

THE WIFE

BY JANE PHELPS, AUTHOR OF "MARGARET GARRETT'S HUSBAND," AND OTHER NOTABLE STORIES.

Clashing Ideas. CHAPTER XVI.

Notwithstanding the thought that Brian's cruel speech was only a subterfuge to cover his staying out—a camouflage—Ruth was terribly hurt. Not bring his friends to the pretty home she had been to such pains to make artistic and comfortable! She had no friends in New York save the few she had made through him, and practically no acquaintances. Her time was so filled with her duties. If he really meant what he had said, why, she would practically have no society at all—save Mr. and Mrs. Rebecca Mrs. Curtis and her husband, and—Mollie Kins. She would not even think of Claude Beeky and those of his ilk.

She wished she knew who those two Englishmen were, their business in New York. That Brian was immensely interested she could easily perceive. But she hesitated to say anything more for fear of making him angry, or at least out of humor with her.

The next morning neither Ruth nor Brian talked of the matter at breakfast they chatted constantly. Once, when Ruth had laughingly spoken of it, Brian had answered: "No one could help talking after drinking such coffee as Rachel makes, and eating her corn bread," yet he had rather drink dish-water coffee, and eat baker's rolls reheated, than have Ruth work, and she knew it.

Whenever there was an article on the wonderful way women were coming to the fore in all kinds of work and in many professions, he would throw it down matter-of-factly.

"Such rot! that is what is going to spoil the women of this country. Soon they won't want to be even

mothers. It fills me all up every time I see such an article."

"One would think you an old man, an old crank," Ruth laughed at him. "Of course women want to be mothers. Their vocation, being in business or in the professions, won't change that."

"It won't eh! Well it has. Take yourself; you don't want children. You have said so."

"Oh, but Brian!" Ruth protested, "I said until we were in a position to care for them, and to educate them as they should be. I think it is a sin to bring children into the world and then not care for them properly. One would think, to hear you talk, that I was a heathen, that I didn't love children—when I adore them."

"I notice you don't adore them as much as you adore your own way."

Such arguments had been frequent. Brian Hackett was a very affectionate man. He would have been a very domestic man, had his home life been different. He cared nothing for style and artistic effects really, but he would have loved a couple of hearty, healthy children clambering over him, or running to meet him when he came home. And always Ruth had taken the stand that it was wrong to have children until they could be properly educated and cared for.

After Brian had left, Ruth again commenced to wonder about the two Englishmen he had entertained the night before. She was picking up his clothes (he was terribly untidy) when a card dropped out of his pocket.

"Lieutenant George VanAlstyne."

Another soldier. Brian had been so engaged with those Canadian officers—and now

this Englishman. She searched his pockets, hoping to come upon the other man's card. But she found nothing.

Someway, she felt uneasy. Why was Brian so terribly interested in these men? She hoped they wouldn't make him feel that he should go overseas to fight a country with whom his own country was not at war, although, to be sure, the Hun's treatment of Belgium made them the enemy of all Christians. But Brian was so impressionable. He was apt to do almost anything for evangelists to go from city to city and country to country without fear or molestation. The place of his birth was Bethlehem, as the prophet had foretold some seven hundred years before (Micah 5:2). God permitted the emperor to enforce a decree of taxation just at the time to cause Mary to be at Bethlehem when she gave birth to the Saviour. That which the Word of God has announced shall most surely come to pass, though its fulfillment seem most unlikely and unreasonable. The surroundings of his birth were the most humble sort. The Almighty Creator condescended to take upon himself humanity to be born in a manger, becoming the poorest of the poor that none might be hindered from coming to him.

1. The Saviour's Birth Announced (2:3-14).

1. To Whom—Shepherds (v. 8, 9). In the quiet of the night a lowly audience was composed of humble shepherds. The glorious gospel message was first sounded forth to these humble men while watching over their flocks by night. Poverty is no barrier to the reception of the gospel message. God does not reveal himself mainly to the princes and great men of the world, but to the chosen of the poor of this world, rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom" (James 2:5). Neither did their devotion to their calling exclude them from the greatest favor of God. Moses, Gideon, Amos and Elisea were called by the Lord from the busy activities of life. He never calls the idle, but the men of a busy life.

