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## The Drink Traffic in Great Britain

The cry against intemperance and the waste and lawlessness of the traffic is becoming louder and louder in Great Britain. While Russia and France and even Germany have dealt quite effectively with the matter, many British people have been shocked at the discovery that during 1915, the sales of intoxicants in Great Britain reached the enormous sum of one hundred and eight million of pounds, showing an increase of seventeen millions of pounds over the preceding year, and this, notwithstanding the stringent measures adopted to curtail the traffic in the interest of various war needs.

The drink habit prevails most widely in Scotland and leading Scottish papers are speaking plainly and loudly in condemnation. The Glasgow Evening News, and the Edinburgh Evening News, one a Conservative and the other a Liberal paper, have been very explicit in their demands. The arrests in Scotland exceed those in England. It is believed that anywhere between five and six millions of pounds were spent in Edinburgh and Glasgow during the last year in drink. The business there is altogether lawless, as it is or has been in every land.

The Glasgow News says: "There was never a time hitherto, in which our claim to drink what we want and when we want, could be so easily wiped off the Statutes of British liberty. The Government knows it and the trade knows it. They have both discovered that in Britain, as in France and Russia, the citizen is not so passionately addicted to alcohol that he will lose a war, rather than dispense with it."

The British Government is told, that if it is loss of revenue they are afraid of, our Allies have made great surrenders. One "eminent distiller" has gone so far as to admit that half the public houses should be closed.

It is reported that the "Liquor Defense Association" will show fight by putting up independent candidates whenever elections are called. One such election is now pending, which it is believed has been forced by this Association and the Temperance forces are rallying with a view to defeat this candidate. A day of intercession about the nation and the drink traffic has been called. Six clergymen, each representing a different church, have been appointed to take the lead of the service, each taking one hour.

Mr. David Lloyd George, a year since formulated a scheme of State purchase of the business, and still has hopes of carrying to a successful issue. In a recent interview with a deputation of the Temperance Council of the Christian Churches, he said, "It will be so much better to settle the question by general consent. If we do, the war, horrible as it is, will have paid for itself. There are many things which I hope we can accomplish through this war. There are many changes at home, changes in the outlook of the nation, changes in its temper, changes in its attitude of mind, changes in its industries; but, this will be the greatest and most beneficial change of all, if we succeed in carrying it through. If we can possibly convince the nation that success in the great task which it has undertaken depends more largely in removing this drag on its efficiency, then I feel confident that at the end of the war, however successful we may be in a military sense, we shall regard this as the greatest triumph of all."

## British Merchant Ships and the British Navy

Lord Robert Cecil, in answer to questions put to him in Parliament respecting the loss of shipping through the submarines, made the encouraging statement that Germany has been able to sink only four per cent. of the vessels sailing the British flag, and that this loss has been more than replaced. In fact, British merchant ships have increased by 344,000 tons, over the tonnage destroyed by submarines. The present shortage is really only apparent. It is occasioned by the removal of ships from ordinary service to meet the necessities of war, in conveying transports, munitions, and other supplies. The ordinary bus-

iness is proceeding much as usual, but, the war has occasioned other business of great importance which must be attended to.

While the mercantile shipping has increased by 344,000 tons, the increase in the navy is much greater. It has increased about 1,000,000 tons, and now stands at 3,714,106 tons. And there has been great development also in the armament of the ships, so that their striking power is at least 50 per cent. greater than at the beginning of the war.

## A Significant Poem

At a dinner recently given in New York, to the Harvard University Class, of 1883, a poem was read, which closes with the following lines, significant of the opinions and feelings of educated Americans, at the absence of any protest by the Government of the United States against the cruel German onslaught on Belgium.

"O wasted opportunity! O chance forever lost!

When Belgium's sanctity was stained, her guardian rivers crossed. Our prompt and cold Neutrality her anguish pleas withstood.

The seals upon her treaty showed like gouts of human blood. Not so our fathers met the test, who crossed the wintry seas.

The little "Schools at Newtowne" taught ideals not like these. And if we hold not to them, then a sore price must we pay.

In sorrow and in torment we must tread a darksome way, Till purified by suffering, the vision comes again.

And we can take our rightful place among the sons of men."

