

A HERO'S FUNERAL

London, Eng.,
Nov. 23, 1916.

Dear Mr. Quinton.—I am sending you these few lines, offering you my sincere sympathy for your great sorrow; and telling you about yesterday's sad, but beautiful ceremony. Mrs. Fisher and I met at the Hospital at 1.15 and saw the coffin resting in the little chapel, covered with your flag and on it the five wreaths and the sheaf of flowers, and the colours of the Regiment. From there at 1.30 it was taken on a gun carriage, with some thirty soldiers accompanying it, to Wandsworth Cemetery, where Mrs. Fisher, a young soldier from St. John's, who represented the Newfoundland Association, and I met the cortege at the gates. It all looked so beautiful. The rays of the setting sun shone on the brave boy's coffin as it was reverently carried from the gun carriage to the little chapel, where the first part of the burial service was read by the Army Chaplain. I thought of you all, and wished with

all my heart that you could have seen him laid to rest by his comrades. It was the first time I had seen a military funeral, and the firing of the three volleys and the sounding of the "Last Post," made an impression on me, that I shall always remember. It was so inexpressibly sad, and yet behind it all there rang a note of hope, that his last sleep would have a grand awakening.

He lies near other comrades who have fallen. I sent you some flowers from each of the tributes to his memory, and I hope you will receive them safely. It seems almost wrong to grieve for him. He did suffer so much, and death for him was indeed a release.

Last Thursday, the 16th, when I went to sit with him, I found him very drowsy, so we put off writing until the following day, he wanted me to write to his sister. On Friday I went again, and then I saw a great change in him. His face was drawn, and he was very tired, and didn't want to talk. He told me to read Miss Quinton's letter, and to answer it myself. He felt too weak, even to tell me what to say. I left him after he had taken a little tea, but it made him sick. That was about 5 o'clock. He

was taken worse in the night and was unconscious nearly all Saturday. I was telephoned for in the afternoon, but found him in a drowsy state.

I think he recognised my voice, but was unable to speak to me. He found peace at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning. It may comfort you to know that he had every comfort. The Doctors, Sisters, and Nurses were so gentle and kind. He was a favorite with us all. I should be very glad to hear from you some day, if you feel equal to writing to me, a little later on.

Should the account of the funeral be in any of your papers, would it trouble you to send it to me?

And now dear Mrs. Quinton, I will close, again expressing my deep sympathy to you all.

I remain,
Yours very sincerely,
HILDA BRYSON.

Fishery Inspector O'Reilly, who is at present on the West Coast, will join the Fiona on her arrival at Bay of Islands and proceed north to Bonaventure Bay and other points where his services may be needed in seeing that the fishery regulations are properly observed.

SOMEBODY'S BUSINESS

Residents of the vicinity complaining that Rankin Street, off Merry-meeting Road, is in a most filthy condition. A part of this street is within the city limits, but the section complained of is just without the boundary line, and for that reason no doubt the city officials think the cleaning of it is no concern of theirs. Would it not be a good idea for the Health Inspector to pay a visit to the place and insist on having it cleaned up. If the Council is not responsible then some other authority is. Surely we are not going to have the town surrounded by a neutral zone or a kind of no man's land over which neither the Council nor the Government Road Inspector will exercise control and on which all kinds of filth may be deposited to the detriment of the public health. If there is any doubt as to where the exact line of demarcation falls the city's boundary line should be pegged off by the City Engineer or the Government Engineer. If the East End Road Inspector wants to get his line across this street all he has to do is to make a request to the Public Works Department and one or other of these engineers will have to attend to it.

BLOOD THICKER THAN WATER

The commander of the commerce raider Eitel Friedrich has stated to when we sank a British ship which an American interviewer, that when he sank a British ship which had pigs on board "we rescued the pigs first, then the English. The swine first, mind you; they were important." Blood is thicker than water.

HERRING PLENTIFUL

Herring were fairly plentiful around Portugal Cove and Broad Cove last week and many residents of these places secured enough for winter's use. They have now struck off and none can be got at either place the last few days.

The schr. Nills, twenty-nine days from Iceland, arrived in port yesterday, in ballast, consigned to order.

