Old Father Donohoe.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Sir,—Please give space to the following verses, which I believe will interest many of your intelligent readers. It is the composition of a young American poetess. With thanks, I remain,

TELEGRAM READER.

St. John's, Aug. 18th, 1915.

On Father Kelly's Sunday in the chapel of Kilmell
The congregation hurries to be in before the bell;
You may see them making short-cuts over many a ditch and gate.
For woe unto the stragglers that he catches coming late!
But easy and contented on our friendly way we go
When comes the Sunday morning Mass of Father Donohoe.

On Father Kelly's Sunday all the lads step up before,
He doesn't like the rear brigade to block the chapel door.
And it isn't on one knee they'll kneel with eyes on me or you;
Their book is open in their hands, their beads are well in view,
For Father Kelly's spectacles review them row by row—
They little fear the priest they love, old Father Donohoe.

When Father Kelly preaches, all the congregation sit
In such a shroud of silence you can feel the chill of it;
There's not a baby dares to cry, a sleepy man to nod,
When Father Kelly tells them of the awful might of God;
But like a neighbor talking in the homely way we know
Is the half an hour discoursing of old Father Donohoe.

All praise to Father Kelly, sure he's fine to build and hold,
But little Father Donohoe is worth his weight in gold;
There's not a child around Kilmell with sense enough to stand
That wouldn't leave its mammy to be holding to his hand.
There's not a dog that ever barked defiance to a foe
But wags its tail half off its back for Father Donohoe.

When Father Kelly makes his rounds, we scrub and paint and clean
Till the parlor that receives him might accommodate a queen,
But by the kitchen fireside Father Donohoe instead
Will have a rousing cup of tea and a slice of griddle bread.
Then 'til about the children and the farm he'll want to know—
God bless the loving soul of him, old Father Donohoe.

God bless good Father Kelly, too, a leader born and bred,
For what would Kilmell parish be without him at the head?
He holds us to our duty and he guides us up above;
But there's another pilot that we follow all for love,
And many a time I think of One Who left His flock to go
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Mr. Bonar Law and the Outer Empire.

A SPEECH WHICH WAS A REMARKABLE FEAT OF MEMORY.

Mr. Bonar Law, the new Colonial Secretary, made a speech last week which was notable in several ways.

"It was full of facts, names and figures, but it was delivered without the aid of any notes," says the Chronicle's Parliamentary Correspondent. "From this point of view the speech was a remarkable feat of memory. Mr. Law's predecessor at the Colonial Office, Mr. Harcourt, was a keenly interested listener to it."

Our Colonists and Native Regiments.

"The public will be grateful to Mr. Bonar Law for his clear statement of the course of events in the outer Empire since the beginning of the war," says the Morning Post. "There has been great anxiety in this country as to the fate of our Colonies and our colonists in Africa especially. It is notorious that when war broke out the Germans in Africa, as elsewhere, were well prepared and well armed, while our Crown Colonies were neither well armed nor well prepared. We have paid a heavy price for this lack of foresight and knowledge; but, thanks to the good stuff of which our colonists are made, we are gradually making up leeway.

"And not only should we praise our colonists for this good progress, but our local troops—those native regiments which have been built up by the devotion of unknown heroes, shaped and disciplined with a patience and at a cost which few appreciate or understand. Think what it means for a handful of white men to turn a horde of savage Africans into a well-disciplined regiment. It is a labour of Hercules—and more, for it requires not only strength and courage but patience and tact. With scanty means and in the most arduous conditions these forces have been built up, and how they are proving their value to the Empire in the time of trial."

A Worthy Harvest.

"We are reaping to-day in every region of the globe the harvest of that Liberal idea of Government which has been the greatest contribution we have made to the political history of mankind," says the Daily News. "The Prussian, with his idea of a dominant race imposing by the sword its rule and its customs on conquered peoples, was unable to understand the strength of the British system. He believed it was built on sand and that it would collapse like a house of cards. The experience of the past ten months has shown him that liberty is, even on the lowest plane, a better investment than Imperialism. Let us take care that, after the war, we do not forget the lesson ourselves. We shall need to remember it in India and in our attitude to those African natives to whom Mr. Bonar Law paid so warm and so deserved a tribute."