2. By Whom—The Angel of the Lord (v. 9). The first angel of the Lord. Angels, the exalted ministers of God, are interested in men (Hebrews 1:14), and this one announced the plan of salvation.

3. The Message—Good Tidings (v. 10). (1) A Saviour is born. Surely this was a glad message. Heathen darkness which had so long cursed the earth was beginning to vanish. The casting of incense was about to be opened to all. So glorious was this news that a multitude of the heavenly host accompanied this announcement with their song of praise. It is through poverty that God's kindness and good will are made known to man. (2) Peace (v. 14). Peace with God—peace of heart—peace with man—peace of mind—this message with our time! The world war was the result of not receiving this blessed message. (3) Joy (v. 10). The gospel message is a joyful message because it frees from sin and removes all the burdens of this world.

4. The Shepherds Make Investigation (2:15, 18).

Though these things seemed passing strange to them, they did not stop to question or argue; they went straight to Bethlehem and found everything just as the angels had said. They had the glorious privilege of gazing upon the world's Saviour—the very Lord of glory.

5. The Shepherds Witnessing (2:17).

When they saw the Lord they could not remain silent. They were impelled to make known abroad the good news. Those who have heard the good news of salvation through Christ and have repented it by personal investigation must tell it to others. The angels said that the good tidings of great joy should be to all people (v. 10). The gospel of Christ is for all people regardless of nationality or condition. It is just as really good news to the king as to the peasant. It fills the hearts of all with joy.

6. The Shepherds Praising God (2:18-20).

The testimony of the shepherds had a varying effect—some wondered, and others kept the sayings and pondered them, but the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard. Those who have believed the gospel message and proclaimed it abroad have a peculiar joy which must express itself in praises to God.

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The largest Order of Merit in the world is the French Legion of Honor, which has a title over 500,000 members.

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Children Cry for FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 22.

The Birth of Jesus.

LESSON TEXT—LUKE 2:8-20. GOLDEN TEXT—For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.— Luke 2:11.

Note: Since the lesson committee has suggested the birth of Jesus as a Christmas lesson, as an alternative for this day, doubtless for most classes it will be desirable to use the alternative lesson for the review on December 29.

The birth of the Saviour occurred at a most propitious time. The need was great, for the systems of morals and religion were tottering upon their foundations. It was also a time of great opportunity, for the whole world was under one rule, making it possible for evangelists to go from city to city and country to country without fear or molestation. The place of his birth was Bethlehem, as the prophet had foretold some seven hundred years before (Micah 5:2). God permitted the emperor to enforce a decree of taxation just at the time to cause Mary to be at Bethlehem when she gave birth to the Saviour. That which the Word of God has announced shall most surely come to pass, though its fulfillment seem most unlikely and unreasonable. The surroundings of his birth were the most humble sort. The Almighty Creator condescended to take upon himself humanity to be born in a manger, becoming the poorest of the poor that none might be hindered from coming to him.

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BEATTY AND FLEET TO VISIT CANADA

British Naval Commander Will Make Tour of Dominions

London, Dec. 20.—It is reported that the Admiralty views favorably the suggestion that a large part of the British fleet commanded by Admiral Sir David Beatty should visit the United States. It is asserted, however, that no date for the visit has been fixed, but it is understood that it will be made immediately after peace has been signed. Subsequently the fleet will make a tour of the British Dominions.

The War Cabinet and the Admiralty, on the suggestion of the Ministers of the Dominions, have decided that Admiral Beatty, former Chief of the Naval Staff, shall visit the Dominions and India in February to advise the respective authorities on naval matters.

It is probable that the Prince of Wales may make his announced tour at the same time.

A War Saving Stamp makes fine Xmas box.

