

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Dear Mr. Editor:

In view of the fact that it has become necessary to awaken public and practical interest in the work which still remains for me to do amongst the soldier patients of New Brunswick, perhaps you will allow me space, without charge, to tell briefly the story of my work during the past five years.

It is common knowledge that I received my commission as chaplain with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in January, 1915; that I was then, definitely attached as chaplain to the 26th Battalion. Reaching England at the end of June of that year, we went into training camp at East Sandringham near Folkestone and remained there until September 15th. During that period I looked after men of my beloved battalion who were sent to hospital on account of sickness. I already felt the need of money with which to take things for the cheer and comfort of my sick lads. It was then that my "sick and wounded soldiers fund" came into being. Without a word of solicitation from myself the St. John Globe initiated a popular subscription for me and sent me no less than \$500.

Mr. William Jordan, through whom this money came to me, I shall always regard as the founder of this dear fund of mine. He is now in God's paradise, and I like to feel that he is still able to rejoice in the wonderful good accomplished by the fund he instituted, amongst the gallant fighting men of our country in the great war.

In September, 1916, only three days before we crossed to Flanders, to my great grief, I was transferred from the 26th and attached to the 6th Field Ambulance. We were quartered in the Convent Loree in Belgium, and to my great delight I found myself in the immediate neighborhood of the 26th Battalion. Indeed I was acting chaplain of the 26th and the other battalions of the 5th Brigade for several weeks, and after their baptism of battle, blood and fire in October, I had many wounded 26th men under my care in the 6th Field Ambulance at Loree.

At the close of 1915 I had a severe attack of pleurisy, which had to my being sent back to England. On recovery I was temporarily attached as chaplain to the 30th Reserve Battalion, with headquarters at Herts, but in March, 1916, I was transferred to the Granville Canadian Special Hospital at Ramsgate. With its annexes the Yarrow, Chatham House and Townley Castle this hospital had a capacity of 1,400 patients. It was always full. Straight from France and Flanders these shattered wounded men came to us. We were there until September, 1917, when, owing to the increasing number of air raids—the hospital being twice struck by bombs, the last time with many casualties—we were ordered to evacuate to Derbyshire. There the capacity was somewhat increased; at one time we had 100 officer patients and 1,500 other ranks.

Ramsgate was not a peaceful spot for the treatment of shell-shocked and wounded men. During our time there we were subjected to forty air raids and three bombardments from the channel, so the move to Duxton was fully justified.

During the Ramsgate period I found that there were many Imperial military and V. A. D. hospitals between Deal on one side and Hurne Bay on the other—these two places using some 20 miles apart. In and towards Deal there were some 13 of these hospitals; in and towards Hurne Bay there were about 12. In each of these there would be a few Canadians. So I took a day each week from my own hospital and by means of a taxi found myself able to visit the 13 hospitals towards Deal one week and the 12 towards Hurne Bay the next week. I had a total of 600 Canadian lads in those 25 hospitals whom I saw every fortnight.

In September, 1918, I strained my heart and was transferred to Gresham Park, near Hampton Court, a small hospital for heart and kidney diseases, with 200 patients, and its annex, the Clarence House, Ramsgate, with 100 patients. There I remained until May of that year, when I was returned to St. John as senior chaplain of this military district. I continued as such until March 31st of this year, when I was discharged from the army and attached the same day to "K" unit of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment as chaplain. The work is exactly the same as it has been since my return to Canada—caring for all sick and wounded men of the whole province in the hospitals at West St. John and Fredericton, and the Sanatoria at East St. John and River Glade. Many of the lads under treatment now were under my care in hospital in England, and in the Field Ambulance at Loree in Flanders in 1915.

This is the simplest story of my work. Thousands of men have been under my direct and personal care. To all I have simply been "The Padre." We have never thought or spoken of denominations—Catholics and Protestants have been all one to me so far as material and moral ministry, cheer and comfort is concerned. In spiritual matters I "played the game" consistently, so far as Roman Catholic patients went, getting their own priests or chaplains whenever possible and encouraging them to the performance of their duties. As for the rest, no man knew nor cared. I know that even now, no one knows or cares what particular church I belong to. My one great aim is "character—the kind of man, a man is my chief concern—and the inculcation of such vital things as temperance, purity, honesty, comradeship and the like my daily endeavor. To be a true Padre to all is my aspiration and my prayer.

