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REVIEW

The first issue of "Knots and Lashings" was accepted as a success by those friendly disposed towards us, and we think ourselves that the Depot has nothing to be ashamed of in its journalistic debut. It is the intention of the staff to improve the journal whenever possible; and now that we are assured of the wholehearted support of the Depot we can assure our readers of a journal commensurate with the excellent material at our disposal.

CONSERVATION.

No apology is necessary for introducing a subject of this nature in our journal. The soldier stands in an unique position in this regard. To him the whole question of supplies is his least worry as far as he personally is concerned; but to him who has left a home and family—has given up his ALL, in fact, to serve in the righteous cause—there is justifiable cause for complaint.

UNNECESSARY CRIMINAL EXTRAVAGANCE.

The well-to-do lady in her limousine—selecting, with exquisite care, the luxurious make-up of her new gown and menu card for her next affair, forms a picture in direct contrast to that of the soldier's wife eeking out an existence on her meagre separation allowance—with no additional provision for children, excepting the inadequate amount provided by a semi-charitable public. It is to the door of such extravagance that we can lay the greater part of the blame—so often put entirely upon the shoulders of the profiteer—for the high cost of living. To the dependents of the soldier this cost forms an insupportable burden.

PARALLEL SACRIFICE.

The plea of the well-to-do on all sides is "We give to the Patriotic fund!—to the Red Cross!—we knit and sew!" We admit this plea, but go further than that, and maintain that when the sacrifices made either by subscription, or by work, bear comparison with the sacrifice of the soldier; then and then only can be said, "You've done your share!"

REMEDY.

Proportional taxation, regulation of the sale of luxuries, and self-sacrifice on the part of those who know not yet the meaning of the word, thus bringing all to a comparative level and thus creating a conservation necessary for the country's weal.

THE AUCTION SALE.

Sapper McKane realised our best hopes and beyond in his auction sale of the first fifteen autographed copies of "Knots and Lashings". An auctioneer however would be of no avail were it not for the bidders and surely our legal friend has nothing to complain of in this regard.

The successful bidders are as follows:—1st copy, Section 1, A Company, \$15.00; 2nd copy, Lieut.-Col. Melville, \$5.00; 3rd copy, Lieut. Steers, \$6.00; 4th copy, Lieut. Elliott, \$6.00; 5th copy, Lieut. McBeath, \$5.00; 6th copy, Lieut. Stairs, \$5.00; 7th copy, Lieut.-Col. Melville, \$5.00; 8th copy, Lieut. W. B. Young, \$4.00; 9th copy, Capt. Pettigrew, \$4.00; 10th copy, Lieut. McMeekin, \$4.00; 11th copy, Lance Corpl. Blinco, \$3.00; 12th copy, Lieut. Rutherford, \$3.00; 13th copy, Lance Corpl. Ellis, \$3.00; 14th copy, Sapper Ferguson, \$3.00; 15th copy, Sapper McKane, \$5.00.

The proceeds of the sale amounted to \$76.00 for which "Knots and Lashings" is grateful.

The happy inspiration of the N. C. O.'s and men of No. 1 Section of A. Company in outbidding all comers without limit; and afterwards presenting the first copy to Colonel Melville, is to be commended and shows what a spirit of organisation will do. Sapper Westcott made the presentation on behalf of the section, with a few well chosen remarks and it was suitably acknowledged by the Colonel, who expressed his gratitude and appreciation of the compliment paid him. He also promised to present each member of the section with an autograph copy.

Obey that impulse to get a copy of "Knots and Lashings"!

When you are through with it, send it to the folks back home.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Sapper Gilbert suggests a Xmas number of "Knots and Lashings". For general information we can say we are now working on this, and expect to publish it on December 15th with photos of Depot and possibly of companies.—(Ed.)

Space did not permit reply to Spr. Norton's letter this week. It shall have our attention next issue.—(Ed.)

Letter from the "Devil" to "Pete" will be published in a subsequent issue.—(Ed.)

THERE'S A REASON.

When the lengthening shadows fall,
Parade ground idle and still,
Barrack-room "raillery" cheerful withal
Makes us forget the drill.

It isn't the rhetoric "best people" use
For to them it does seem coarse
The edge of the sapper's wit is obtuse
His laugh a guffaw: his tone is hoarse.

I don't make excuse for the language
We use when "milling" our mates
Though the Chaplain calls it a
"barrage"

Twixt us and the Pearly Gates.

We know that the best entertainment,
Is from vulgarity free;
But what would the best entertainers
be like

If their naked souls we could see.

Have the fine people who scorn us
Hearts half as big as we;—
Would they "have a heart" and be
patient

If they could be made to see

That our noisy boisterous diversion
Is but a curtain in kind?—
To keep ourselves from thinking too
much

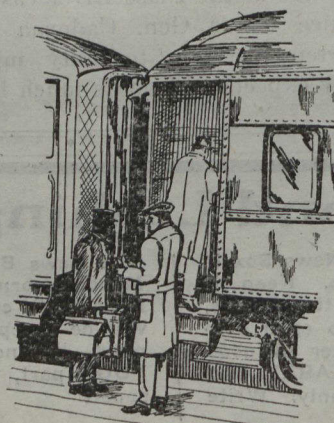
About those that are left behind.

And of all else we will never forget
(Invoking wrath from above)
Our manhood: it doth forbid us yet
Make jest of home and love.

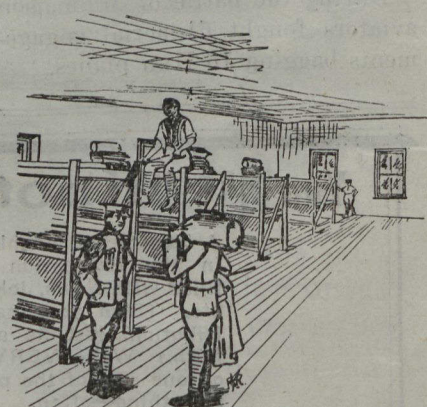
L. C. MILDON.

THE SILLY SEASON.

When is a draft not a draft?
When it's a rumour.



Before enlisting

After enlisting
Upper or Lower Sir?