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Easter

The word suggests to us the approach of the springtime. The earth shakes off the covering which has hidden her from view, like the winding sheet on the face of the dead, and wakens to new life and activity.

Wordsworth, in "his Excursion," speaks of the green in the springtime as a shroud. He says:

"Nature's pleasant robe of green,
Humanity's appointed shroud."

This term, however, seems more appropriate to the silence and stillness of death, and we prefer to speak of the green, as shown in the springing grass and opening leaves as emblematic of activity, freshness and fruitfulness.

But, Easter suggests to every thoughtful person in Christian lands something greater and better than the best of material things. It reminds us, indeed, of the most wonderful and far-reaching event in all human history.

"On this glad day, a brighter scene
Of glory was displayed
By God, the eternal Word, than when
This universe was made."

He rises, who mankind has bought
With grief and pain extreme
'Twas great to speak a world from
naught.

'Twas greater to redeem."

In this period of war, bloodshed, tears, poverty, animosity and all the evils to which unbridled ambition leads, the event which Easter commemorates is the sure promise of the time when the Prince of Peace will reign with undisputed authority over every human being in all the world.

We all need this promise to fortify us for the right performance of our present duty.

Shakespeare

On the 23rd of April, 1616, the mortal remains of William Shakespeare were laid to rest in the cemetery connected with the church, in Stratford on Avon. He was born in the same town, and it is believed, on the 23rd day of April, 1564. The anniversary of his birth, therefore coincides with that of his death. The three hundredth anniversary of the latter event will be celebrated by the admirers of his plays and poems wherever the English language is spoken. Thousands will lay a wreath upon his tomb, and visit the house in which memorials of him are displayed. The event will be observed also in nations where other languages are spoken. But, neither in England, nor elsewhere will the celebration be so general as it would have been if the exigencies of war had not interfered.

Sir Sidney Lee says that Shakespeare's tomb was made seventeen feet deep. On the flat grave stone joining the monument are the following words, said to have been written by Shakespeare himself:

"Good friend, for Jesus sake forbear
To dig the dust enclosed here;
Blest be ye man ye spares this
stones,

And cvrst be he qt moves my
bones."

The deep grave and the warning lines were probably intended as a caution to both enemies and friends. It seems to have been a habit of those rude times to exhume and burn the bones of enemies, and to honor friends by removing their bones to places esteemed more honorable. Wickliffe's bones were exhumed and burned and the ashes scattered on the waters, and those of Christopher Columbus have been entombed in at least four different places.

Little is known of Shakespeare's early life. When he was eighteen years of age he was married to Anne Hathaway, and about three years afterwards he went to London. The probable reason for his leaving Stratford was the fear of legal action. He was fined for poaching, as it was called, or deer stalking, on the estate of Sir Thomas Lucy, and believing the sentence to be too severe, he took revenge by writing a coarse ballad and sticking it on the gate of the residence of Sir Thomas. This so aroused the wrath of this gentleman, that Shakespeare concluded it wise to get out of his way.

Reaching London, his first known

business was the very menial one of tending the horses of attendants upon the performances at the theatres. Next we find him employed to revise old plays and prepare new plays for presentation. This gave great offence to some of the dramatists, as is evidenced from the following lines:

"There is an upstart Crow, beautified by our feathers, that with his Tiger's heart wrapped in a player's pride, supposes he is as well able to bombast out a blank verse as any of you, and being an absolute Johannes factotum in his own conceit, &c."

It was not long, however, before his marked ability began to be generally recognized. Dishonest publishers thought it worth while to append his name to the writings of others, a practice which led to frequent litigation. The names of most of those who appeared with him upon the stage have long since gone into obscurity, while his name gathers lustre with succeeding generations, as that of the world's greatest dramatist and poet. It has been said of him, "he knew mankind as no one before or since has done, or, at least was gifted with a power of expressing his knowledge vouchsafed to no other."

Nowhere in all profane literature is there such a vivid portraiture of the Nemesis which troubles the wrongdoer, as in the words of Macbeth after the murder of Duncan:

"Whence is that knocking?
How is it with me when every noise appals me?"

"What hands are here. Ha! they pluck out mine eyes."

"Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood

"Clean from my hand? No; this my hand will rather

"The multitudinous seas incarnadine,
Making the green one red."