## Easter Sunday in the Bridgetown Churches

### St. James' Parish

The services both in the Parish Church of St. James, Bridgetown, and in St. Mary's, Belleisle, were of the festive character usual to this day. The altar in each church was adorned with choice cut flowers.

In St. Mary's the festival commenced with Evensong on Easter-eve. On Easter day there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a. m. and evening prayer with sermon in the afternoon. At St. James' Church the first service was at 11 a. m. on Easter day. There was a very large congregation. The music included the anthem, "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth," by T. Mee Pattison. The sacrament of Baptism was administered in the afternoon, and there was the usual sermon in the evening.

At the morning service the Rector emphasized "Our Present Sonship" as his Easter message and in the evening dwelt on the significance of "And He showed unto them His Hands and His Side."

The flowers were contributed by Mrs. Chas. DeWitt (in memoriam), Mrs. O. T. Daniels, Mrs. C. H. Strong, Anonymous, and Mrs. Lyle (St. Mary's).

### Baptist Church

Unusually large congregations gathered in the Baptist Church at both the morning and evening services of Easter Sunday. The pastor, Rev. G. C. Warren, preached on "The Importance of the Resurrection" at the morning service, taking his text in 1 Cor. 15: 14-18.

At the evening service, the choir, assisted by young ladies from the B. Y. P. U., rendered a musical service of Easter carols and choruses. Among the numbers rendered which merit special mention was the duet by the Misses Annie and Grace Rickertson, and a quartette selection by Miss Gladys Reed, Mrs. B. E. Chute, Messrs. E. C. Hall and Frank Charlton. The choir rendered "Sing Alleluia Forth" by Dudley Buck in a very creditable manner, the solo parts being taken by Mrs. G. O. Theiss and F. V. Young. Mrs. W. A. Warren gave a reading which was greatly appreciated.

At the close of the service of song the gospel of the Resurrection was preached in symbol when thirteen young converts were buried with Christ in baptism and raised again in the likeness of His Resurrection.

### Providence Methodist Church

Easter and its message was the dominant note at Providence Methodist Church last Sunday. In the morning an exceptionally large congregation was present and listened to an excellent sermon from the Associate Pastor, the Rev. W. S. Loring, B. A. At the evening service, which was well attended, the pastor preached taking as his subject, "The Power of the Resurrection."

Floral decorations tastefully arranged added charm and beauty to the interior of the church. Special music appropriate to the occasion was rendered by the choir. In the absence of the regular organist, Mrs. A. R. Bishop, Miss Ruth Burns presided at the organ, in an efficient manner.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. F. R. Beckwith and little daughter Alice, were passengers to Halifax yesterday.

Miss Myrna Marshall of Clarence, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Edwards in Halifax.

Mr. Loring B. Hall was home from Bridgewater and spent Easter here with his family.

Mrs. N. H. Newcomb of Port Williams, is visiting relatives in town over the Easter season.

L. Roy Whitman of the 112th Battalion, Middleton, has been promoted and transferred to Windstor.

Mr. Jas. Connell of the Royal Bank of Canada staff, Amherst, spent his Easter holidays in Bridgetown.

Miss Gladys VanBuskirk of Middleton, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Hector MacLean, over Easter.

Jack Ruggles, student at King's College, Windsor, spent Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ruggles.

The Misses Minnie and Mary Buckler spent the Easter season with their brother, Mr. Alex. Buckler, in Wolfville.

Miss Hortense Griffin, student at Truro Academy, spent the Easter holidays with her mother, Mrs. B. D. Neily.

Miss Nettie Cohoon of Wolfville, is the guest of her friend, Miss Gladys Reed, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Reed.

Miss Hazel Burbridge, teacher of the West Clarence school, spent the Easter holidays at her home in Millville, Kings County.

Mrs. M. L. Baxter, of Karsdale, spent the Easter holidays with relatives in Bridgetown. She returned to her home on Tuesday.

Jos. Steadman, who is attending Normal College at Truro, spent the Easter vacation at the home of his parents, at Young's Cove.

Rev. A. R. Reynolds is spending a few days at Mantua, Hants County, being called there by the illness of his father, Jas. Reynolds.

Arthur Whitman, with his friend, Charles Thompson, of the 112th Battalion, Middleton, spent the Easter holidays at his home in Clarence.

Mr. John Palfrey, assistant manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, at Truro, spent the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Palfrey.

