

## The St. John Standard

Published by The Standard Limited, 22 Prince William Street,  
St. John, N. B., Canada.

H. V. MacKINNON,  
Managing Editor.

ALFRED R. MCINILLY,  
Editor.

YEARLY SUBSCRIPTIONS  
By Carrier ..... \$5.00  
By Mail ..... 3.00  
Semi-Weekly, by mail ..... 1.00  
Semi-Weekly to United States ..... 2.00

United States Representatives:  
Henry DeClerque, Chicago, Ill.  
Louis Klebahn, New York.  
Advertising rates on application.

ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1915.

"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved"—H. M. The King.  
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

### OUR WARRIOR DEAD.

Sir Oliver Lodge, England's famous scientist, whose "Message to the Bereaved" has appeared in the Christian Commonwealth, addresses some very wholesome words to his fellow Britishers at a time when the echoes of the "last post" seem never to die away but rather to gain strength with the increasing numbers of those whose names appear upon the lists of Britain's mighty dead.

Perhaps what lends greater interest than ordinary to these words of comfort is the fact that they do not proceed from a theologian but from a scientist.

If we recollect aright it is not so many years since science and its expounders, the world over, were exceedingly diffident and shy of offering any affirmations whatever regarding matters pertaining to the spiritual world upon which theologians had the habit of discoursing.

The mood of scholars today, whether they be theologians or scientists, is, perhaps, more humble and less dogmatic than it was during the latter part of the 19th century, and as one result of this disposition there is an inclination abroad to rather welcome such a message as that delivered by this eminent man of science to the British public.

While Sir Oliver Lodge acknowledges the terrible loss to the nation as well as to the individual, occasioned by the slaughter of this faithful war, yet he points out that there are mitigating circumstances which ought not to be overlooked or forgotten by those who have been thus so sorely bereaved.

He says: "They have done their duty; they have sacrificed a useful career here; they have given up all they possessed, and it will be required of them. By such a death a burden of sin is lightened; some atonement is made; good friends are waiting for them and they themselves will continue in the joy of service," and then he concludes his consolatory message with these striking words: "Death alone to man is not the greatest evil, and in some sort they are happy in the opportunity of their death."

In such an affirmation of faith made by this well known English scientist there are reminders of that classical spirit which reached its highest development in its conception of the soul of man and the afterworld in the teachings of men like Socrates and Seneca, for the former asserted that at death the soul, leaving the body, entered into the "society of the happy," while the latter declared that it "is not death itself that is dreadful but the fear of it that goes before it."

With regard to the death of our warrior heroes there are two thoughts which we think will receive acceptance by very many people. The first is that since this is God's war, and since those brave fellows are in deed and in truth sacrificing their very lives for the cause of God, their friends need have no foreboding but that their souls are safe in God's care and keeping. Some will recall a ballad of a steamboat engineer on the Mississippi who, judged by the conventional creeds, was far from a perfect Christian, and yet who, in the hour of danger, closed his career by saving the lives of the passengers at the cost of his own. As the late John Hay, once Secretary of State in the American government, wrote of "Jim Bludso":

"He weren't no saint, but at judgment  
"I'd run my chance with Jim  
"Longside of some pious gentlemen  
"That wouldn't shook hands with him.  
"He seen his duty, a dead sure thing  
"And went for it there and then;  
"And Christ ain't going to be too hard  
"On a man that died for men."

The other thought was the tremendous debt that the world owes to those fellows who have laid down their lives in order that all that is evil might perish from off the earth and all that is good might continue to live.

This, indeed, was the thought of that splendid man Rupert Brooke, poet and gentleman. Early in the days of the

war he enlisted and manfully endeavored to "do his bit". All too soon he succumbed to sunstroke out in the Dardanelles but not before he had shown a magnificent example of British patriotism and courage to all young men, nor before, by the light of his marvellously pure and exalted soul, he had explained to the Empire the imperishable legacy of such heroic sacrifice in words like the following:

"Blow, bugles, blow! They bought us, for our dearth,  
"Holiness, lacked, so long, and  
"Love and Pain.  
"Honor has come back, as a king to earth,  
"And paid his subjects with a royal wage:  
"And nobleness walks in our ways again,  
"And we have come into our heritage."