Nor is there to be found in profane literature any higher and truer appreciation of the value of mercy in the relations of men to their fellows, than Shakespeare puts upon the lips of Portia in "The Merchant of Venice."

"The quality of mercy is not strained.
It droppeth as the gentle rain from Heaven,

"Upon the place beneath. It is thrice blessed,
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.

"Tis mightiest in the mightiest, it becomes
The throned monarch better than his crown.

"His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,
The attitude to awe and majesty,
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings.

But mercy is above this sceptred sway
It is enthroned in the heart of Kings.
It is an attribute of God himself,
And earthly power doth then show likest God's
When mercy seasons justice."

In no country outside of Great Britain has Shakespeare been studied with more painstaking minuteness than in Germany. What a pity that the Kaiser and his war lords have paid so little heed to the lessons taught in the quotations we have given.

* Cvrst is old English for:curst.

A MARTIAL FAMILY

Round Hill,
April 7, 1916.

Dear Mr. Editor:—

We have in our midst a martial and patriotic family, whose record deserves to be published. I refer to that of Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw.

Mrs. Shaw's grandfather on her mother's side fought under the Iron Duke at Waterloo and received a pension. Her grandfather on her father's side fought at Alma, Inkerman, and Sebastopol. Her father had four sons, and Mr. Shaw's father had the same number, eight in all, who fought for the North in the Civil War of the United States.

Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Charles, the oldest son is serving the King in a Welsh regiment, John is in the 64th, Rex in the 85th, Max in the 219th, of the Canadian forces. Their three sons-in-law have also enlisted, Lew Michie in the 64th, Dan Daley in the Home Guards, St. John, N. B., and Guilford Jefferson, Sgt. Shoemaker, in St. John. The only grandson old enough to serve his country is John Michie of the Signal Corps, Halifax, son of Lew Michie of the 64th. This is a splendid record of voluntary service for King and Country.

—RESIDENT.

A cheque for slightly more than \$70,703,600, said to be the largest ever drawn, passed through the New York Clearing House last week. It was made by J. P. Morgan & Co., on a local bank to the order of the Canadian Government in payment of \$75,000,000 par value 5 per cent. bonds, recently purchased by a syndicate of bankers.

BRIDGETOWN'S OLDEST CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

It becomes our sad duty this week to chronicle the death of our oldest citizen in the person of Mr. Alfred Videto, which occurred at his home on Granville street on Sunday morning last, April 16th.

The deceased was the eldest son of the late Nathaniel Videto, and was born at Port Lorne on May 18th, 1828, and was therefore in his 88th year of his age.

He learned the trade of blacksmith and conducted a successful business at Paradise for fifteen years. He then removed to Bridgetown and purchased the farm now owned by Mr. Major Slocomb, which he occupied until he removed to his late home on Granville street.

Mr. Videto during a greater part of his life was active in the affairs of Annapolis County and represented Ward 4 in the Municipal Council from the time the County Incorporation Act was passed in 1880 until 1896. During much of this time he was chairman of the Committee on Tenders and Public Property, and was largely instrumental in the establishment and erection of the present County Home and County Hospital.

Mr. Videto was a man of strong mentality, and of a bright and cheerful disposition; a man beloved and respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Mr. Videto was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Coleman of Boston. His second wife was Miss Susie M. Young, eldest daughter of the late Edward Thorne Young, who predeceased him 13 years. One son, Frank, was born by this marriage, who also predeceased him four years.

The deceased is survived by four sisters, Miss Helen Videto of Bridgetown, Mrs. Tripp of Hudson, Mass., Miss Susie Videto of South Framingham, Mass., and Mrs. (Capt.) Enos Raymond. A brother, Mr. Theodore Videto of South Framingham, Mass., passed away but four weeks ago.

During his last illness of over eight weeks, he was tenderly cared for by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Evelyn G. Foster, who has been his housekeeper since the death of Mrs. Videto.

Funeral service was held from his late home yesterday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. G. C. Warren of the Baptist Church. Interment took place in the Riverside Cemetery.

Parish St. James Church Notes

This being Holy Week special services are being held.

Wednesday

4.30 p. m. Children's Service.
7.30 p. m. Preparatory Service for Easter Communion.

