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A NOBLE EXAMPLE

Yesterday Rev. G. C. Taylor, pastor of Zion Church, this City, signed on as a private in No. 5 Siege Battery now being recruited for overseas service. Mr. Taylor is pastor of one of the largest Presbyterian congregations in the Maritime Provinces, has had a most promising prospect, a magnificent church, the devotion of his people, the power of attracting large congregations and unlimited opportunities for doing good. All this and these he has voluntarily abandoned for a higher duty involving sacrifice, privation, separation from friends, danger, death if need be. It were unnecessary to call this sacrifice. Viewed from any angle the word sacrifice is written large over every phase of it. But duty is larger than sacrifice and Mr. Taylor has manfully responded to its call that has come to every able bodied man in the Empire and to which every able bodied man in the Empire who has red blood in his veins has responded unless held back by other bonds of duty which could not be broken.

We congratulate the reverend gentleman. In his pastoral work he set a noble example to his flock and held up high ideals, but this is the noblest example he has set and one before which many heads as young as his may well hang in shame, for there are those yet whose duty lies where Mr. Taylor has found his. His absence from the City, temporary only we trust, will be a loss to citizens of every creed but the loss will be compensated for in the fact that, like so many others among us who also are being missed, he has done his duty as a man.

SIR WILFRID'S BAD PLAY

The Mail and Empire says: "There was not the smallest chance that the Lapointe amendment would be adopted by the House of Commons. It was not introduced in any expectation that it would be adopted. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, at whose hands it received at least the finishing touches and who made the principal speech in support of it, did not flatter himself that he could so move the House as to carry it by the force of his eloquence. He would have been greatly surprised had the vote been less adverse to the amendment than it was."

"The purpose of the amendment and of Sir Wilfrid's speech in support of it was to stampee Quebec in favor of Sir Lomer Gouin and to bring Sir Wilfrid into the limelight as the champion of the cause of extreme French-Canadianism in Canada. He had no hope of scoring in the House of Commons but he calculated on scoring one hundred per cent. in his native

province and thereby gaining preponderance in Dominion politics.

In the Lapointe amendment it is submitted "that His Majesty's subjects of French origin in the Province of Ontario complain" that they have been deprived of the privilege of having their children taught in French. Sir Wilfrid cannot hope to make anybody believe that the question would ever have been brought into the House of Commons had there been nothing more behind it than the complaints of Ontario people of French origin. It was brought into the House to please the masters of Quebec, who presume to pass upon, condemn and complain against a law enacted by the Legislature of this province. It was to attach the voting strength of Quebec to his own political fortunes, and not to make an adventure in knight-errantry for the French minority in Ontario, that he made the stand he did in the House. Had there not been the prize of a solid Quebec to be played for, Sir Wilfrid would have given the question of Ontario's limiting French pupils to instruction by means of the English language a wide berth. He considers that his great fund of political capital, that which gives command of support in other provinces, must be derived from Quebec.

"In his speech he posed both as the friend of minorities and as the respecter of provincial rights. At the same time as he asked the House to rap the Ontario Legislature over the knuckles and suggested to it "the wisdom of making it clear that the privilege of the children of French parentage of being taught in their mother tongue be not interfered with," he admitted that the Ontario Legislature was competent to establish Regulation 17, and that the Dominion Government ought not to disallow the legislation. But he had nothing whatever to say of a recent extremely flagrant case of provincial legislation that overstepped provincial bounds. He had no resolution and no speech of censure for the law passed in the last session of the Quebec Legislature enabling Quebec municipalities to vote funds for carrying on in this province a campaign against a provision of the school law of this province. Sir Wilfrid did not deplore or condemn that outrageous measure. Here was practically a declaration of war by one province against a law of another province, a law which Sir Wilfrid Laurier says was within that province's jurisdiction and ought to be disallowed. What a humiliating position the leader of the Opposition thus puts himself in! Whatever sympathy he might claim to have for French-speaking people in Ontario, he cannot pretend that the Province of Quebec has any grievances, or any business in the premises. He regrets that the Province of Ontario saw fit to use its autonomy as it did in the matter of Regulation 17, and therefore would have the House of Commons send a message of disapproval to the Ontario Legislature, but for the Legislature of Quebec he has no reproach, though it passed a law meddling in the most insolent and unwarranted way in the affairs of this province.