"The account which Mr. Bonar Law gave of the Colonial fighting was the best general survey of it yet available," says the Chronicle, which thus summarizes his facts:—

"Of Germany's overseas possessions there remain to her part of the Cameroons, on which 'her hold is very precarious,' and German East Africa, the largest of all the German colonies in area, where the condition as between the German and British forces is 'largely one of stalemate.' Germany has lost Kiaochau, some valuable islands in the Pacific, including Samoa, of which possession was taken by New Zealand; the German half of New Guinea and the German Solomon Islands, both of which were captured by an Australian force; Togoland, 'the only German oversea possession that has paid its way,' and German South-West Africa."

"The depredations of the German ocean raiders on our merchant shipping in the first three months of the war were greatly facilitated by the wireless stations in Togoland, South-West Africa and the German Pacific Islands. The wireless station in Togoland was an immense affair, two miles long, on the construction of which £250,000 had been spent. This station was in direct communication with Berlin."

Enemy Prepared for War.

"In Africa," said Mr. Bonar Law, "as in Europe, the Germans were much better prepared for war than we were. They had a superiority of artillery, still more of machine-guns and munitions, and in the Cameroons they actually had two aeroplanes. Fortunately, our people acted so quickly that they seized them, sent them to South Africa, and I think it very probable that they were used by General Botha in the conquest of German South-West Africa. They had this superiority, but, after all, fighting there is of a different character from what, unfortunately, it is in the trench warfare in Europe. Though we had inferiority in munitions we had superiority in men.

"The one feature which to me is the most striking, is not surprising, is the way in which British Colonists and settlers everywhere have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into joining the active forces against the enemy.

"In the invasion of Togoland, out of the total unofficial European population 95 per cent. actually took up arms on that occasion. Of the official population, that is, those in the service of the Colonial Government, the difficulty has been to prevent them going.

"In Nigeria practically the whole white population volunteered to join, and nearly the whole did join.

"In one thing, at least, we can take pride, and that is that, though we have reason to feel no self-complacency as a nation, we are entitled to say that the same spirit which was shown by our forefathers oversea, the spirit which took Clive from the desk and made him conquer or retain the Indian empire—that spirit was never stronger or more markedly shown throughout the British Empire than it is to-day. It is true, not only of those Colonies where fighting has taken place, but there is not a single British possession where large numbers have not come forward to join the force.

"That is a fine record for us as a nation. We can at least say our habits are peaceful, but we can say also that neither business nor luxury has sapped the courage of our race or made them less able to fight than they were in the past, when fighting became necessary for the existence of the Empire.

Gallantry of Native Levies.

"There is another consideration," added Mr. Law, "and that is the way in which the natives have acted throughout the South African war. With the single exception of East Africa, to which some reinforcements have been sent, the whole of our fighting has been done by local forces. The bulk of it has been by native levies, the chief of which are the West African Frontier Force and the King's African Rifles. They have been faced for the first time with modern weapons, directed by people who thoroughly understand how to use them. They have fought in the bush, in country where it was impossible to exercise complete control over them, yet nowhere have there been any excesses, nowhere has there been any want of discipline, and everywhere they have acted with great gallantry.

"As an example of that, perhaps it will interest the House if I give one incident of many which I have read. During one of these fights the legs of a machine-gun tripod were blown away. (I remember reading with admiration of a similar act of heroism in Flanders.) Two privates of the West African Frontier Force at once stepped forward to allow themselves to be used as the legs of the machine-gun, which was used effectively until the enemy were driven off.

Natives and British Rule.

"It is not only those natives actually fighting for us to whom we have reason, I might almost say, to be grateful. One sometimes hears in this House complaints of the way in which our representatives abroad deal with subject races. This country has shown on the whole that we have a good record in that respect, and it is a record which is appreciated by the natives themselves. Throughout they have been thoroughly loyal. They have assisted us in every possible way, and perhaps I may add that nothing has done more to make the African natives appreciate the value of British rule than the experience they have had of German rule in Africa."

Marriage Problems.

"Good morning, parson," sand Jenks, the village wag, meeting the parish rector one morning. "I want your advice on a certain point concerning the marriage laws."

"I shall be very pleased to assist you if I can, Mr. Jenks. What is it you require solving?"

"Well, I want to know whether it is legal for a man to marry his widow's niece?"

The Vicar hesitated before vouchsafing a reply, then very slowly expressed it as his opinion that such a marriage would be perfectly legal.

"That's satisfactory, sir; but would it be possibly for such a marriage to take place?" continued Jenks, with a merry twinkle in his eye.

"Certainly. If the thing is legalized by law, it is, of course, possible," replied the clergyman.

"You're positive on that point, I presume?"

"Of course I am!"