Lieuts. Owen Graves and Ronald Ruggles, having completed a Lieutenant's course of military training, are now spending a few days furlough at their homes here.

Mrs. (Dr.) M. E. Armstrong and little daughter Margaret, went to Yarmouth last week to spend the Easter season with Mrs. Armstrong's parents, Capt. and Mrs. Davies.

Mr. Horace G. Bishop, foreman for the Windsor Machine and Foundry Company, paid a visit to his family here during the Easter holidays, returning to Windsor yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Strong of Halifax, were among the visitors to Bridgetown over the Easter season and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Strong.

Corporal Carman L. Langille, of the 85th Battalion, Nova Scotia Highlanders, who has been instructing the Bridgetown detachment of the 219th Battalion, has been recalled to Halifax.

Mrs. Kossuth Hogg and little daughters Theresa and Katie, accompanied by Mrs. Hogg's brother, Pte. Alvin Harris of the 112th Battalion, Middleton, went to Shelburne last week to visit their mother, Mrs. Harris.

Mr. H. L. Bustin, principal of the Melvern Square school, was in town last week, renewing old acquaintances. We regret to learn that Mr. Bustin's mother is quite ill at the home of her son, Capt. Arthur Bustin, Granville.

Mr. Frank Ruggles of Fort George, B. C., having come to New York on a business trip, arrived here last week and is spending a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ruggles.

Mr. J. H. Furbish of East Newport, Maine, arrived last week for a few days visit with relatives. He returns to his home to-day accompanied by Mrs. Furbish and her mother, Mrs. J. Wallace Young.

The following school teachers spent the Easter holidays at their respective homes in Bridgetown: Miss Nettie Bishop, Bridgewater; Miss Ena Graves Canning; Miss Cora Munro, Plympton; Miss Vola Fulmer, Nictaux.

Mr. Louis J. Phelan, a former employee of the Monitor, but who for the past ten years has been employed at the trade in various New England offices, has again joined the Monitor staff having arrived from Boston last Wednesday.

Sergt. J. A. Montgomery, "A" Section, No. 1 Field Ambulance Depot, Overseas, Winnipeg, formerly of Wesley College, is a guest at the home

of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Whitman, Clarence, prior to his departure for overseas service.

Mrs. John Piggott is among the Easter visitors to Bridgetown, and is a guest at the home of Mr. James Marshall. We regret to report that Mrs. Piggott has met with a recent bereavement in the death of her sister, Mrs. Clarke of Woodville, Kings County.

Mrs. (Capt.) Ernest Lewis of Freeport, was the guest of Mrs. Hayward over the Easter holidays. We understand that the Captain has rented the pleasant cottage of Mrs. Tucker on Granville street west, and will move his family here next week.

Mr. L. D. Shafner, who has recently returned from British Columbia, was in Bridgetown on Saturday last. It is reported that Mr. Shafner will again engage in shipbuilding in this County, and is making preparations for the building of vessels at Annapolis Royal this summer.

Several of our Bridgetown boys who are training with the 112th at Middleton spent Easter at home. Among other volunteers who were also privileged to get home were: Sergt. Bertie Miller, of the Composite Battalion, Halifax; and Sergt. Elton Burns of the 106th Battalion, Truro, and Corp. Ira Jackson of the 63rd Halifax Rifles.

Pastor J. Willard Litch, pastor of the Ruth Morton Memorial Church, Vancouver, is a native of Bridgetown. Pastor Litch is one of the leaders of Christian work in the West. Although his church is still young, the last two years it has led the Baptist churches in British Columbia in the number of baptisms.

CONTRIBUTES FOUR SONS TO SERVICE OF KING AND COUNTRY

Mrs. Charles A. Taylor of Dalhousie West, is a worthy example of what a mother bravely bears in behalf of the Empire in these days of stress and conflict.

Mrs. Taylor has contributed four sons for overseas service. Her youngest boy while in training at Halifax about a year ago, was called away to a Higher Service.

Notwithstanding the great sorrow experienced in the taking away of a life so dear to her, this mother has willingly given up three more sons, to do their bit for King and Country.

Isaac and Lindsay who are attached to the 219th Nova Scotia Highlanders, now in training at Bridgetown, and Percy, who is Platoon Sergeant in the 172nd at Kamloops, B. C.

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