

NATIONAL SONGS.

"No song that was mean has ever been adopted by a nation. Lamentably wrong is the phrase about buying something for a mere song. Old songs are the dearest things in the world; they cost blood and fire and ruin."—Truth.

Addressing a breakfast-hour meeting of employees at a Lincoln works, the Bishop of London said that in the near future they would find women taking their place side by side with men, as citizens and workers, and when a woman did work equally well with a man it was quite obvious she deserved an equal wage. The statement was received in silence. "You don't cheer that," commented the Bishop; "but it will come."

Jerrold's sayings went home like a polished stiletto. His good things are nearly all very cruel. Perhaps the most piercing was said to that harmless being, J. A. Heraud, who wrote a long epic, entitled "The Descent into Hell." Full of an author's vanity, Heraud said to Jerrold: "Have you seen my 'Descent into Hell'?" "No," said Jerrold with lightning quickness, "but I should like very much to."

"This war is going to make a difference in the life of this country and of the world, a difference for better or for worse which you cannot calculate," said Mr. Lloyd George to a gathering of munition workers in a factory in the London district. "In the old days," he added, "the hustler was regarded

as an alien enemy, who had come to this country to steal the bread of the easy-going Briton; but we have discovered that the hustler is a British-born subject, living among us. John Bull was getting soft, flabby, fat and indolent. He was just slouching along. Then the war came, and now his tissues are as firm as ever, he is alert, vigorous, and strong, he is hitting hard, and is going to work his way through to victory. John Bull is young again; the war has rejuvenated him."

Sir George Paish, lecturing at the London School of Economics, said that we still possessed about £4,000,000 worth of Colonial and foreign securities. At the end of the war Great Britain would stand just where she did at the beginning. She would have sold some foreign securities, and bought others from her Allies, Colonies, and customers, and on balance neither her home nor her foreign wealth was likely to be appreciably reduced. What she would have lost would be her new savings. Of course, she would have created a great debt. In spite of the new debt—or, perhaps, because of it—we might confidently expect that the nation after the war would have as much new capital for investment as before the war.

The Liverpool Licensing Committee have asked the magistrates of the city to treat drunkenness during the war as a very serious offence, and impose such substantial penalties as shall be a deterrent to others.

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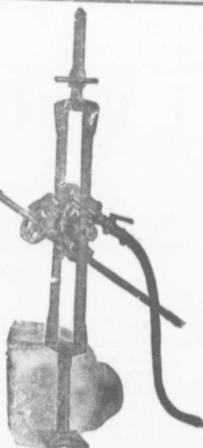
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