S. S. Florizel is due to arrive in port early this afternoon.

WRITES FROM HOSPITAL

R. N. Hospital,
Gibraltar,
Nov. 29th, 1916.

My dear mother,—I will just start to try and write an answer to your letter, received a while ago, and was more than glad to hear from you, but I didn't have time to write before. I wrote Edgar and Mary Ann last week, I intended to write you also only I wasn't feeling very good at the time, but I am alright now. I expect to get out of hospital this week, or the first part of next. I hope so anyway.

Well, mother, I suppose it is looking like winter home now, is it? But there is not much difference in summer at home and winter in England. When you write again tell me if you get any money from the "Briton." You haven't said anything about it for a long, long time, if you don't get any let me know, and I will see about it.

You asked me about that pair of socks that Uncle Will sent me. Yes, I got them about three months ago, and I wrote him as soon as I received them but I haven't got any reply, whether he got my letter or not I can't say. I had a letter from Susie Quinton at St. John's and she told me that they were still enlisting at home. I guess they will have to come now, if they didn't when the war started. Wouldn't I like to see Conscriptio in Nfld? Because I know there are lots of fellows at home (or near home) who should be serving their King and Country, instead of that, they are hiding away in the cosy corner, and just laughing at the war being on, while others are fighting for them, but I expect they will soon have to come, whether they like it or not and how much more manly it would be, if they offered their services voluntarily, instead of being pressed.

Well, I will now close my letter. Good bye, mother, and write soon to your loving son, Albert.

(The above writer is Albert Fry, L. D. S., son of Mr. Thomas Fry, of Charlestown, B. B. He has now been on active service for two years.)

L. O. A. ELECTS OFFICERS

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—Please grant space in your valuable paper to record the death of a deceased Brother, Robert Skeffington, age 64, who passed peacefully away to the Great Beyond on Nov. 29th. We deeply regret the loss of our old and loyal Brother of our Association, whom we shall greatly miss, and whose influence was great amongst the Brethren. We tender our deepest and sincere condolence to the bereaved family who are left to mourn his sad loss.

Signed on behalf of the Loyal Orange Lodge, Newmans Cove, No. 112.
Albert Elliott—W. Master.
Nicholas Edmonds—Recording Secretary.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:—Herbert Ryan, elected W. Master; Samuel Cool, re-elected D. Master; Nicholas Edmonds, re-elected Rec. Secretary; Thomas Edmonds, re-elected Finan. Secretary; James S. Hicks, re-elected Treasurer; Alfred Abbott, elected Director of Ceremonies; Albert Cool, re-elected Chaplain; Joseph Tilly and Albert Ryan, re-elected Lecturers; Jeremiah Ryan, elected Inside Tyler; Frederick Abbott, re-elected Outside Tyler.

Thanking you for space and wishing you every success in your undertakings. I am, faithfully yours,
Nicholas Edmonds, Secretary.

WELL DONE

The Longshoremen's Union is acting in a admirable and very pleasing manner towards those of its members who have enlisted in the Newfoundland Regiment and the Royal Naval Reserve. Of the latter there are ten and about ninety of the former. Each absent member is kept in good standing during his period of service and should he fall, his monthly benefit is paid to his next-of-kin, on receipt of a certificate of his death from the military authorities. Eight mortality benefits have thus been paid from the funds of the Union.

EXCELLENT SHOWING

Bishop Field College has an Honor Roll that any institution in the Empire may well feel proud of. As far as can be ascertained, no less than two hundred and nineteen of its students have joined the colours, in various regiments. Twenty-five of this number have already laid down their lives in the glorious cause for which they so nobly volunteered to fight.

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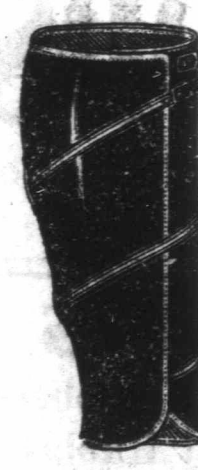
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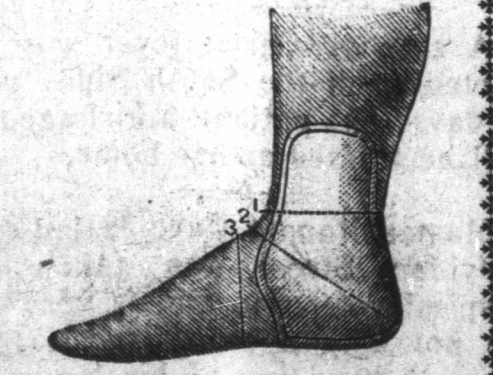
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