"Evidently in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's political strategy it is necessary that there should be in this Dominion one province of superior status, a province that should have some dominance over the rest, namely, the Province of Quebec. Such a stretch of the sway and pretensions of one province is rather more than the party system of this country will stand. If Sir Wilfrid is in politics to impose upon the rest of the country the will that rules in Quebec, then he must be prepared to have his political activity confined to Que-

PRISONERS IN GERMANY

Sir:—It may interest your readers to know the result of my recent appeal for the adoption of Island War Prisoners in Germany. Adoption means contributing \$4.00 per month for which amount a weekly box of food and comforts is sent through the Prisoners of War Department of the Canadian Red Cross, and by arrangement with the German government is always received by the prisoners. Contributors therefore need be in no fear that the supplies are misappropriated. The following associations support one prisoner each: St. Peter's Sunday School, City; The Philathea Class, Baptist Sunday School, City; Charlottetown Daughters of the Empire; The Carpet Slipper Club; The Charlottetown Woman's Club, with the Presbyterian Sunday School, St. Peter's Bay; Teachers of Upper Prince St. School; The Army Club Women's Patriotic Society; The Rev. W. B. King, Cambridge, Mass.; Mrs. C. H. Chandler, City; and an old St. Peter's School boy. The following contributed one dollar a month each to the Fund: Mrs. Thos. White, Mrs. S. F. Dewar, Mrs. J. O. Hyndman, Mrs. A. E. Ings, Mrs. W. De Blois, Mrs. Edward Hurry, Mrs. W. T. Hunt, St. Eleanor's.

In addition to those who send contributions through me, I am informed that the Daughters of the Empire, Summerside; The High School Georgetown; The Women's Patriotic Society, Montague; each support a prisoner, and the W. P. S. of Bedouque, have notified me that they will do so. I have not yet received the names of the prisoners allotted to each society but expect the list from England in a few days.

I am, Sir, etc.,

JAMES SIMPSON,

Canon of St. Peter's Cathedral.

Convocation at Prince of Wales

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- Eva McLennan, O'Leary.
- Lizzie Sullivan, Clinton.
- William Smith, Kinkora.
- Viola Ryan, Priest Point.
- Sutherland McLeod, Earncliffe.
- Martin Monaghan, Charlottetown.
- Ralph Windsor, Crapaud.
- Ethel Campbell, Darlington.
- Ingham Jardine, Kensington.
- Myrtle Stewart, Charlottetown.
- Hazel Boates, Summerside.
- Agnes McAduff, Alberton.
- Bertha Maloney, Rogersville, N. B.
- Florence McDougald, Blooming Pt.
- Sadie Whiteway, Murray River.
- Janie Bell, Cape Traverse.
- Charles Richards, Mt. Mellick.
- Kathleen Marcou, Souris.
- Bertha Murphy, Emerald.
- Mary Fisher, Scotchfort.
- May Hodgson, Alberton.
- Phileas DesRoches, Miscouche.
- James B. McTague, Selkirk Road.
- Laura Bagnall, Hazel Grove.
- Jeanette Cameron, South Melville.
- Thomas Hammill, Lower Freetown.
- Helen Bradley, Charlottetown.
- Claire Wright, Bedouque.
- May Byrne, Fort Augustus.
- Ralph Bearsto, Malpeque.
- Helen Hayden, Vernon.
- Mary Smith, Appin Road.
- Ruby Adams, Knutsford.
- Lillian Fraser, Summerville.
- Fannie McLeod, Charlottetown.
- Minnie Carruthers, Summerside.
- Ruth McNaught, Coleman.
- Winston Smith, Pownal.
- Talmage Foster, Marshfield.
- Eleanor Oulton, Brae.
- Fred Coyle, Charlottetown.
- Peter Walsh, St. Anne's.
- Ethel Johnston, Peter's Road.
- Wanda McLellan, Charlottetown.
- Lillian Wheatley, Charlottetown.
- Irene Murchison, Bonshaw.
- Vernon Smith, Middleton.
- Mary Tierney, New Haven.
- Christina McLeod, Victoria Cross.
- Kathleen McPhee, Bellevue.
- Lucille McNeill, McDougald's.
- Katie McPhee, Bayfield.
- Annie McDougald, Blooming Point.
- Amy O'Connell, Tarantum.
- Josephine Campbell, Elmira.
- Grace Kirn, Summerside.
- John Smith, Middleton.
- Alice Cairns, Freetown.
- Agnes O'Connor, St. Anne's.

ministering affairs at the big university at Ithaca, he keeps in touch with national and international affairs, and gives his time freely to aid forward movements.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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START DAY RIGHT

No life can be complete, however much of beauty it may have in it, which leaves out God. No path can be a safe one, however, sheltered it may seem, in which God is not leading us. We never can find our way home unless we are guided from heaven. We should make sure that, whatever other friends we have, we have Jesus Christ.

