the scene of the collapse had it occurred during playing or walking hours. Fortunately it occurred early in the morning, before playing or walking began.

This building, we understand, had been regarded with fear and suspicion for some years—except by little children who played around it, and by strangers and visitors who did not know it was rotten and liable to fall at any moment.

How many more such buildings are there in Charlottetown? It is known that there are some buildings here that are as old as the City itself, but it is not known whether they are likely to stand indefinitely or tumble down on—the sidewalk, perhaps, or on some unfortunate who may be passing when the crash comes, for they cannot all be expected to be as considerate as the one which fell Saturday morning before the people were astray.

It is not time that Charlottetown had a building inspector to look after the construction of its new buildings, and also the safety of its old ones? All buildings grow old, and some in Charlottetown have been growing old sufficiently long to make them aged and decrepit. They will of their own accord, follow the example of the one above referred to, if not pulled down, and there may be disastrous consequences. In justice to the citizens the matter should be very carefully looked into.

MORE MEN WANTED

A Canadian officer at the front, who has been "through the mill" and who has seen more of the war than is given in the official reports, urges more attention to military training than has heretofore been given to it in Canada.

Taking as his premises the progress made by the Allies so far he by no means sees the end of the war in the near future, but insists that if it is to be finished within the year thousands more men must be sent in addition to those now in the field.

And he urges also the necessity of a powerful army at the time of settlement, in order that the terms dictated by the Allies shall be enforced.

This is a sane view of the situation. We have been too long "fed up" on optimistic reports and of "making progress," but when we compare the relative positions of the contending armies to-day with what they were six months ago, the most optimistic of us will admit that there has been painfully little progress. There has so far been no decisive battle, although the killed in all armies must now be up in the millions.

In Great Britain there has been trouble among the mechanics, the extent of which may be inferred from the fact that the British Government is calling for skilled workmen in Canada and the United States and offering a free passage to England for all such workmen.

Germany is still boasting, and she has some ground for the boast, that she has yet millions of men to draw from and that these men are already trained soldiers, they having been trained in the schools, whereas Great Britain, all her colonies included, must draw her recruits from raw and untrained material. The time required to hammer raw recruits into trained soldiers here in Canada may be read in the history of Valcartier and Salisbury Plains.

This officer is right in advising the establishment of training camps throughout Canada. This would mean, at least, a certain amount of preparedness, and conditions on the battlefield so far are such that we do not know how many more men may be required to bring the war to a conclusion.

MAYFLOWERS

Perhaps all the young people who, on these pleasant days of early spring, take long walks "across the bridge" to gather mayflowers do not know that the real name of this beautiful little flower is the trailing arbutus. There is everything in a name however and it is doubtful if this, the first blossom of spring will ever be popularly known by any other name than just the simple word mayflower.

One of the sayings by that distinguished Islander whose name has gone farther abroad perhaps than that of any other of its sons or daughters, Anne of Green Gables, in one of her talks to Aunt Marilla, said:

"I'm so sorry for people who live in lands where there are no mayflowers. There couldn't be anything better than mayflowers, could there? Diana says if they don't know what they are like, they don't miss them. But I think that is the saddest thing of all. I think it would be tragic not to know what mayflowers are like and not to miss them. Do you know what I think mayflowers are? I think they must be the souls of the flowers that died last summer, and this is their heaven."

Perhaps in calling them the souls of the flowers that died little Anne was not so far astray. In any case they grow from the remains of flowers that have faded and their coming to life in the cold clammy earth, out of the death that held all plants during the winter—is a resurrection miracle.

The mayflower grows in the poorest soil. It may be pure sand and so poor that everything else refuses to grow in it, but in such poor soil, sometimes amid moss the arbutus will put forth its leaves and in spring will blossom. It is very modest about it, however, and allows only one or two of the blossoms to look out from the edge of its tangle of vines. But when you lift the tangle of vines, you find hidden under the covering of leaves, a wealth of fragrant flowers. People try to transplant and cultivate it, but without much success, for it is hard to find in any garden soil as poor as that in which it is in the habit of growing. The arbutus is now in bloom and will continue until the last week in May.

A GOOD TEXT SPOILED

Consistency is a jewel unknown in the columns of our respected contemporary, the Patriot. Yesterday it returns to the charge that a political "campaign just now seems to us a ghastly crime," and follows this up with a pressing invitation to "every Liberal, young or otherwise," to attend a meeting in the Patriot office, to be instructed in the mysteries of "how candidates are selected, how the different districts and wards are organized, and what the policies of the two parties are." "It will not take a great deal of your time," the editor pleadingly adds. We readily accept this last admonition so far as the policy of the Liberal party is concerned, for, like the famous chapter headed "Snakes in Iceland," "there is none" to explain—at least just at present, until Sir Wilfrid decides what will be most opportune.

"And so the 'morning organ,'" "So the Guardian."

are the opening words in our contemporary's two editorials yesterday. Like many other good texts, however, it suffers in both instances from misinterpretation and misrepresentation by the exegete. In the first place, a Government that provides for something like \$30,000 or \$40,000 of current expenditure in the previous year's accounts and still shows a surplus, can stand any amount of juggling criticism without suffering any harm. In the second place, "the staggering, heart-breaking reports from the battle front" are not going to provide a shield to Sir Wilfrid and his satellites when they are called to give an account of their stewardship. The people want to know where the Liberals now stand in the matter of war policy. Do they intend to continue their opposition to Imperial defence as exhibited during the Naval Arm Bill debates and on the war Budget in the late session? Liberal politicians and press must clear their skirts before they can hope to rally to their "white plume" thoughtful persons, "young or otherwise."