"My Sick and Wounded Soldiers' Fund" is today as it has ever been my most practical and necessary handmaid. I have seen of its inception five years ago by the St. John Globe and Mr. Jordan. The Daily Telegraph and its editor have been its constant friends and helpers. Hundreds and thousands of dollars have come to me through their agency in the form of orders and societies, my own church of St. Paul's, St. George's, Fredericton, and St. George's, St. John West, and various others have all generously helped me. Hundreds of people in all parts of the province have supported me in this way; even

SUIT CASE KING
PHYSICAL WRECK
WHEN "DOPE" GONEYear on the Prison Farm Was
His Sentence to Break
Bondage.

Toronto, Sept. 8.—"Away with your jewel-toned monarchs! Away with your trumpets and banners! Away with your emperors in dashing robes and princes in glittering splendor. Greater than them all am I!"

"Who am I?"

"I'm Joseph Shields, the Suitcase King!" Poor drug-poisoned man! But his Monarchy tottered and then fell crashing about his feet when he appeared before Magistrate Denison on several charges of stealing suitcases. The last "shot" had begun to lose effect. The hollowness of power as Suitcase King had begun to mock him. The thousand voices which drug fiends hear were now taunting him. His "empire" was slipping from beneath his feet.

He clutched the dock rail and turned his haggard face to the Colonel.

Crown Attorney Corley expressed sympathy for the prisoner.

"He's been a dope fiend for a long time," said the Crown.

"I want to speak! Let me speak!" cried the victim, now clammy with sweat.

"After I have done," said the Crown Attorney, who went on to say how utterly useless short terms were for a drug victim. A term long enough to rid his system of the drug was necessary.

Detective-Sergeant Sullivan said many more charges of stealing suitcases could be laid against Shields.

In agonized tones, his hands outstretched in pleading, the prisoner begged the Colonel to be lenient. He had been "cured" during a short term.

The spectacle was pathetic. The stimulant had deserted him when he needed it most. Had the scene lasted a little longer, he must have crumpled up and wept as only drug victims weep, their whole frames in the grip of terrible convulsion.

The magistrate decreed one year at the Jail Farm.

"As far as we know," was the Crown's answer.

SWAM THREE HOURS
IN HEAVY SEAS

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 8.—Driven by fire from their craft on Monday morning, A. McCormick and M. E. Young, of the launch Mamie F., was three hours fighting for their lives in the heavy cold seas of the Gulf of Georgia and their only support one life belt and a piece of board.

Mr. and Mrs. MacNeil of St. John are guests of Harry Bridges of Woodstock, N. B.

from Vancouver and Toronto gifts of money have come. The story of my fund has been truly wonderful, and I never can feel sufficiently grateful to God for having put it into the hearts of so many, to share in a great work committed to me, of rendering service to the men who for King and country for Canada and for us fought and suffered.

This work is gradually drawing to a close. The further we get from the war the reader people are to forget. The purpose of this letter is to stir up the minds and memories of all, and to ask that I may be helped, by contributions to my "Fund" to carry on to the end. With care I can manage with \$150 a month. It is pain to me to have to ask so often, but I must not fail in the latter part of this never-to-be-forgotten service.

Thanking you Mr. Editor for your great kindness,

I am,
Yours faithfully,
E. B. HOOPER,
The Soldier's Padre,
75 Sowell street, St. John, N. B.

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RENT HAD HELD OUT
LONG AS HE COULDHalifax Man Was Planning to
Quit Work When He Began
Taking Tanlac—is O.
K. Now.

"I had held out as long as I could and was planning to quit work altogether at the time I got hold of Tanlac but now I am feeling fine and call myself a well man once more," said Edward Hunt, of Sackville, Nova Scotia, a few days ago.