### THE WAR SITUATION.

The past week has not been productive of good news from the war zone and if one is to judge from the despatches dealing with the progress of the campaign in the Balkans the situation there at present is critical. The Anglo-French forces which had been sent to the relief of the hard fighting Serbs are being pressed close to the Greek border and already there is much speculation as to what will happen should the Germans and Bulgarians follow them over. Greece is agitated as to the fate in store for her railways in that event. Latest advices received in London are to the effect that she is not unwilling that the Allied troops, if sorely pressed, should cross her border and go on to Salonika, but there is much fear that their engineers may destroy the railways behind them in order to delay pursuit. Such a development will be almost certain to force Greece into definite alignment with one side or the other.

There is also doubt as to when Roumania will take up arms. Despatches received last night indicated that the Russians are concentrating a huge army on the Roumanian border and developments there may at any time plunge the Roumanians into the thick of the conflict, although Bucharest has made no pronouncement.

### PEACE AS A MANOEUVRE.

G. K. Chesterton has pointed out in a very reasonable analysis of the present situation of Germany, and the desire of peace upon the part of very many of her public as well as private citizens, that for Germany at the present time Peace is necessary supremely as a war manoeuvre.

To put it in his own words, "A year ago Prussia wanted war because she wanted domination. Today Prussia wants peace because she wants domination."  
Let there be no mistake on this score; the heart of Prussia is today as set as ever upon world conquest, and if she or her people are being compelled to sign to another time it is solely due to the fact that their plans have, in a very large measure, miscarried and that it is utterly impossible for them to win this war no matter how long or how doggedly they may continue to fight.

There is now but one way in which Germany can possibly hope to attain her desire for world conquest, and that is to somehow have a halt called in the present strife so that she can for a time retire to her own land and once there begin all over again to prepare for another colossal attack upon

the forces that block the way to the realization of her ambitions.  
Until this spirit has been crushed out of Germany's councils there remains no alternative for Great Britain and her Allies no matter what the cost may be to continue the war with increasing ferocity. Until there has been a complete change of heart upon the part of Germany there must be no peace and no talk of peace.

Till that time the war must go resolutely on and in this purpose there is entire unanimity throughout the Empire.

### The Man Who Won't

Don't you feel a little lonesome when you walk the "city" street,  
And read the signs that's really meant for you,  
Don't you feel a little shameful when at every step you meet

A lad that's dressed in "khaki" eye-lag you;  
Have you chosen to ignore them?  
Have you stopped to count the cost?

In future years you'll figure up the toll,  
You'll have earned the name of slack-er, and the chance that you have lost  
Will mark the desolation of your soul.

Don't you think 'twill be forgotten, no matter where you are,  
The question to be answered first of all  
Will be "What was the battalion that you served with at the war?"

Can you tell them that you never heard the call?  
Why, there's some men who are long-ing to take that trip to "France"  
But are hampered, age or sickness foil the plan.

I can bring them by the dozen, who'll go with you on the chance,  
If 'tis only just to help you play the Man.

You're at work in store, or office, there are girls to do your job,  
Another payroll's waiting for your name,  
There are comrades looking for you, there are medals for your job,  
There are honors that are waiting for your claim.

If it's dying you are scared of, well, you have to die some day,  
You're bound to live through your allotted span,  
And if old "Death" should claim you could you find a better way  
Than meeting him, a "Soldier and a Man?"

You'll be first to do the shouting at the finish of the war,  
You'll be standing 'mid the women with a tag;  
You'll be cheering for the "Empire" as you never cheered before,  
And forget the days your knees were on the sag.

Then you'll go back to the office, the workshop, or the store,  
To find your pay check waiting with the "can."  
The smiling boss will tell you "You're not wanted any more."  
(The job you held is handed to a Man.)

—Frederick H. Bailey,  
Saskatoon, Aug. 17, 1915.

### NEITZSCHE AND THE WAR.

To the Editor of The Standard:  
Sir,—Apropos of Mr. W. Frank Hatheway's article in the St. John "Globe" of December 10th, would it not be advisable for someone to start an investigation of the cause of England's past passion for "conquest and power."  
Neitzsche has been blamed for everything from the invasion of Belgium to the sinking of the Lusitania, but we can hardly censure him for being the author of Britain's world-wide supremacy. Further, this philosopher, if Mr. Hatheway intends quoting from it, would be well for him, before doing so, to read the chapter on "Peace" in the Macmillan edition of "Human-All Too Human." If the Kaiser's present state of mind is due to Neitzsche's writings, he must have adroitly side-stepped this chapter.