Thursday

7.30 p. m. Evening Prayer and address.

Friday (Good Friday)

Bridgetown.—10.30 a. m. morning prayer and sermon. 3 p. m. Children's Service. 4.30, Service of Intercession on behalf of the war. 7.30, evening prayer and service.
St. Mary's, Belleisle.—1.45 p. m. Collections on Good Friday for the promotion of Christianity among the Jews.

Easter Day

Bridgetown.—11 a. m. (with Holy communion) 3 p. m. Administration of the Sacrament of Baptism. 7.30 evening prayer and sermon.
St. Mary's, Belleisle.—8 a. m. (Holy Communion) and 3 p. m.
There will also be a service in St. Mary's Church on Easter eve (Saturday) at 7.30 p. m.

Bridgetown United Baptist Church

Passion Week is being observed with special services in the vestry every night except Saturday.

Sunday services: Bible School at 10 a. m. Public worship at 11 a. m., and at 7.30 p. m. there will be a service of Song, when Easter Carols and Choruses will be rendered by an augmented choir.

Centrelca

Preaching service on Sunday at 3 p. m. Communion Service and offering for Denominational Funds.

Methodist Church Circuit Notes

Services every night this week at 8.00 p. m.

Sunday, April 23.
Bridgetown, Sunday School at 10.00 a. m.

Public worship 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

Granville 11 a. m., Bentville 3 p. m., Dalhousie 7.30 p. m.

A new postal regulation which went into effect last week requires that all letters mailed in Canada for the United States and vice versa, shall be censored. This will cause somewhat of a delay in the passing of mails, but it evidently seems necessary.

SHERIFF'S SALE!

1916. "A" No. 2463

In the Supreme Court
BETWEEN
EDWIN RUGGLES and HARRY RUGGLES, Plaintiffs.

—and—
ELVIRA A. DODGE, and RHEUBEN L. DODGE, appointed by the Court to defend and represent the heirs and persons entitled in the estate of Jesse Dodge, deceased, Defendants.

To be sold at Public Auction, by the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, or his deputy, at the Court House in the Town of Bridgetown in the said County of Annapolis, on Saturday, the 22nd day of April A. D. 1916, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon,

Pursuant to an order of foreclosure and sale made herein, and dated the 14th day of March, A. D. 1916, unless before the day of sale the amount due and costs are paid to the Plaintiffs or into Court;

All the estate, right, title, interest and equity of redemption of the said late Jesse Dodge, and of Rheuben L. Dodge appointed by the Court to defend and represent the heirs and persons entitled in the estate of Jesse Dodge, deceased, and of all persons claiming or entitled by, from or under them or any or either of them in and to all those certain tracts, pieces, lots or parcels of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the Fourth Range of Belleisle Marsh, (so-called), in the Township of Granville in the County of Annapolis, and being the eastern half of lot number four, and bounded on the South by the Annapolis River, on the West by lands owned by the late Benjamin Wheelock and William Gillatt, on the North by the Range ditch and on the West by the remaining half of said lot number four, and formerly owned by the late Abel and William Wheelock, containing seven acres more or less.

Also all that certain other piece and parcel of marsh land deeded to the said late Jesse Dodge by the late Edward T. Young by deed bearing date the 13th day of November A. D. 1882, situate in the Township of Granville aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, that is to say: comprising lots numbered three and four in the lower Range of the lower Belleisle marsh, beginning on the South side of the lower Range road (so-called), at the North-east corner of lot number two (2) formerly sold to the late Robert Bent and William D. Bent and running southerly on said Bent's east line to the east line of said lot number two about fifty-two rods or until it comes to the Annapolis River, thence northeasterly along the said river around or until it comes to the Range of the said Range road or within one rod of land formerly owned by Harris Bent and thence westerly across the dyke on said Range road thirty-seven rods to the place of beginning, containing eight and a half acres more or less.

Together with all the buildings, hereditaments, easements and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Terms of Sale.—Ten per cent. deposit at time of sale, remainder on delivery of deed.

J. H. EDWARDS,
High Sheriff in and for the County of Annapolis.

CHARLES R. CHILMAN,
Of the Town of Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, Solicitor for Plaintiffs.

Sheriff's Office, March 17th, 1916.

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