

THE WAR CHARITIES ACT, 1917.
Department of the Secretary of State of Canada.

The War Charities Act, 1917, defines "war charities" as follows: any fund, institution or association, other than a church or the Salvation Army, whether established before or after the commencement of this Act, having for its objects or among its objects the relief of suffering or distress, or the supplying of needs or comforts to sufferers from the war, or to soldiers, returned soldiers or their families or dependents, or any other charitable purpose connected with the present European war. Any question whether a charity is a war charity shall be finally determined by the Minister.

The Act also provides:
(1) It shall not be lawful to make any appeal to the public for donations or subscriptions in money or in kind for any war charity as hereinbefore defined, or to raise or attempt to raise money for any such war charity by promoting any bazaar, sale, entertainment or exhibition, or by any similar means, unless—

(a) the war charity is either exempted from registration or is registered under this Act; and,

(b) the approval in writing of the executive committee or other governing body of the war charity has been obtained, either directly or through some person duly authorized to give such approval on behalf of such governing body; and if any person contravenes any of the provisions of this section he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

(2) This section shall not apply to any collection at Divine Service in a place of public worship.

The Act was assented to on the 20th of September, 1917, and the above section so far as it relates to registration is applicable to War Charities on the 20th of December, 1917. After that date, collections made otherwise than on behalf of a registered War Charity by subscriptions, donations, bazaars, sales, entertainments, exhibitions or similar means of collecting money are illegal.

Regulations and information respecting registration may be obtained from the undersigned.

THOMAS MULVEY,
Under-Secretary of State.
Ottawa, December 3, 1917.

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A MAN went to Louisiana on a visit to a certain colonel there. It was bedtime when he arrived at the house, and as it happened that there were no mosquito-curtains to his bed, he suffered severely all night long. When the following morning the negro servant came into the room with water and towels, the unhappy victim asked why there were no mosquito-curtains in the room.

"Doesn't the colonel have any in his rooms?" he finally enquired.

"No, suh," replied the negro.

"Well, how on earth can he stand it?" said the visitor.

"Well, suh," came the reply, "I reckon it's jes' dis way. In de fo' part ob de night de colonel's mos' gen'ly so 'toxicated dat he don' pay no 'tention to de skeeters; an' in de las' part ob de night de skeeters is gen'ly so 'toxicated dat dey don' pay no 'tention to de colonel."

A WASHINGTON man, in motoring through Virginia, stopped one day at a toll bridge he had often passed over and found there was a new keeper in charge.

"Where's the man who used to act as keeper here?" asked the motorist.

"He's dead, sir," was the reply.

"Dead? Poor fellow! Joined the great majority, eh?"

"Well," said the man, cautiously, "I wouldn't like to say that, sir. He was a good enough man so far as I know."

—Harper's Magazine.

THE hobo knocked at the back door and the woman of the house appeared. "Lady," he said, "I was at the front—"

"You poor man!" she exclaimed.

"One of war's victims. Wait till I get you some food, and you shall tell me your story. You were in the trenches, you say?"

"Not in the trenches, I was at the front—"

"Don't try to talk with your mouth full. Take your time. What deed of heroism did you do at the front?"

"Why, I knocked, but I couldn't make anybody hear, so I came around to the back."—People's Home Journal.

"WHY, Ruth!" exclaimed the little girl's mother, "you came downstairs so noisily that I heard you way back in the kitchen. Now try it over again and come downstairs properly."

The little girl went upstairs and a moment later entered the room where her mother was waiting.

"Did I come down quietly that time, mamma?" she asked

"Yes, dear, you came down like a little lady."

"Yes, mamma. I slid down the banisters."

"BOYS," said a teacher to her Sunday School class, "can any of you quote a verse from the Scripture to prove that it is wrong to have two wives?"

A bright boy raised his hand.

"Wel', Thomas," encouraged the teacher.

Thomas stood up. "No man can serve two masters," he said proudly.

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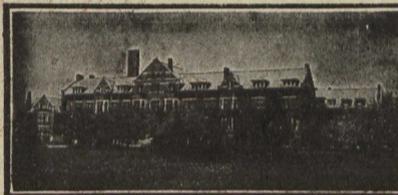
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