A day with God truly at its beginning cannot but be a prosperous day. It may not be easy, it may not be cloudless, its burdens may be heavy, its tasks may be hard, it may have the crosses, its sorrows, its tears. But nothing can go really wrong with our life if we have truly put it into God's hands in the morning.

Yet there are people who never pray. They rise from their bed in the morning, after enjoying a night's protection, and after receiving blessings from God in sleep, and never say a word nor have an emotion of gratitude.

Begin each morning with a talk to God and ask for your divine inheritance. Of usefulness, contentment, and success.

Resign all fear, all doubt, and all despair.

—Dr. Miller.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Amid the ringing of bells the cheers of citizens and the martial strains of the 105th Regimental Band, Private Wm. McQueen, winner of the D. C. M. in France was welcomed home yesterday morning, and driven to the Revere Hotel amid the admiring glances and plaudits of hundreds of people who hastily gathered when it was learned the long looked for hero had arrived. It is hoped his furlough will be a pleasant one and that he will be quickly restored to health and strength.

Wednesday, Victoria Day, the first of the summer holidays, was ideal for picnics, boating and driving and was taken advantage of generally. The excursion by the Car Ferry Steamer was the principal public entertainment and over five hundred persons enjoyed the beautiful sail and outing to New Glasgow. There were numerous private picnics, while fishing was the order of the day and many varied other "fish stories" now being told.

The serious illness of Stewart, the bright young son of Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Brighton, has caused his friends much uneasiness during the past few weeks. It is sincerely hoped the little lad will soon regain his usual good health.

Among those leaving here this week who will be sincerely missed, were Mrs. McNeill and her sister Miss Francis McNutt who have spent the past year in this city, taking quite a prominent part in Church and social activities. Mrs. McNeill and Miss McNutt are visiting in Boston before proceeding to Calgary, Vancouver and other cities West.

The engagement was made public this week of Helen Gertrude, daughter of Mr. George M. Moore to Mr. Robbins E. Colwill, the marriage to take place early in June.

Mrs. Benjamin Heartz's many friends regret that owing to indisposition she has entered the Hospital for treatment and hope to see her out again in the near future.

The Golf Links proved most attractive on Wednesday when a large number of the members were present during the day to enjoy a round on the links, which were in splendid condition, and to while away a few hours socially. Tea was served in the afternoon by Mrs. W. W. Clark and Miss Katherine McLeod and was much enjoyed.

Sir W. W. Sullivan, Chief Justice, is now enjoying a well-earned six months leave of absence.

Premier Mathieson and Mrs. Mathieson were spending a few days this week at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa.

Miss Bertha Ferguson is visiting Miss Mole Roy, New Glasgow, N. S., for a few days, en route to Vancouver, where she will be married to Mr. Peters, now of San Francisco. Miss Ferguson who made many friends, during her previous visits to New Glasgow was given a "shower" Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Silverlight. The bride-to-be wore a very handsome gown of scarlet crepe over satin, and Mrs. Tanton of Charlottetown, who poured tea, wore black satin. After tea Master Billy Silverlight carried in the "shower" which consisted of many gifts of linen.

Colonel Moore returned home this week from an extended and thoroughly enjoyable visit with friends in California, and is being cordially welcomed by his wide circle of friends.

His friends are pleased to have the Rev. Dr. Heartz with them again, he having come over from Amherst early in the week.

Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman President of Cornell University was receiving congratulations on Monday of this week by attaining his 62nd birthday. Dr. Schurman was born in Freetown, Prince Edward Island, on May 22, 1852, and was educated in London. After achieving two degrees and high scholarship distinction at the University of London, he studied at Paris and Edinburgh, and later at Heidelberg, Berlin and Göttingen. On his return to Canada, became professor of political economy at Acadia College. He later joined the faculty of Dalhousie College and in 1888 he accepted a call to Cornell as Professor of Philosophy, and in 1892 he was chosen President of the University. After the capture of the Philippines, he was chosen president of the first Philippine commission, and spent a year in the island. Dr. Schurman was appointed Minister to Greece and Montenegro by president Taft, and he held the portfolio for a year. He is recognized as one of the leading educators and one of the country's constructive thinkers. He is a hard worker, and besides ad-

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