

## Thoughts by the Way

### A Well-Known Hymn

Written for The Ontario by "Wayfarer."

From earliest childhood I had heard and sung that well known hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." At home, at church, in Sunday school and prayer-meeting, it was a favorite hymn and one that touched a responsive chord in every heart. But, though often singing it and inspired by its thrilling truths, I had not, until a few days ago, learned the name of the man, who, "with a heart pregnant with celestial fire" had put on the lips of millions this beautiful little hymn.

From an editorial in the Toronto Globe I learned that the name of the author was Joseph Scriven and that he lived, died, and was buried in this province. Mr. Scriven, now resting peacefully in the corner of a field in the quiet Ontario countryside, in an unmarked and neglected grave at Rice Lake. The neglect of his memory is a reproach to Canadians and it is hoped that a suitable monument be erected to his memory. With this object in view has The Globe written on the subject and there is a promise that the desired result may be accomplished as the following gentlemen of Toronto have kindly consented to act as a committee in this matter in conjunction with Mr. T. R. Pengeley in whose private burial plot, Mr. Scriven rests:—Messrs. James Ryrie, James Edmund Jones, Oliver Hezewood, Commissioner Richards, of the Salvation Army and Rev. A. Wylie Mahon. One of Joseph Scriven's most intimate friends, who is now visiting in Toronto, Mr. Jas. Stenhouse, a brother of the late Major-General Stenhouse, of the Indian Service, has promised a generous subscription to this fund in order to encourage the committee to proceed with the matter and Commissioner Richards has made the splendid offer of \$50. from the Salvation Army.

A few facts regarding the life, character and personal appearance of Joseph Scriven, the author of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," may be of interest to the readers of this column. Joseph Scriven was born in Dublin in 1813 and was a graduate of Trinity College in that city, receiving the degree of M. A. He was intended for the army and spent four years in Addiscombe Military College, near London, England. It is not definitely known when he came to Canada. After spending some time teaching school he became a private tutor to Mr. T. R. Pengeley. Mr. Scriven resided for a long time at Port Hope and vicinity and spent several thousand dollars in helping the sick, poor and needy. Having spent all his money he worked as a laborer and gave his time and means to support the destitute. It was his custom to visit the sick and sorrowing and to preach on the streets and at public gatherings like Fall Fairs.

He united with the church, so wrote a noted clergyman, and lived a consistent Christian life. He was a man of strong faith, genuine piety and unselfish loving service to humanity. The little volume of hymns and sacred songs which Mr. Scriven published in 1869 contains some beautiful verses but none quite equal to the hymn which has sung its way into the hearts of Christian people everywhere. When questioned about Mr. Scriven's personal appearance, Mr. Stenhouse said that the only thing that had impressed itself most lastingly upon his memory was that there was something beautiful and spiritual in the face of his friend, and charming in his personality which a person who met him once could never forget. It is said of Bishop Phillips Brooks that he could not enter a meeting without bringing a bit of heaven with him. There was something like this in the beautiful spiritual qualities of Joseph Scriven's personality. No picture of his is extant.

Mr. Stenhouse says Mr. Scriven was a man of medium stature, splendidly developed physically, which was no doubt due in some measure to his military training. At a comparatively early period in his life, the death of the young lady to whom he was engaged to be married, brought a touch of incurable sadness into his face which deepened as the years went by.

An instance of Mr. Scriven's kindness of heart is given by Mr. Stenhouse as follows: A poor friend of the hymn writer lost his only cow. The members of the family were in great distress. Mr. Scriven had no money to buy another cow for his friend, but, by parting with his gold watch, the last of the valuable possessions which he had brought

from his cultured home in Dublin, he succeeded in making good the loss. Such were a few characteristics of the man who gave to the world "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." We who love the old hymn, can help the committee to give suitable though tardy recognition of Joseph Scriven's great gift to mankind, in the words of the hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear, What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer, Oh! what peace is often forfeit, Oh! what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer. Have we trials and temptations, Is there trouble anywhere, We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer, Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share, Jesus knows our every weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

### Clemenceau Goes into Firing Line

Tiger's 78th Birthday Spent at Front Giving Generals Lot of Worry

Paris, Oct. 4.—The Tiger celebrated his 78th birthday by leaving Paris on Saturday evening on one of his flying visits to the front. He was accompanied by Rene Renoult, president of the army commission of the Chamber, and General Mordacq, chief of the war ministry's cabinet. As usual, Clemenceau went right to the heart of the battles, and spent Sunday morning in the neighborhood of Mont Faucon and the American front on the left bank of the Meuse. Sunday afternoon the premier visited Gouraud's front in Champagne and went up to the first line near Bouconville, where he witnessed the attack on Cuvilly and Sechault. With his habitual disregard of danger Clemenceau went right into the firing line, and in his enthusiasm got so far ahead that for a time General Gouraud lost sight of him and was palpably anxious for the minister's safety.

Clemenceau returned to Paris with renewed enthusiasm for the magnificent valor of the French soldier. "Our men," he said, "are living as though in a dream. They are dazzled with themselves and transported with the grandeur of the events they are passing through."