Bowlby for Mayor

After the newspapers had announced him as a candidate for Mayor, Mr. Lyle comes out in opposition, as he has a right to. He is honest and respectable, but not infallible. I was Mayor in 1907, and procured from the Provincial Hydro Board the location of the power house in Brantford with the three transmission wires, and submitted a \$65,000 by-law to carry it out. Mr. Lyle violently opposed this, and he with others defeated the by-law. The Hydro Board then took all three wires from Brantford, and located the power house at Dundas, and ran the remaining wire miles North of Brantford. In 1908, in order to tap this wire, a \$115,000 by-law was carried. The city thus lost directly \$30,000 and indirectly a half million over losing the immense power house now at Dundas, also the two wires for an automatic switching, thus avoiding stoppage of factory work, street cars and lights. Vote for Bowlby and no blundering.

J. W. BOWLBY.

ELECTION CARDS and LETTERS

The advertising rates for election cards this year will be as follows:

Regular 1 1/2" space to run from nomination to election day or for shorter time—

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PLATFORM EXTRACT:

"The one pledge I will make to the people of Brantford, if elected as Mayor for 1919, is that I will be honest and straightforward, as I have always tried to be in my private life. I will welcome and not stifle criticism of my acts in office. I do not believe in Kaiserism for a city any more than for a country."

VOTE FOR LYLE

To Subscribers in Arrears

Paper Controller Orders Cutting Off of Unpaid Subscriptions!

Mr. R. A. Pringle, K. C., the Paper Controller of Canada, has issued an order, effective January 1, 1919, which says: "Discontinue sending paper within three months after date of expiration of subscription, unless the subscription is renewed and paid for."

There are many other restrictions imposed, but this one is the most important. Therefore, between now and the end of the year The Courier's subscription list must be overhauled and put on a paid-in-advance basis, in order to comply with a governmental order.

Accounts have already been sent out to those in arrears, but subscribers do not need to wait for a "dum" to spur them to action. The date on the label affixed to the paper sent to mail subscribers tells the story. City subscribers can learn how their subscription stands by referring to their last receipt.

The reason for this regulation of the Paper Controller is that it is the practice of some publishers to send their newspaper until ordered stopped, and this practice frequently means a failure to collect anything for subscriptions in arrears, in which case there is a virtual waste of paper. It is to prevent paper waste that the new regulation has been decided on.

Under these regulations The Courier will have no choice in the matter of dealing with subscriptions in arrears for over three months.

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FOREIGN OFFICIALS STRIKE By Courier Leased Wire.

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.—All the leading officials of the German foreign office are on strike as the result of the government's acceptance of the resignation of Dr. Solf as foreign minister, according to The

Rhenish Westphalian Gazette. None of the officials have appeared for duty in the past several days, nor has anyone reported himself ill. In their absence the routine work of the foreign office is piling up and there is nobody to look after it.

HEW'S LUTHERAN

Wellington streets. Rev. Inck, pastor. 30 Maclure St. a.m., Sunday School. "Law and Grace." 7 p.m. The Elder Brother. Special Christmas morning at Children's service on 7:45 p.m. All are wel-

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HEW'S PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. J. W. Gordon, minister. 11 a.m. Communion. 3 p.m., Sunday School. "The Angel's Song." Spectalist music. M. J. conductor.

ESBYTERIAN CHURCH services. 11 a.m., "Emmanuel." 3 p.m., Christmas Day School. 7 p.m., "The Who Did't Go."

Carol anthems. "The Wint'ers Snow."

St. Methodist Church

11 a.m.—Class and Junior meetings. At morning service: Oratorios—"Overture and symphony from Messiah"—"O Solo That Thou Art Messiah." "The Who Did't Go." "Carol anthems." "The Wint'ers Snow."

The Pastor

Geo. W. Henderson

11 a.m.—Sermon: "The Nativity." 7 p.m.—Address: "Fore of the Nativity."

11 a.m.—The Bible School of which old as well as invited. Very special.

