

this survival: "She has very high-heeled shoes, she shows a leg, she has a skimpy skirt with a peculiar hang, due, no doubt, to mysteries about the waist. She wears a comic little hat over one brow; there is something of Columbine about her, something of a Watteau shepherdess, something of a vivandiere, something of every age but the present age. Her face, subject to the strange dictates of the mode, is smooth like the back of a spoon, with small features and little whisker-like curls before the ears, such as butcher boys used to wear half a century ago."

The description is impressive: the result, apparently, more painful. The vulgar street boy, that fearless spokesman of the proprieties, has evolved or learned a phrase which he

ill-manneredly chants to our Watteau shepherdess—not necessarily in her private ear:

"She's the army contractor's only daughter,

Spending it now";

or simply:

"Spending it now."

So Wells dramatically concludes: "She makes her stilted passage across the arena upon which the new womanhood of Western Europe shows its worth. It is an exit."

It may only be the exit of a "super" in this world-drama, but it indicates a change of scene. It is part of the general emancipation. It may prepare the way to a truer sense of bodily value, a truer appreciation of physical beauty and well-being, a more sincere self-expression.

One of God's Good Men

A FRIENDLY TRIBUTE TO THE LATE
LIEUTENANT HOUSTON

By D. A. Chalmers

LIKE many another true Canadian who went overseas to take part in the world-war, William Houston was a Scotsman born; and in his case also, as in that of many another fallen hero of these later days, the tragic phrase, "killed in action," completes the as yet available record of the end.

From the honourable but unpretentious home of a British workingman in the ancient and "Fair City" of Perth he came. Trained there clerically in the office of the General Accident Insurance Company, Mr. Houston came to this continent under engagement with the widely-known firm of Messrs. Balfour, Guthrie & Co., and prior to being transferred to the Vancouver office, around six years ago, he was for a short time in the Portland (Oregon) office of the company.



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