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## LETTER OF SYMPATHY TO FORMER PASTOR

St. John's Congregation, Dalhousie, Write Rev. J. H. Kirk.—Reply Received.

The Congregation of St. John's Presbyterian Church on hearing of the recent bereavement of the Rev. J. H. Kirk have forwarded the following letter in consolation:—

Dalhousie, N. B.  
August 8th, 1916.  
To the Rev. J. H. Kirk and Family,  
East River, St. Mary's, N. S.

Dear Friends,—  
The Session and Congregation of St. John's Church, Dalhousie, with whom you were so recently associated, having heard of the death of your eldest son whose name is inscribed on the honor roll of our church, desire to express to you their sincere sorrow and deepest sympathy with you in the great trial which you have been called upon to bear. The fact that he volunteered his services in the defence of his country, and in that defence received the blow which terminated his existence here, gives you the consolation of being able to say with assurance, "He has done what he could," and the satisfaction of knowing that he withheld not even his life to aid in maintaining righteously in the world.

May the God of all consolation and grace apply to your bleeding hearts the comforting influences of His own precious promises, thus bringing to you healing and peace such as the world cannot give or take away.

Signed on behalf of the Congregation and Session by  
J. H. McLean, Minister.  
Geo. Haddow, Clerk of Session.

After a few days the following letter was forwarded to the Minister from the Rev. Mr. Kirk. Enclosed with this was a copy of the letter sent by the Chaplain of the Casualty Station where O. H. Kirk died. Both are printed herein:—

To the Minister and Session and Congregation of St. John's, Dalhousie, N. B.

Dear Friends,—  
Permit me on behalf of my family and myself to express our thankfulness to you all for your very touching and appropriate tribute of sympathy and encouragement conveyed to us through your Minister and Clerk of Session, dated August 8th, instant.

That you had respect for us we always believed but that you loved us so and especially our dear son, Howe, almost overwhelmed us. I need scarcely assure you that such widespread sorrow for our darling helped us very much to feel the support of your sympathies and comfort.

Our Blessed Lord has been scattering the gloom of our sorrow by many gracious tokens, and none the less by your very kind and loving words.

There is a sense in which the Soldier dies for every non-combatant, and a sense of indebtedness and loss should be felt by all, but after all there is the nearer relation—the family one and the greater strain is on the chord of love. Hence you have helped to make our burden of sorrow lighter by showing us you too were sorrowing.

May Our Heavenly Father keep, watch over all our dear friends and their loved ones until the challenge shall be fully met—Death where is thy Victory? Grave where is thy sting? For Death shall be swallowed up in Victory.

Yours in the Glorious Gospel,  
J. H. Kirk.

No. 17, C. C. S.,  
B. E. F.  
July 18th, 1916.

Dear Mr. Kirk,—

It is my most sad and very painful duty to have to write and inform you that your son Pte. O. W. Kirk, 405062 was brought into this Casualty Clearing Station last night very seriously wounded. He was in the trenches at the time, the bullet passing through the parietal and entering his back. Everything possible was done for him but without avail for he passed away at 7 o'clock this morning.

I was with him a few minutes after his admission here and remained with him.

He knew full well that he was going to pass away. I asked him if he had any fear, and he replied, "not a bit, there is many a better man than I has had to die—and I have done my duty."

He asked me to write to you and send you all his love.

The news will come to you all as a terrible blow, but in the midst of your

## LT. COL. MCKENZIE MAKING GOOD

From Gen. Turner.—Many New Drafts

Private information recently received here speaks in high praise of the work of the 26th Battalion, fully upholding and even surpassing the splendid reputation previously earned by this unit. In addition to the military medals earned by the battalion, news of which has just been made public by Col. McKenzie, the battalion received special praise from Gen. Turner, the Divisional Commander, for its valuable work on the front wire which added very greatly to the security of that particular flank of the frontage.

Although the battalion has not been in the great push it has been in a part of the line where eternal vigilance is required to keep mastery over the Hun, trench raids being frequent, and the boys are cheerfully paying the price so that very few of the original lot of men are left. New drafts are frequently absorbed and the work of the "Fighting 26th" is being strictly maintained under the careful and painstaking instruction of Col. McKenzie and his staff of officers. Men of all ranks are anxious to uphold the honor of old New Brunswick and should they be called upon to take a place in the great offensive now under way by the allies, no doubt great things will be heard from them.

## FIREMEN'S RECEPTION TO RETURNED HEROES

Pleasant Evening Spent at Firemen's Rooms on Tuesday Evening

The members of the Campbellton Fire Brigade tendered a reception to four of Campbellton's returned heroes, Lieuts. G. A. Mowat, R. K. Shives, Alf. Gillis and Capt. Roy V. S., at their rooms Tuesday evening.

A very pleasant evening was spent with songs, recitations, speeches, etc. Refreshments were served during the evening.

The Graphic regrets that it cannot give a fuller report of this reception as the members of the Fire Co. who had the affair in hand, did not think it necessary to inform the proprietors of either of the local papers that the same was to be held.