DORA M. SMITH.

### NUMBER OF PARCELS FOR SOLDIERS ADD TO WORK OF POSTAL DEPARTMENT

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The number of mailed parcels for soldiers at the front is so great and the strain on the transport system is so severe that the British government has notified the post office department of Canada that temporarily all parcels must not exceed seven pounds, that is, no parcel weighing more than seven pounds will be forwarded.  
The British war office has also notified the post office department here that it is necessary to limit the amount of parcel traffic for the troops during Christmas and New Year season in the interest of military efficiency. The war office points out that the great bulk of mail matter dealt with in nominal terms is already a severe tax on the transport service, that the amount which the roads will carry without breaking up is limited, that ammunition, food and stores for the army must necessarily have preference over the mails, that any increase in the volume of mail traffic must cause delay in the forwarding of the necessary equipments.

The public are therefore appealed in their own interest, as well as in the interest of military efficiency, to limit

## Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

We had chicken pot pie for supper yesterday, being won of my favorite things to eat, my wife I was still waiting for me to give me mine, pop looked at my hands and said, Look at those finger nails, how many times have I pointed out to you the error of advertising real estate at the supper table.  
Aw, O, pop, I'm hungry, I sed.  
Go up and wash them, sed pop.  
But I'm hungry, I sed.  
So am I, that's won of the reasons why I object to having my appetite spoiled, sed pop, now forward march.

Aw, O, I sed. And I went up in the bathroom, smelling the chicken pot pie and the time I was going up, and I picked up the scrubbing brush and I thawed, I'll only rub each hand 6 times, and if he won't like them then, I won't eat any supper.

And I rubbed each hand 6 times with the brush and went down in the dining room and sat down again with my hands under the table, and pop sed, Well, let's have a look at them.

I expressed a desire to inspect your digital extremities, sed pop. Meaning he would to see my fingers, and I showed them to him, and he sed, Why, if such a thing was possible, I'd say they were worse than they were the first time, now get out of here and don't come back till there were as the driven snow.

With I went out of the dining room again, thinking, Aw, I rite, I'll never come back. And I got my hat off of the hall rack and was awl the way to the front door when I smelt the chicken pot pie again, and I thawed, O, well, it's a good thing for him I'm hungry. And I went upstairs and scrubbed them rite and came down and ate 3 helpings of chicken pot pie.

the use of parcel post to articles of real utility.  
Fruit, perishable articles of all descriptions, bottle and earthenware and the articles are prohibited and will not be accepted for transmission.

All parcels must be strongly and securely packed in covers of canvas, linen or other strong material. Parcels which do not comply with these requirements are unlikely to reach their destination safely, and if observed in course of post will be returned to the sender.

The name and address of the sender must be written on the outside and parcels which do not comply with this condition will be refused.

The post office department is still being urged by some to send parcels to the soldiers free or at reduced rates. This is impossible because of the international postal convention. Canada has suggested it to England and France, but they have refused to comply because the present mail traffic is almost more than can be handled.

jurisdiction and cannot be proceeded against under the Defense of the Realm Act.

"Nothing in this announcement affects the existing arrangements for the censorship of naval or military matter to which wholly different considerations apply, nor the censorship of other matters, save so far as they relate to foreign affairs."

## RIVER FROZEN OVER AT FREDERICTON

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Dec. 12.—The St. John river was practically sealed by last night's frost and the season of navigation is apparently over. Today there was skating along the St. Marys shore opposite the city. With the exception of 1909 when the river remained open for one day longer the ice bridge has been later in forming than on any year since 1829 when the closing date was December 15th.

## CHANGE IN BRITISH CENSORSHIP RULES

London, Dec. 12.—The following official statement was made public to-night:

"Sir Edward Grey has arranged that, from December 20, 1915, censorship by the press bureau on behalf of the foreign office shall be suspended. This will not mean a change in the provisions of the Defense of the Realm Act, or of regulations made thereunder. They will be binding, as heretofore, but the responsibility of seeing that they are complied with, as regards the publication in any newspaper or by any news agency of matter relating to foreign affairs, will rest upon the directors of that newspaper or news agency."

