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—Some people in Great Britain, before and especially since the beginning of the present war have been urging upon the Government the necessity of conscription. But, the idea of conscription does not take well with the British people. It savors too much of imperialism and despotism. If any person should be a correct judge of its necessity at the present time, that person should be Lord Kitchener, on whom the responsibility for an adequate army chiefly rests. He has several times expressed himself as fully satisfied with the present voluntary system. He believes that the numbers have grown just as quickly as the ability to properly equip and train them, and that no conscription could have gathered men of better quality.

The complaints made in this matter seem to have awakened in the minds of our French Allies the fear that Great Britain was not contributing her full share to the war. It seems that to quiet this fear the French Minister of War, Mr. Millerand, was invited to England to confer with the King and the leading officials and to see for himself what is being done with a view to a vigorous prosecution of the war. The result of the visit has been eminently satisfactory. Mr. Millerand, on leaving, addressed a note to Lord Kitchener, in which he said, "Like all my fellow-countrymen, I know what determination inspires His Majesty's Government and the British people. Until I had seen it I could not conceive the results in which it had already manifested itself under your vigorous and skilful impulse." And, a French paper, commenting on Mr. Millerand's report of his visit to the French Cabinet Council, says, "It was not only the military effort of our allies which he admired, it was also the methods by which that effort had been organized,—an effort which has surpassed his hopes and which thus justified the confidence which France had always felt in the courage of the British Army as well as in the irresistible power of the British fleet."

Confidence of the Allies in each other is essential to success. It is good to know that confidence is assured.

—Among the efforts which are being made by the Germans everywhere, to fasten the blame of the war on England, the following is authentic. When they find in the clothing of a dead Frenchman anything which identifies him and indicates the address of his family or friends, they send a letter to them praising the dead man's heroism, and adding that if it had not been for England, they would not have been obliged to mourn the loss. The method is foolish and useless. The French know better.

—People who take advantage of the present emergency to defraud the Government and enrich themselves by shoddy clothing or defective shoes or otherwise, or who, for the same reason, are guilty of "sweating" methods, should be severely punished.

Mr. Chiozza Money, M. P. has reported the following case to the National Anti-Sweating League. A Jewish sub-contractor of army clothing is paying girls from five and six-pence to ten shillings for a week's work of fifty-four hours. And, worse than this, he so terrorizes the girls that some of them after working for several days refuse to go back to work and lose what they have already earned. He keeps up his supply of girls by plausible advertisements. Mr. Sinclair's resolution on the subject of Canadian fraud in army contracts, recently introduced in the House of Commons ought to be made law.

—Friends of wounded soldiers who were not able to return home could not hitherto visit them in the hospitals at the front, because they could not be provided with suitable entertainment. This difficulty has been removed by permission given to the officers of the Y. M. C. A. to organize hostels for such visiting friends. Now any sick or wounded soldier has permission to ask any one of his friends in Great Britain to go over and see him, and the travelling is free. Little is said in the papers about the work of this Grand Society, the Y. M. C. A., in connection with the war. But, it is doing a noble work in all the recruiting centres, as well as at the seat of war.

—Professor Morgan has translated into English a German book entitled "Kriegsbrauch im Land-Kreige," which may be freely translated, "Instructions for Soldiers in Land Battles." The London Times calls the book "A Code of Savagery." It gives the sanction of the German General Staff, the highest official authority "to principles and practices which are in flat contradiction to those of all civilized people." It is another evidence of that complete disregard of humanity and morality which has been held up before the German army as the ideal of a valiant soldier. It justifies every species of barbarity which has been proved against the German soldiers in this war. The "Times" remarks, "This, we believe, is the first time in the history of Christendom, or even in the history of mankind, that a creed so revolting has been deliberately formulated by the chiefs of a great civilized State."

—Great commendation comes from many sources of the wisdom of Russia in the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of vodka. Moscow was regarded as the most drunken city of Europe. Report says, that almost in a night it has become "a temple of sobriety." In Petrograd, also, night life which impoverished the homes and filled the prisons, has been followed by quiet streets and orderly people. Our writer remarks, "If Russia could thus conquer herself in a night, there is, indeed, nothing which cannot be accomplished." The economic advantage has been very marked. The announcement was made in the Duma last week by the Treasury-Comptroller that the savings of the nation had quadrupled during the year, and he attributed this result to the prohibition of the sale of vodka. He quoted the national savings for the first half of January, 1915, as thirty thousand pounds as compared with one million five hundred and thirty thousand pounds for the same period in 1914. The total savings for 1915 amounted to three million four hundred thousand pounds while for 1914 the total savings were eight million, four hundred thousand. This speaks well for the enforcement of law. It speaks more loudly for the diminution of poverty and crime.

