

YE MARINERS OF ENGLAND. N. B. Reader III, p. 28. N. S. Reader IV, p. 154.

Thomas Campbell (1777-1844) is best known by his lyrics, *The Battle of the Baltic*, *Hohenlinden*, *The Soldier's Dream* and *Ye Mariners of England*. He calls the latter poem "A naval ode." An ode means a poem to be sung, and this one is an imitation of an old patriotic song, *Ye Gentlemen of England*, and was written to be sung to the same tune.

Most of Campbell's poems were written between 1799 and 1809. In what wars was England then engaged? From what had her fleet saved her? What line in Verse 2 helps to fix the date of this poem?

"Apostrophe is direct address, (a) to the absent as if they were present, (b) to the dead as if they were living, or (c) to inanimate things as if they had life." Which of these is used in the first line of the poem? Find three other poems in your reader that begin with apostrophe.

Explain "our native seas." Does it mean the seas immediately surrounding Great Britain? Does the line "Her home is on the deep" suggest another possible meaning? What seas are guarded by the British fleet today? What two dangers have to be met by the fleet? What is the flag of the navy? Why should "manly hearts glow" because Nelson and others have fallen at sea? Look up Admiral Blake in your history and tell something of what he did for his country.

"Her native oak." Of what are ships of war built now? What is the exact meaning of quell? How can the thunder of the guns be said to quell the roar of the waves? For what nouns do the adjectives *steep* and *deep* in Verse 3 stand?

Lines 1-4 of Verse 4 should be carefully studied, and the metaphor worked out. The time of war and danger is compared to a stormy night. England's flag is compared to a meteor. Why? A meteor is regarded as a sign of evil, something to be dreaded. The flag of England is "terrific" to whom? And when? The time of peace when war is over, is like the clear quiet sky with a star shining. With what feeling does Campbell address the Mariners of England? What other song of his may be said to "flow to the fame of their name?"

What lines in the poem do you particularly like? What do you notice about the seventh line

in each verse? About the phrases "fiery fight," "loud and long?"

[N. B. We have been asked for notes on Tennyson's "St. Agnes' Eve." These will be given in January, as more timely. Other requests for notes on particular lessons in any of the Readers will be welcomed and given consideration. "The Tantrammar Revisited." N. B. Reader III, will be annotated in the November REVIEW.

NEW BRUNSWICK TEACHERS' MACHINE GUN FUND.

EDITOR OF THE EDUCATIONAL REVIEW:

When the Rural Science School was in session at Sussex during July and August a movement was set on foot by the teachers there assembled to raise funds to procure a machine gun for one of our New Brunswick battalions. A Publicity Committee, with Prin. Geo. G. Perry of Peticodiac as Chairman, was appointed to bring the matter to the attention of the teachers of the province, and a treasurer chosen to whom all funds are to be sent.

The Publicity Committee have from time to time made their appeal through the press. Every teacher in the province has been asked to contribute. One day's pay is a small sacrifice compared with what others are doing, but if each contributed that amount quite a number of guns could be procured.

The Minister of Militia has written me that a large order of machine guns will be delivered in November and that our gun will then be thankfully received and placed as desired. Now, will our gun be one of the number? After two months' regular appeals we have less than half the price of one gun. No doubt many of the teachers are contributing to other patriotic funds but this is *our fund* for teachers only. We sing "We'll never let the Old Flag Fall" and other such songs which should bring the question home to us. Are we doing our part to keep the flag flying? Let us examine ourselves and if we have not fully done our *duty* there is yet time. Contributions should be sent without further delay. All sums received will be promptly acknowledged through the press.

Truly yours,

H. C. RIEKER, *Treasurer.*

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