"As regards matter telegraphed abroad from this country, the responsibility will rest with the senders of telegrams. The censorship of press telegrams from one foreign country to another, or of British cables will remain unaltered, since the senders of such telegrams are not within British jurisdiction."

Any of these make excellent Christmas Presents.

We are heavily stocked in every department and our salespeople will show you the latest values for the money.

FRANCIS & VAUGHAN,  
19 King St.

## The Cake with a Personality

Colonial Cake AT ALL GROCERS

ROLLS OF HONOR FOR CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES

specialty designed for record of Enlisted Soldiers. Hand colored with appropriate decoration.

FLEWELLING PRESS Engravers and Printers. 3 Water Street, Facing Market Sq.

## Evening Classes

Will re-open for Winter Term Monday, Oct. 4th. Hours, 7.30 to 9.30. Tuition Rates on application.

S. Kerr, Principal

## Today We Announce Our Readiness for Christmas Business

And in this announcement we desire to tell you that we have prepared wisely and well.

Our stock is superb—our service complete, and we will be pleased to have you inspect carefully every article of interest.

With buyers coming in greatly increasing numbers, assortments and varieties must necessarily decrease.

Very many of our articles come from markets too far away to permit of re-ordering. Among these are the "Unique Novelties" in which early shoppers find the greatest joy in selection.

Thus we advise early Christmas shopping.

FERGUSON & PAGE  
Diamond Importers and Jewelers  
King Street

## Sparkling Cut Glass

The Gift De Luxe

Bowls, Nappies, Flower Vases, Spoon Trays, Salt Cellars, Pitchers, Tumblers AND OTHER DAINTY PIECES

T. McAVITY & SONS, LTD.

## SEASONABLE GOODS

We specialize on three things: Fountain Pens, Leather Goods and Xmas Stationery

Our line of Fountain Pens are the best in the Lower Provinces, including the Waterman and Boston Safety.

Boston Safety—just the pen for the soldier—can be carried in any position in the pocket. Guaranteed not to leak.

Leather goods from the best manufacturers, including Portfolios, Purses, Letter Cases, Gentlemen's Bill Folds and Wallets.

Our line of Ladies' Hand Bags

Are of finest quality obtainable. The styles are all right.

STATIONERY

In handsome Xmas Boxes from the Crane Freres. We have these boxes put up to suit all tastes.

An excellent gift for a lady.

Prices to suit all

Barnes & Co. Ltd.

84 Prince Wm. Street

## BALATA BELTING

The Best for Laundries, Dye-Houses and Exposed Situations.

D. K. McLAREN, LIMITED

64 Prince William St. 'Phone Main 1121. St. John, N. B.



Makes Sensible Choice

This year more than ever presents will predominate, crowded with footware for Dress, House, Walking and Women's Department—The makers as "Dorothy Dodd" and other high grade con- Men's Department—No lace can provide such a good footwear. The Water stands for all that is new Men's footware.

## Waterbury & King



Acetylene

No Improvements in modern dwellings. Acetylene is in use in the No matches burners. Push the most of Ar stock of Chand low prices for P. Campbell



AT No Kuch- draining POT have a PATENT SEE our line of Guarantees

D. J. BARRET

GLENWOOD Ranges and Heaters, Kitchen

## USE Made in S and Save

Insist on Jas. W. Foley

Tea Pots, Stoneware

All Crockery

## An Intelligence Contest FOR BOYS

"Jumbled Words"

Below are given twelve jumbled letters of same so that the words

tenor? If so, write the answer on handwriting, and send same, together

No Boy or Girl must be over 12 must be in this office by Wednesday will be taken into account in the sends in the correct solution, I shall and the next in order of merit will These are the jumbled words:

ADER LENDRICH RYEEV CLUNE ATCH REETINTS

STANDARD C For Boys

Full Name.....

Address.....

Age Last Birth.....

Trade Enquiries.

A New York firm of lawyers, acting on behalf of clients who wish to locate in St. John, has asked the Board of Trade for information as to schools,