

### —NOW BEWARE OF ALL BARRACK-ROOM LAWYERS

Last Friday evening who should I bang right into but my old pal O'Shure! He havin' just come back after a combined Xmas and New Year's leave, and according to the laws that be, was a' keepin' his end up by stayin' at home.

"O'Shure," ses I.

"Broke," ses 'e.

"So," ses I; "let's go to the recreation room."

There we found our ancient enemy, Mac Argue, a' pourin' out barrack law to a bunch of new recruits.

Here 'e was sayin' as 'e'ed refused four commishuns so's to be of assistance to those blighters as didn't know the legal and military ropes.

"Steady," ses I to O'Shure, as 'e picks up a chair. "Wait 'till yer gets a better chanct!"

Ses I; "O'Shure, did y'ever ear of turnips going rotten?"

"Yes," ses 'e.

"Well," ses I; "that's wot did it."

"Canker," ses I; "rank canker."

"That's what's played 'ell with the army of ter day. It played 'ell ever since Saline, wot raised the 1st Seribos Brigade, wot licked the stuffin out of Faro in the red sea campagne."

"W'ere was that," ses O'Shure.

"Early," ses I.

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TORONTO.

O'Shure, he's again up for his lance stripe much agin my advice, and is always thirstin' for his torikal events as 'e mite get in 'is exam.

"Well," ses I; "Law and Lawyers in the army ain't got no room, seem's K. R. and O., wasn't bad enuf, and K. R. and O., ain't been revised since I joined up—which is wearin' on to my Dymind Jubille, an' me boy," ses I, to O'Shure, ses I—

"—in that short time I've discussed K. R. and O and Military Law and six other editions which is out of print, with the O.C. every time I got promoted."

"How far?" ses O'Shure.

"Permanent grade!" ses I.

"Speakin' of promotion," ses I; "nothing to it. Mine for the majority. A Lance Jack 'as seven against 'im, and pro rata, per capita," as Cap. Pettygrue ses, on the 15th and 30th.

"But, me boy," ses I, "ignerants—blitherin' ignerants—is the soldier's best friend!"

"Wot's the use of a b—— lawyer if you've done summat as is goin' to put yer on the mat?"

"Ain't Providents, K. R. and O., and the O.C., competent to provide fer yer wants?"

"Yer bet yer last fag on that, old chum."

"Lawyers—do yer know wot they does?"

"They just does to you wot Billy Bell's Boil did to him."

"Wot was that?" ses O'Shure.

"Agrivated the case, as the M.O. ses—they agrivate yer case—and the C.O.!"

"Let's go to the canteen; guess they'll be almost closin' by now—and if yer can raise a dime, maybe they'll let us ave some pies as they couldn't sell—

—but don't 'ave nuthin' to do with Barrack Room Lawyers, 'e's worse nor scabees."

"Comin', Corp'ral," ses O'Shure;—as 'e beats it to the guard room, muttering something about hell and deep snow.

—"Carry On".

### HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A HOME

The Ladies of St. James Church are arranging a social evening for Thursday, February 7th, in Baldwin Hall. There will be a short pleasing programme interspersed with games, music, etc., and refreshments will be served. Admission, 25 cents.

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### LOVE THY NEIGHBOR.

I go to Church on Sunday  
And hear the "Parson" there  
A "spouting" in his able way  
Of heaven bright and fair.

Of streets of gold and silver,  
And gates of purest pearl.  
On the temples (built of "Jasper")  
The flags of God unfurl.

And God is "King of Glory";  
Enthroned in realms of love.  
So runneth the old story.  
The tales he tells us of.

He says that we should worship God  
His every wish obey.  
And never question WHO He is  
Or WHAT He is today.

I suppose we have a right to think—  
Part of our brain is grey.  
I think that they should tell us soon  
Or ther'll be "Hell" to pay.

I wish they'd tell us WHAT God is—  
These "Spielers" who talk so long;  
Then we could get in touch with him,  
Whom they say is so strong.

As far as I have got, it seems,  
That God is a sort of power  
And not the ancient "God of Dreams"  
The "Clergy" quarrell o'er.

God is a force intangible,  
That doth through man proceed,  
To do good work upon the earth,  
And patch up hearts that bleed.

And God is not a "He" or "She"  
Or any other gender,  
But a power kneading of the heart,  
To make it beat more tender.

"Old" Heaven that was built of light,  
Or any handy precious stone,  
Is but a kingdom of the mind,  
MAN sits upon the throne.

Man can retain this "Power of God"  
If his heart is right;  
And apply it to nature and sons of men,  
To make the world more bright.

And "Hell" is also state of mind,  
And not a mass of flame.  
But preachers get their stuff from  
books.  
We'll not hold them to blame.

Think a little for yourself,  
Your soul is safe tonight.  
You'll have a quiet peaceful mind,  
If you do what YOU think right.  
—Cpl. MILDON.

### WELCOME.

"Knots and Lashings" extends its hand of welcome to the boys of the Forestry Depot stationed here and invites them to share with the sappers and drivers the privilege of the use of our columns.

### THE PAYMASTER SAYS—

If a fish is home-sick he must be sea-sick. Yes, that's true, but what about the fresh water fish? Oh! says the paymaster, you can put him to bed.

### SURELY.

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