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An Address delivered by Clive Phillipps-Wolley on behalf of the Victoria-Esquimalt branch of the Navy League, to an audience in the City Hall, Victoria, B. C., on Tuesday, May 14th, 1907. . .

The Speaker said:

I am glad to see that our appeal has in Greater Britain as in Great Britain reached our women as well as our men; that they have realized that this question which we are to discuss, affects the homes of the Empire, and that the mothers and sweethearts of the nation have not forgotten that the deeds which have made Britain great, and kept her safe, though done primarily for the Mother Country, were done largely for the love of British women.

The sailor's wife the sailor's star has been, since England was first Merrie England.

I claim, that with only one exception, the Religion of Britain, the subject I am asked to address you upon, is the most important of all subjects affecting the well being of our Empire, and with that it is indissolubly connected.

The existence of the Empire depends upon the Navy, and the proudest boast, and in God's eye I believe the one reason for the maintenance of the Empire, has been that the Mother Country has been always Defensor Fidei, the Champion of Christianity, and the example, not always perfect I admit, of that moral code, which has been the salvation of humanity. Britain's greatness and success are due to the expansion of her naval power, and to the consequent spread of her colonial system, and that self-denying obedience to duty which made her sailors such *men*; that justice which alone held and holds India for her; which keeps the balance fairly between her rich and her poor; which taught your Hudson Bay Company to rule the Indians of this North West by the "white man's word" more securely than the States can rule them by the sword, are all the direct