At evening service: Comfort ye, My People (Messiah). Mr. J. W. Anthelm—"Surely He Born." (Messiah). "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks." Vin Organ, Offertory—"The Light." Soloist, Mrs. J. M. Mrs. Elliott of the "Chorus." (Hendel's Organ postlude—"A Procession." (Spinney).

hymns will be sung and congregation. Mr. Darwen. A.T.C.M., or choir-master

TEACHERS. An event took place at rd Business College yesterday, when the pupils the popular principal, Day, and Miss Windsor, and Miss Elliott of the staff with very handsome men of their appreciation

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Tom Lyle's Plan to Solve the Street Railway Extension Problem -- Co-operation and Support Promised.

With land getting much too high in price in the centre of the city for the ordinary man, and growing beautifully dear for new business, Tom Lyle comes out for the street railway extension to Terrace Hill at the earliest possible moment, consistent with the same principles of business which the ordinary man would apply to his own enterprise.

Lyle supports the by-law to extend the railway.

At a conference with a number of Terrace Hill ratepayers, Thursday evening, Mr. Lyle outlined his stand on the railway extension. "By all means," he said, "let us carry the by-law. The carrying of the by-law ensures the Hill getting the railway, the matter of the proper route, and actual construction can be worked out later. There must be co-operation between city council and railway commission. If elected as Mayor I propose to have this co-operation which does not exist at the present time, much to the detriment of this most important public work. The city will have to provide the streets, and the matter of the proper route should be worked out on a business basis, so that the new extension will be self-supporting, as largely as it is possible to make it, and at the same time afford the service, to which residents in the north end have been so long entitled.

"It may be that both as to cost of materials, and high debenture interest, the city may affect a big saving by a reasonable postponement of construction after the by-law is carried. Just the same as the decision as has been reached by the water commission, in the plans for reconstruction, costing \$360,000. This matter is also of vital importance to Terrace Hill, where the water supply has often proved inadequate in the summer. But the carrying of the by-law will, forever, settle the question in the first place, whether Terrace Hill is to receive the fair treatment which that community deserves, and in this, I shall lend my strongest support and aid.

"The question of route," said Mr. Lyle, "should have no effect on the vote for the by-law, as this can be changed to meet requirements, if the by-law is carried. The main thing to have it put through by the ratepayers, and Terrace Hill will get the service. The ratepayers in that part of the city have always upheld public works required for other sections of the city in a whole hearted manner, and I believe it is now up to other sections to reciprocate with Terrace Hill."

"The reconstruction of the waterworks, the building of the subway at St. Paul's avenue, and the extension of the street railway, loom up like big problems, but we may be thankful in a measure, that we have these problems. If we get a temporary period of post-war industrial reaction, it is to be devoutly hoped that it comes not at all, and if it does, that it will be most fleeting, but if it comes at all, Brantford can be prepared for it by a program of public works construction, of vital necessity to the future progress and development of our city. We will carry out these works with our own men, we will control in an absolute way the wages to be paid, and I assure my fellow residents, if I am elected Mayor, Brantford will not practice any wage-cutting on enterprises over which we have control."

"I shall vote for the railway and the school by-laws."

Tom Lyle For Mayor

The Man with ideas, whose word is his bond.

BRANTFORD MARKET

Butter	55 to 57	Cucumbers, basket	0 35	0 55
Cabbage, head	0 50	Eggs, doz.	0 50	0 75
Eggs, doz.	0 50	Oats, bushel	0 75	0 90
Chicken, doz.	1 25	Oye, bushel	1 50	1 60
Geese, alive	3 00	Straw, baled, ton	7 00	8 00
Grain		Wheat	0 90	2 10
Ducks	1 25	Barley, bushel	1 00	1 05
Eggs, doz.	19 00	Beans, quart	0 25	0 30
Oats, bushel	0 75	Onions, basket	0 30	0 50
Oye, bushel	1 50	Onion tomatoes, bas.	0 00	0 25
Straw, baled, ton	7 00			
Wheat	0 90			
Barley, bushel	1 00			
Beans, quart	0 25			
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