—One result of the present war will be to compel the British people in all parts of the Empire, to take higher and more rational and Christian ground than has yet been taken, in dealing with this great evil of intemperance, which has destroyed more human lives and occasioned more misery and crime than all modern wars.

In England, long standing customs, and privileges sanctioned by law have fastened their roots deep in the popular mind, and it has been taken for granted that they are good, because they are old. But there are premonitions of a storm which will uproot the evil. The example of Russia is setting people to think loudly and strongly. The stand taken by Lord Kitchener in respect to the Army is provoking wide-reaching enquiry. The belief that much of the barbarity of the German soldiers has been stimulated by drunkenness has helped forward a revulsion of feeling toward a habit which could lead to such results. These and other influences are at work to promote questionings and complaints and resolves. The churches must shake themselves, from all complicity, direct or indirect, with the trade in intoxicants. The nation which was able to rise to the occasion, and at great sacrifice, break the chains from the necks of her slaves, must rise to this present occasion and prove herself to be not unmindful of her past history.

Canada, also, with Australia, New Zealand and other parts of the Empire, must with redoubled energy continue to press the battle until the victory is gained. Our neighbors to the South of us are presenting

to us a good example. Though the forces of Temperance failed to gain the Amendment to the Constitution for which they labored, they approached so near to victory as to be confident of success in the near future.

—Cowper's description of scenes witnessed in his day in many a British town and village, is still too true in Canada as well as in the homeland.

"Pass where we may, through city or through town, Village or hamlet of this merry land, Though lean and beggared, every twentieth pace Conducts the unguarded nose to such a whiff Of stale debauch, forth issuing from the styes

That law has licensed, as makes temperance reel, There sit, involved and lost in curling clouds Of Indian fume, and quizzing deep, the boor, The lackey and the groom; The craftsman there Takes Lethian leave of all his toil; Smith, cobbler, joiner, he who plies the shears And he that kneads the dough; all loud alike, All learned, and all drunk.

The excise is fattened with the rich Results Of all this riot. . . . Drink and be mad then; 'tis your country bids! Gloriously drum, obey the important call! Her cause demands the assistance of your throats. Ye all can swallow; and she asks no more.

Forty Years Ago

(From Monitor file of Feb. 1875.)
Mr. W. B. Troop of Granville, reports that the Granville cheese factory handled 468,270 lbs. of milk last season (five months) and manufactured 33,783 lbs. of cheese, an average of 10.27 lbs. of milk to a pound of cheese. The cheese brought an average of 15c. per pound, and gave the farmers, clear of all expenses, \$1.06 per 100 lbs. for their milk. There are six other factories in the county and it is estimated they manufactured 160 tons of cheese in the season of 1874.

(The "Monitor" wonders what amount of cheese we manufacture in a season now when cheese is worth 18c to 20c per lb., and in this time of increased production this industry should not be again taken up?)

We are pleased to learn that the bridging of the river at Annapolis is likely to assume a tangible consistency and is about to be a matter of practical consideration and vigorous effort. The townships of Annapolis and Granville would derive from it incalculable advantages and we wish the project every success. Petitions are now being circulated asking legislative aid.

Rev. Mr. DesBrisay gave an interesting and eloquent lecture in the Court House last week. Mr. Avard Longley, M.P.P., of Paradise, acted as chairman. The subject was "Broken Columns." A full house greeted the speaker on this second lecture.

(From Monitor file March 3, 1875.)

This community was startled on Friday of last week, Feb. 26th, by the tidings of the death of Wm. H. Chipman, Esq., of this town. Only the day previous the deceased was around as well as usual and had just with his married granddaughter in town. For forty years Mr. Chipman had been a respected citizen of this community and in all that long period scarcely made an enemy. For many years he was a Deacon in the Baptist Church and was a christian of the most exemplary character. In every effort to improve the religious interests or morals of the people he was always in the front rank. His obsequies yesterday was very largely attended and all followed him to his last resting place as mourners indeed.

Choir of Providence Methodist Church Given Unique Outing

The choir of Providence Methodist Church was given a most enjoyable treat last week in the nature of a drive to the camp of Mr. Fred Beckwith on the Neaves Road. The Lake, near which the camp is situated, presented one level plain of smooth ice over a mile in length, and the young folk lost no time in donning their skates. After this healthy exercise full justice was accorded the sumptuous supper, spread on tables in the cabin. Before leaving for home another hour was spent on the lake under the guidance of a soft moon. The members of the choir wish to thus publicly express their appreciation to Mr. Beckwith for this enjoyable occasion. Mr. Beckwith has had the leadership of Providence Methodist Choir for the past eight months, and his faithfulness, efficiency and quality of music command the highest praise.

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