

## Abracadabra

*The Wayside Philosopher*

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WE can all unite with Gibbs in thanking God that his war correspondence is at an end.

For some months we can look, listen and learn. It will be interesting, educative and inspiring to watch the work of reconstruction.

Once again in the conflict of Ideals the higher has won. Once again it has been proven that God, not Satan, is supreme in the world.

And now let us pray that in victory the Allies will be as chivalrous and merciful as they have been brave and determined in the conflict.

### THUMBNAIL SKETCHES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MEN

#### I. DAVID GORDON MARSHALL, K.C.

The man on the street, if asked to name the half-dozen leading lawyers of Vancouver, would very probably not include in his list David Gordon Marshall, K.C. Yet none has a better right to be noted in such a list. To a natural ability probably unequalled, certainly unexcelled, he adds mnemonic powers the wonder of all who really know him, and that large-souled sympathy and tact which characterize the truly refined. A sensitive shrinking from even semi-publicity has restrained him from active court practice, preventing the general public from learning of his merit. The leaders of the bar and those practitioners who have been students with his firm know alike of his legal attainments and his outstanding greatness of character.

### BOOKS AND POETRY

#### BOOKS WORTH READING

"The Lowland Scots Regiments," Sir Herbert Maxwell, Bart. Publishers: Maclehose & Sons.

All lovers of military history will welcome this book, particularly the Lowland Scot, who, no doubt, thinks the Highlander gets too large a share of the praise due Scottish troops for their work in the war.

The Royal Scots, Scots Guards, King's Own Scottish Borderers, and Cameronians form, perhaps, the leading figures in this chronicle.

"The Herring: Its Effect on the History of Britain." Arthur Michael Samuel. Publisher: Murray.

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Despite a few errors (in most cases very apparent slips), this is a notable book, or more properly, compendium of data on its subject. With the careful reading it deserves it should prove interesting and useful reading to our fish-canners and others.

Attention is here called to "The British Empire," an article by one C. H. Frith in the *United Empire* for April, 1918.

Can you place these quotations:

"To me the meanest flower that blows can give  
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears."

"The heights, by great men reached and kept,  
Were not attained by sudden flight;  
But they, while their companions slept,  
Were toiling upward in the night."

"How happy is he born and taught  
Whose armour is his honest thought  
And simple truth his utmost skill!"

"That time of year thou mayest in me behold  
When yellow leaves, or none, or few do hang  
Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,  
Bare, ruined choirs, where late the sweet birds sang."

### PERSONALIA

Felicitations to Mrs. J. H. McGill.

T. R. E. McInnis is again an author, if reports are true. After these years of silence, are we to have a new garland of verse added to those earlier ones which stamped him a Canadian poet?

R. Allison Hood having acquitted himself so well in verse and fiction must not cease from his labours. We hope and expect that further literary work is already engaging his talents.

Blanche E. Holt Murison will please accept congratulations on her productions. We trust she is a lover of Browning's "Grammarian's Funeral," and a student of Horace.