## CARGO TAKEN FROM S. S. MATATUA

St. John's, Nfld., Telegram, Aug. 19.

—Virtually all the lumber cargo of the stranded steamer Matatua at Peter's River, has been taken out of her. Three Halifax wrecking tugs, including the Stella Maris, with the necessary equipment will endeavor to refloat the ship. After she is examined by divers she will come on here to be dry docked for repairs.

## WILL REPORT FOR DUTY NEXT MONTH

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 23.—Chief of Police Finlay of Newcastle, who was recently appointed as chief of police of Fredericton, is in the city today. He has spent part of the time conferring with members of the police commission relative to taking up his position. Chief Finlay has tendered his resignation as chief of police of Newcastle, and will report here for duty some time between September 13 and 20, Chairman McKay of the police commission stating that the new chief would take over the force within these dates.

great sorrow you will ever be proud of your boy. He was not one to hang back. He bravely did his duty knowing the risks. He has given all that a man can give—and greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. We prayed together for him, and for all, and shortly afterwards he passed peacefully away to where there is no war nor sorrow.

God help and comfort you all, is the prayer of

Yours most sympathetically,  
Reginald Bartlett,  
Chaplain.

## PALL OF SMOKE HANGS OVER COUNTRY

Fierce Forest Fires Said to be Burning in Lake Metis District—Rain Badly Needed

The thick blanket of smoke that hangs over the entire country is evidence of severe forest fires raging in some districts in Quebec.

Reports here are to the effect that the fires are raging in the timber limits in the Metis lake districts. A smaller fire is said to be burning at the head of Millstream.

A small fire is also reported on White's Brook in this county, but reports say it is not spreading very much.

Quebec, Aug. 23.—Fears that a number of villages on the Saguenay between St. Alphonse and Chicoutimi will be wiped out by fierce forest fires that have been raging for over two weeks are entertained here. The whole forest region is in a huge sea of flames. Smoke from these fires is so dense that navigation is hampered on the river as far up as Quebec.

Down the Saguenay the situation is still worse. No boat of the Canada Steamship lines dare go further up the Saguenay than St. Alphonse, and passengers who are bound for towns above that point either go by rail or by horse from St. Alphonse. All telephone wires are reported to be down in the vicinity.

## Huge Property Damage.

Great fires are raging at Sault-au-Mouton and other places near. The losses are already estimated at many thousand dollars and they will be certainly increased if the rain does not put an end to the devastations. The fire has caused serious damage to the former seignury of Mount Murray, near Murray Bay, which is now the property of Mr. Pennington, member of the Quebec Harbor Commission.

The region of Chicoutimi has also suffered heavily, the Price Brothers Company having lost thousands of dollars in its lumber limits.

News coming from the County of Charlevoix also indicates that the forest fires are raging furiously in different parts of that division.

In the Lake St. John, near the Laurentide Park, the fire has caused great damage, especially in the limits of the Price Company, along the old route, which is commonly called the "Route to Quebec."

In many other parts of the same county the fire has devastated the forests of lumber merchants and the lots of settlers.

## WAR BULLETINS

London, Aug. 24.—A German battle ship damaged and possibly sunk during a British submarine attack.

Further advance made by Allies at Thiepval. German guns silenced.

Again in the air the British fighters have superiority. Four hostile machines destroyed in latest engagement.

French take prisoners in brilliantly conducted attack on right bank of Meuse.

Serbian troops come back and retake trenches. Reported Bulgarians suffer severe losses at their hands.

## TAXE COLLECTION NOT UP TO STANDARD

Usual Number Not Taking Advantage of Discount.—Only Few Days More

The Town Treasurer reports that the taxes are coming in slowly and that unless there is a considerable increase in the next few days receipts, the total for the discount period will fall short of other years. All other towns report quite an increase in receipts, some of them even reporting a record both in amount received and in proportion of total assessment. The last day of discount period is September first and there is yet time for ratepayers of Campbellton to make a record for themselves. We feel that there is enough local pride amongst our citizens to make this a record breaking year.

## MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE

IN FEEBLE CONDITION

Declares He is Not Sick, But Only Feels Tired

Andrew Carnegie, arrived at Bar Harbor, Me., in such feeble condition that he found it difficult to walk without support.

He arrived on his yacht The Surf, which he boarded two weeks ago off Noroton Point, Connecticut.

Mr. Carnegie and friends came ashore and took an automobile ride around Mount Desert Island. The steel magnate had great difficulty in stepping out of the launch to the float of the New York Yacht Club's landing. As he walked toward the automobile he leaned heavily on the arm of his attendant.

His exertions in getting into the automobile seemed to exhaust him. He told friends he was not sick. "I only feel tired," he said.

## GERMAN STEAMER CAPTURED. TAKEN TO FINNISH PORT

Stockholm, Aug. 23, via London.—The capture of the German steamer Desterro, of 2,543 tons gross, with a cargo of iron ore, off Helsingland, Sweden, on the Gulf of Bothnia, is officially announced. She was taken into Raumo, Finland.



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