

Jolly Jingles, by Blackie Daw.

THE SLACKER.

I dreamed a dream the other night; it gave me such an awful fright! I dreamed that I was dead. Straight to the pearly gates I went; to gain an entrance my intent, but stern St. Peter said: "What right have you to enter here? Whatever have you done, my dear young sir, to put such notions in your head?" I said: "I never drank or swore, or turned a stranger from my door; I paid my tithe as well. I went to church each Sabbath day and taught my children how to pray, as all my friends can tell." Said he: "Far better had you sworn and worn a khaki uniform, though not a staunch church backer; for while your brothers fought and died you sanctimoniously did hide; we've no room for the '*slacker*.' Your place is way, way down below; the place that knows not ice or snow, as those now there know well; you and the slackers little thought of the hell on earth of those who fought; so it's down you go to hell." "But pray," said I, "I'd been a duffer to go and let my business suffer when there were others willing; besides my father always said that woe betide one on whose head should rest the crime of killing. And then, again, quite happily, I was engaged to wed, you see, so I could not enlist, sir." St. Peter turned, with frowning brow, and said: "Hast said aplenty now, thou low-down cringing cur! Methought at first,—but never mind, all slackers are of but one kind,—a spineless, coward folk! Down to your home in hell you go; eternally damned, for as ye sow——" But, thank the Lord, I woke!

OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive was held on Tuesday, May 2nd, in the Club Rooms.

The principal business before the meeting was the proposal that the Association take part in the meeting of the National Assembly of Civil Service Commissions to be held in Ottawa on June 14, 15 and 16 next. Owing to the small attendance and lack of information, it was decided to place the matter before the Advisory Boards for their opinions and to hold a special meeting to deal with this question on May 12.

Mr. Patching gave notice that he will move at the next regular meeting "that the sum of \$300 be voted from the funds of the Association to such Patriotic and War Relief Funds as the Executive shall select."

Dr. F. E. Carter sent in his resignation as representative of the Department of Mines, as he is leaving the Service. Mr. L. D. Burling of the Geological Survey will succeed him.

Don't say it now—wait—if you are right the thought will gather momentum.