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"The Canadians—yes sir, perhaps we have something they haven't got. But . . . we take off our hats to them! I tell you what, sir, they're MEN! They saved the Salient!" So said a British Guardsman to Mr. Beckles Willson after the terrific struggle of the Ypres Salient. Mr. Willson has told the story of that glorious conflict in a little book, **In the Ypres Salient: The Story of a Fortnight's Canadian Fighting** (The Musson Book Co., Toronto, 80 pages, paper, 35c.). Fittingly, the book is dedicated to that heroic Canadian officer, General M. S. Mercer, C.B., who died fighting for the empire.

Of the two books by Patrick Vaux (from Hodder & Stoughton, London and Toronto), **Sea Salt and Cordite** (189 pages, 35c., paper), and **Sea Patrols** (196 pages, 35c., cloth), the former was issued on Empire Day, 1914—just before the War; the latter since the War began. They are both stories of the roaring seas and of our men of the great warships, and submarines, and aeroplanes. *Sea Salt and Cordite* describes fighting that might take place; *Sea Patrols*, fighting that did take place. The very taste of brine and of gunpowder is in the stories. We hear so little in connection with the great doings of our navy, that Patrick Vaux's so true to life details are most illuminating.

**The Mixed Division (T)**, by R. W. Campbell (of course the "T" in the title stands for "Territorials"), the author of *Private Spud-Tamson* (320 pages, \$1.35); **Philip in Particular**, by W. Douglas Newton (183 pages, 35c.); and **Pte. Pinkerton, Millionaire**, by Harold Ashton (187 pages, 35c.) all come from the Musson Book Co., Toronto. These books, the larger volume of Mr. Campbell and the two smaller ones, exhibit the spirit of racy, rollicking humor so characteristic of life in the British trenches. But there is pathos and tenderness and loyalty to high ideals and traditions, as well, or they would not present true pictures. And, above all, we are made to realize the devotion to duty and the set resolve to see the War through to final and decisive victory, which the soldiers of the empire have never failed to manifest. Reading these books, you will laugh, and perhaps cry, with the men in the trenches, but, chiefly, you will admire those who are cheerfully and uncomplainingly giving their lives in the sacred cause of liberty.

**A Temporary Gentleman in France** (Cassell & Co., London and Toronto, 189 pages, 35c. net) is a little volume of letters by one of those "temporary" officers, who, in the new and hastily gathered British army, rendered such invaluable service. And the letters will well repay the reading.

**Imperial Germany**, by Prince von Bulow (Cassell & Co., London and Toronto, 335 pages, \$1.50 net), is a new and revised edition of a work first published in January, 1914, that is, six months before the outbreak of the War, and was written as a section of a general work to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary

of the accession of the present emperor. It is of interest to note that this new edition was the first book printed in the British Empire by license of the Comptroller-General of Patents under the Trading with the Enemy (Copyright) Act of 1916. Prince von Bulow, from 1897 to 1909 directed the foreign policy of Germany, and the volume before us is a defence of his conduct during that period and an explanation of the principles by which he had been guided. Amongst the most important chapters of the book are those on Building the German Navy, and German and British Sea Power. A leading idea in von Bulow's policy was, that the world position of Germany should be built up and maintained purely by her navy. Again and again he intimates that the right policy for Britain would have been to cripple Germany before the navy had been completed. It is obvious that a nation which let such an opportunity slip could not have been a nation eager for war and seeking an excuse for beginning a conflict. As an exposition of the method by which Bismarck's successors planned to make Germany a great world power, the book of Prince von Bulow is of great and permanent value.

The announcement "Dr. Jowett's Latest Volume" commands instant attention. All who desire winning and convincing exposition of the deep things of the Word of God and of the Christian life, will welcome any new book from the pen of this world famous preacher. In **The Whole Armour of God** (Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto, 265 pages, \$1.25 net), Dr. Jowett moves in the atmosphere of these years of the War. The Christian is a soldier, and a soldier in the fight. Each discourse—for the volume is a book of fifteen sermons—deals either with some particular part of the equipment of the Christian soldier, or with some experience of his on the hard-fought field. Dr. Jowett's fame rests on the foundation of striking success in two widely different fields, "Dr. Dale's" church in Birmingham, England, and the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York. The sermons of this volume give more than a glimpse of the secrets of this success.

More than forty years ago, Mrs. George Churchill, a native of Nova Scotia, went to India as the wife of a Baptist missionary. The young couple were assigned to work in the Telugu district, which became the scene of their abundant and most fruitful labors. Mrs. Churchill, from her distant mission field, wrote letters of unusual interest to her friends at home. While recently on a visit to Canada, she was persuaded to allow these letters to be gathered into a volume. The work of compilation and arrangement has been excellently well done by Mrs. Grace McL. Rogers, M.A., of Amherst, N.S., to whose three soldier sons the book is dedicated. (McClelland, Goodchild and Stewart, Toronto, 305 pages, \$1.25.)

Captain R. Burton Deane, in **Mounted Police Life in Canada** (Cassell & Company, Toronto, 308 pages, map and plates, \$1.50 net), has given, out of the experiences of thirty-one years' service in the North West Mounted Police, an inside view of the workings and the work of that redoubtable constabulary. Captain Deane writes as a blunt, plain-spoken soldier. He does