"Well, I can't say that I share your opinion. As a rule, in this country, widows are widows; and if a man wished to marry the niece of such a parson, I'm afraid he'd have to rise from the grave first. Good morning, parson!"

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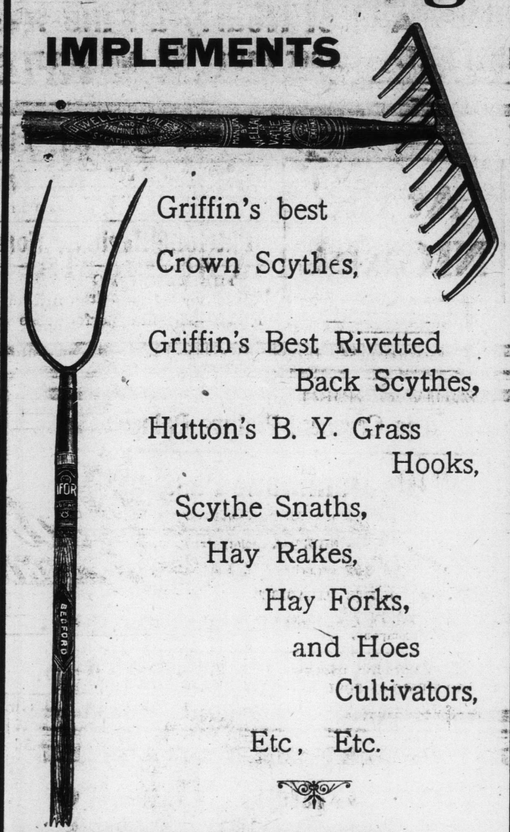

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"We desire to place on record our admiration and respect for the conduct of Italy at this supreme crisis in the history of the world.

"Italy and Great Britain are now companions in arms fighting side by side for the triumph of the same cause. Circumstances drew our own country into the conflict from the beginning, while the ghastliness and the magnitude of the task before us were still only dimly manifest. Yet none of us will forget the crisis of decision through which we passed in the first days of August, 1914.

"Italy has had a still harder path to tread. Immediate action was not her part, and she had to bear the strain of nine months' suspense before her hour of decision arrived. During these nine months she saw all the established regulations and mitigations of warfare swept away by the enemy's systematic and cold-blooded resort to methods of a cruelty to non-combatants unprecedented in modern history.

"Yet, in spite, or rather because, of all which she knew she would have to face in a conflict with the Germanic powers, Italy nerved herself to the ordeal, resolved to do her utmost towards securing that such horrors as Belgium saw, and as the ocean has seen, should never again threaten the civilized world.

"She made her decision at a moment when the prospects of early victory seemed remote, and only the arduousness and the imperative necessity of the task were apparent, and she had to reach this decision through a series of the most complex diplomatic negotiations, which demanded the coolest judgment, and most perfect mutual confidence from both Government and people.

"At last the suspense is over. Since May 20th, 1915, Italy stands in arms at our side; and we feel that an expression of this comradeship on the part of a few among her British friends—we say a few, because everyone in these Islands is Italy's friend—would be both welcome to her and congenial to ourselves.

"The Italian people is at war to liberate its own brethren from an old oppression, and to avert from the whole of Europe the threat of a new military domination. Italy has staked all that she has for the same principles of nationality, humanity, and public right that inspire our own endeavors in this war. We hope, with all earnestness in our hearts, that her national aspirations will now be consummated, and we wish the heroic Italy of 1915 to know from our own lips that we feel towards her as our fathers felt towards the heroic Italy of the Risorgimento."

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During lightning don't stand near a tree, a tall building, or water. Tall objects discharge lightning clouds, and the electric fluid, striking the tall object, might diverge and pass through your body. Electricity always chooses for its path the best conductors, and a man close to a tree would be chosen instead of a tree.

Proximity to water is dangerous, for the latter is a good conductor, and anyone standing near would invite the lightning to make him its medium.

To lean against a wall is dangerous. To be in a crowd is dangerous. A mass of people forms a larger and better conductor than an individual, and the vapour from the crowd increases the danger. For the same reason, huddled animals are more often struck than when scattered.

The safest place out of door is 30 feet from a tall tree. The lightning would choose the tree, and you would be too far off for the fluid to diverge.

It is best, too, to get wet to the skin. Then, if you were struck, the wet clothes would conduct the electricity harmlessly over the surface of the body.

Indoors, the middle of a room is the safest place. The lightning would choose the walls or chimney, if it struck the house, and you should be clear of contact.

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