"I had been troubled day to day and day out for nearly four years with an awful case of chronic indigestion. My appetite was practically gone and many a time I went all day long without eating scarcely a bite. I had intense pains in the pit of my stomach that nearly doubled me up and at times was so nauseated that I could not keep down the little I had eaten. Dizzy spells often came on me and sometimes I had terrible headaches that nearly set me wild. My back hurt awfully and lots of nights I lay awake hour after hour waiting for morning to come. Then when I did get up I could hardly muster enough strength to get out of bed. All day long I didn't seem to have any strength or energy left and felt ready to give up just any time.

"But I know what it means to enjoy good health now, for Tanlac has put me back in fine shape and I can tell there was ever anything the matter with me. My appetite is ravenous and no matter what I eat I can digest it as good as I could before I ever had stomach trouble. Those headaches and dizzy spells are gone and my back never bothers me at all. I sleep like a log and feel fit to tackle any kind of work. I am more than satisfied with Tanlac and don't mind telling any man that I consider it a medicine that can't be equalled."

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RAILROAD PLANNED
FOR AUSTRALIA

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Pleasing innovations in shapes and garnitures present a host of variations of Tams, Bretons, Chin-Chins, Flops, close fitting draped hats and large models of distinguishing contour—and alluringly smart trimmings of feathers in variegated cashmere effects, torsades of velvet ribbon, touches of hand embroidery and other decorative ideas you have not seen before.

Among the leading colors for Autumn you will notice chow brown, copper, cameo pink, jade and sapphire.

(Millinery Salon, Second Floor.)

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ALL SIZES FROM 36 to 42 in.

Women visiting in the city would do well to look after one of these exceptional bargains. Three different models in Heavy Tweed Topped Raincoats, with rubber lining. Plaid effects and mixtures, fashioned with large collars, belts and slash pockets. Splendid shades of grey and brown. Sale Price, \$13.75 each

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Sale begins Thursday morning in costume section, second floor.

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Tailored effects, Embroidered fronts, Pull-Overs, collarless models, and others fashioned with three-quarter or full length sleeves—all are blouses of the better grade. Specially reduced to clear.

Regular Prices \$4.50 to \$9.00

Sale Prices \$2.98 to \$6.50

(Blouse Section, Second Floor.)

Early Autumn Sale of
Boy's Two Piece Suits—Continued

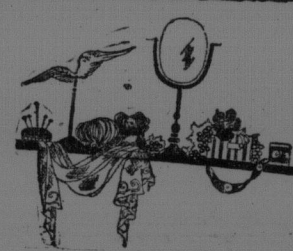
This event offers a wonderful opportunity to outfit the boys for the new school term at a reduction well worth your while.

All the new styles for Autumn and Winter are included in sizes 7 to 18 years. Materials are hard wearing tweeds and worsteds in neat checks, stripes and two tone mixtures. These are in medium and dark shades of greys and browns. Only 190 suits in the lot. Get the one you want early.

Regular \$13.50 Suits.....	Sale Price \$11.45
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Regular 18.00 Suits.....	Sale Price 15.70
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The New Hosiery.

Silk Stockings are in staple and popular shades, including plenty of browns, beavers, taupe greys, etc. in Venus, Gold Stripe Hosiery and other good makes. Fancy checked Hose in navy and brown Cashmere Hose in 4-1 rib, new smoke shade; Plaided Silk and Wool Hose in 4-1 rib. Children's Hosiery in all kinds for school and dress wear.

Gloves for Autumn.

French Kid, Washable Cape, Natural Chamois, Silk and Jaeger Wool are all among the newest assortments. Many are in sac wrist and one dome styles, and the colors were chosen with an eye to what is being worn in suits and coats.

Hand Bags from Paris.

These are beaded or embroidered and are in delightful color combinations. They are finished at the top with draw strings or fitted into tops of metal or tortoise shell. Linings are of pretty silks and each bag is fitted with a small vanity mirror.

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Made of fine linen or lawn with lace edges of Duchess, Princess, Maltese and white and colored tatting. Others are in plain hemstitched and embroidered kinds.

(Ground Floor.)