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In Memoriam. Many of the members of the gallant regiment who sailed from Quebec, warm with youthful hopes and patriotic feeling are numbered with the Empire's honoured dead. Their race is run; their "warfare is accomplished." Let their names be blazoned on the scroll of fame in characters of fire, and their memories perpetuated by their grateful countrymen. It may be urged that we need nothing to keep in remembrance those who died for Queen and Empire in South Africa, whose work will outlast monumental brass. Yet, for the sake of those who mourn, we would like to see a building or a pillar erected to preserve the remembrance of the names of our dead heroes.

Our Returned Soldiers. An old writer has said that the truest patriot is he who "fills up his station in private life well," he who loves and promotes peace both public and private, who, knowing that his country's prosperity depends much more on "its virtues than its arms," resolves that his individual endeavours shall not be wanting to promote this desirable end.

The thundering applause of assembled multitudes has greeted the Canadians who have recently returned from the war; they have been royally received and entertained, and their gallant deeds recorded in the pages of our newspapers. But they cannot live on the plaudits of their countrymen. Some of them abandoned the pursuits of peaceful industry at short notice, to respond to the shrill clarion of war, and they have returned to find the work they deserted at their country's call entrusted to other hands. For those out of employment something must be done, and that right speedily. Let the government and people of each and every Province of the Dominion see to it, that the splendid fellows who have been doing such excellent work for the federation of the Empire are restored to the ranks of the toiling mil-

lions without any delay. We have expressed our admiration for their prowess and patriotism by the most unequivocal signs, let us also show our gratitude by turning their swords into ploughshares, and giving them the earliest opportunity to doff their Khaki suits for the sake of private usefulness.

Oil Lamps. A few weeks ago, a young man in attempting to light an oil lamp caused an explosion and fire by which the lives of those nearest and dearest to him were sacrificed. In view of this and other sad fatalities arising from the use of mineral oil lamps in Canada, we would like to see the suggestions of the Hackney (England), Vestry freely circulated throughout this country.

Having had under consideration the question of the numerous accidents of similar character to that which lately occurred in our city, the following recommendations were made and distributed among those who use lamps:

"Take care that the vessels used for keeping or sending to be filled with oil are free from dirt and water. Dry the wicks before using, so as to get out any moisture. Dip the end to be lighted into the oil. See that wicks fit the wick-tubes; not too tightly, and especially not too loosely. The wicks should not be much longer than to reach to the bottom of the oil container—say 12 inches long. It is well to change the wick after two months' use. Once a week thoroughly clean the burner, remove all burnt pieces of wick, flies, dirt, etc. Every two months boil the burner in strong soda water. Before lighting remove the burnt crust on wicks with the fingers. Turn down wick on level with wick-tubes, and rub the fingers across the wick; this will give uniformity to the flame and is better than cutting. When lighting, turn up wick slightly, let remain for a few minutes, then turn up to full power, so long as the flame is white; when the edge of the flame is orange colour, proper combustion is not taking place; burner must then be examined. Do not use a chimney after it is cracked. It is best to keep the lamp well filled. It is better neither to blow down nor across the chimney.