JAPAN AND CHINA

Our despatches yesterday seem to indicate a somewhat acute stage in the negotiations between Japan and China.

The situation is grave, and is exciting comment both in Europe and America. It appears difficult to ascertain precisely just what Japan has demanded of China, but enough is known to reveal the fact that Japan is determined to be the arbiter of the Eastern Pacific, and if China cares to dispute her right then Japan is both willing and ready to appeal to arms. Already, we are told, there have been local clashes between the troops of the two nations and there is a possibility of graver trouble any time. In the British House of Commons, Sir Edward Grey, in response to an interpellation, said that he could not at present make a detailed statement, but, speaking generally, the policy of the British Government to China continues to be governed by the terms of the Anglo-Japanese agreement, and Britain expects that the independence and integrity of the Chinese republic will be maintained, and there will be equality of opportunity for the commerce and industry of all nations in China.



CANADA AND THE WAR A Forecast

BY

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Canada and the War

In the British Isles military preparation has been imperfect because development has proceeded along the paths of peace. The instinct of the British people is against militarism, and great standing armies are not viewed with favor.

But in the British Isles and her self-governing dominions alone there are at least sixty millions of people, a population nearly equal to that of Germany. If our preparation for the struggle was insignificant compared with that of Germany, let us not forget that her resources are insignificant compared with those of this Empire. There are many things which count besides armed forces in the field. In the organization of modern war all the nation's resources must be reckoned with. CONSIDER THOSE OF CANADA, WHICH EVEN DURING THE COMING WAR CAN SUPPLY FOOD PRODUCTS TO AN ALMOST UNLIMITED EXTENT.

The unity of purpose inspiring the British dominions and their participation in this war upon so vast a scale has amazed the Prussian war lords. Also it has shattered their confident belief that the military resources of these dominions were entirely negligible. There is but one way to deal effectively with the Prussian gospel of force and violence and the Prussian ideal of absolutism. IT MUST BE SMASHED UTTERLY AND COMPLETELY. The sooner that is accomplished the better for the German people and for all the nations. Canada joins wholeheartedly in that great task. WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IS KNOWN TO ALL. WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE SHALL BE LIMITED ONLY BY THE NEED.

It is within the bounds of probability that the four free nations of the overseas dominions will have put into the fighting line 250,000 men if this war should continue for another year. THAT RESULT, OR EVEN THE RESULTS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN OBTAINED, MUST MARK A GREAT EPOCH IN THE HISTORY OF IMPERIAL RELATIONS. There are children today who will see the overseas dominions surpass in wealth and population the British Isles; THERE ARE CHILDREN PLAYING IN OUR STREETS WHO MAY SEE CANADA ALONE ATTAIN THAT EMINENCE.

ROSES FALL IN LOVE, SAYS PROFESSOR WALTER

PHILADELPHIA, May 1—Professor Henry G. Walter, head of the plant research institute of Langhorne declares that roses fall in love. He says that the passion of the Killarney for the Crimson Rambler is wholly sensuous. "In fact," said the professor today, "the love of the rose is the vital dynamic desire to bring about the physiological and chemical union of two rose cells. The desire of a rose cell for union is never governed by spiritual ideals or conscious standards of ethical worth. It knows no morals."

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR READERS OF THE GUARDIAN

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On the pathway of life keep pushing along
And do well what you have to do,
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And success will come to you.

On the pathway of life keep pushing along
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SUNK WITH BLUCHER.

LERWICK, Scotland, May 1—The finding today near the south end of this island of a life-buoy marked "Kolberg," is believed here to confirm the report made at the time that the German cruiser Kolberg was sunk in the battle in the North Sea on January 24th. In his report on the battle in the North Sea last January, Admiral Beatty, after mentioning the destruction of armored cruiser Blucher, said the German light cruiser Kolberg also was sunk. The German government, however, later declared that Admiral Beatty's report concerning the Kolberg was false.

HORSE RACING IN GERMANY.

BERLIN, May 1—At a meeting of the Union Club, today, the controlling body for horse racing in Germany, the vice-president announced that permission had been received to re-open the race tracks for racing on a limited scale, but without the operation of betting machines. The first meet will begin at Hoppegarten, near Berlin, May 24, and continue for ten days. There will be three days of racing each week for three weeks, and a final day of the sport during the fourth week. The usual program of seven races will be run off each day. The purses will amount to \$92,500.

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LARGE AMERICAN STEAMER ATTACKED BY GERMAN AIRMEN.

WATER IN WELLAND CANAL IS LOW.

LONDON, April 31—The Reuter Telegram Company received a despatch from its correspondent at Rotterdam saying that the American steamer Cushing from Philadelphia, arrived at Rotterdam today and reports having been attacked by German airmen in the North Sea last Wednesday.

The airmen dropped two bombs, but no damage was done. The Cushing was flying the American flag at the time of the attack, and her name was displayed on her sides in huge letters.

The steamer Cushing left Philadelphia April 11, for Rotterdam via deal. She is of 4,320 tons net register, and she is 427 feet long.

OGENSBURG, N. Y., May 2— Because of low water, officials of the Welland Canal today notified the Rutland Transit Company, of Ogdensburg not to load vessels deeper than thirteen feet, eight inches. The normal draft is fourteen feet. The steamer Arlington, which touched the bottoms in the canal, was drydocked here today for repairs.

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