### Reported Hun Sub. in Canadian Waters

An Atlantic Port Oct. 5.—The master of the Nova Scotia fishing schooner Jellicoe got a bad scare the other morning when his vessel was a few miles off shore. Without warning the roar of a gun was heard, and a cannon shot passed the bow of his schooner. He turned, thinking to see a Hun submarine near at hand. Instead, he discovered that the shot came from a patrol boat, which had sent the shot across to attract his attention and to have the schooner come close for a message. When within hearing distance, the captain of the patrol boat told him that he had sighted a submarine, apparently headed for the Canadian shores. He also advised the master of the Jellicoe to make for shore with all possible speed, saying that the patrol would be engaged in warning other fishing craft in the waters. In port, the master of the Jellicoe said that no vessels were reported as having been sunk by the Hun submarine.

### SEND AUTUMN LEAVES

A number of the names overseas have sent requests to various citizens asking that autumn leaves be sent to France and England for Christmas decorations in the hospitals and trenches. This idea is a splendid one and the beautifully colored maple leaves should be gathered and sent over in large quantities along with the many Christmas parcels that are now being sent.—Guelph Mercury.

Poncaicola, Fla., and vicinity became dry territory at midnight, on September 30th.

The state horticulturists in Nebraska, during the holidays, are carrying on a campaign to interest farmers in the planting of home orchards.

### Thurlow Red Cross

Foxboro, Oct. 1, 1918. The October packing of the Thurlow Red Cross was a decided success. We have decided to hold the annual bazaar on Thursday afternoon and evening, Nov. 14th. Don't forget the date. See posters later for particulars. Following is a list of goods sent in by each society:—

Spencers Ladies' Aid and Red Cross Society—33 day shirts, 14 quilts, 13 pairs socks, 2 towels, 57 towels, 40 daydresses, and Pleasant Hours, \$3 donated by the school.

Halston Women's Institute—1 trench cap, 2 night shirts, 6 pairs of socks, 14 suits pyjamas, 78 towels, 6 Xmas boxes, \$50 cash.

Halloway Red Cross—61 pairs of socks, 4 quilts, 35 suits pyjamas. Quinle Institute—22 pairs of socks, 14 suits pyjamas, 2 robes.

Pleasant View—11 pairs socks, 2 shirts, 8 suits pyjamas, 8 wash cloths.

Union Jack Circle—4 quilts, 14 pairs socks, 8 suits pyjamas, 22 hospital shirts.

Green Mary—44 suits pyjamas, 5 wash cloths, 8 day shirts, 35 towels, 26 pairs socks, 4 pillows.

Carmel Red Cross—17 shirts, 7 pairs pyjamas, 5 pairs socks, 2 quilts, \$34 proceeds from Iowa social.

Zion Red Cross—4 day shirts, 1 hospital shirt, 17 pairs socks, 10 suits pyjamas, \$11 donation.

Birds Bye View—21 suits of pyjamas, 49 pairs socks, 4 quilts, \$15 cash.

The Myre hall Red Cross—23 suits pyjamas, 20 pairs socks, 6 day shirts, 2 quilts.

Foxboro Institute—30 pairs of socks, 5 quilts donated by the guild of the Presbyterian Church, \$33.88 donated by the Vimy Ridge Club; \$51.05 proceeds from the dinner; \$6 donated from Mr. R. J. Clarke, Winnipeg.

Phillipston—20 suits pyjamas, 13 pairs socks, 3 quilts, 4 shirts. H. Faulkner, President. N. Sills, Secretary.

### PICTON

Miss Marion Davis has returned to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Calnan left on Wednesday on a trip to Virginia.

Mr. C. J. Clapp and son Gerald, were registered at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, on Tuesday.

Miss Mabel Dever has returned to Montreal after a month's visit with Mrs. P. Dever, Bridge street.

Mr. Norman Allan, of Oshawa, returned home on Monday after visiting his aunt, Miss Katie Allan, Centre.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ross have taken rooms at the Royal for the winter.

Mrs. J. W. Elliott, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., is visiting friends in town.

Mr. A. Hineman of Brownville, N.Y., visited Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Knox last week.

Mr. G. Nobles, son and daughter, are visiting at Chicago, N.Y., with the former's sisters.

Mr. Sprague of Syracuse, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. S. McGillivray, Mary street.

Mrs. B. B. Christy returned last week from visiting friends at Niagara Falls, N.Y. and Niagara Falls, Ont.

Mrs. (Dr.) Davidson (nee Nina Barlingham) and son of Chicago, are visiting relatives and friends in town and country.

Mrs. Wm. A. Arthur and baby of Toronto, are visiting Mrs. Gilbert A. Arthur, also Mrs. M. E. Hineman and daughter Emma of Point Traverse.

Mrs. Gilbert A. Arthur returned home on Tuesday after spending a couple of months in Toronto with her husband, Capt. G. A. Arthur, and her son, Mr. Wm. A. Arthur.

Sergeant George Clapp, who has been veterinary in the artillery at Petawawa Camp, has been made veterinary surgeon in the Canadian expeditionary forces about to embark for Siberia.

Mrs. Harvey Eaton and Mrs. R. Eaton, of Calgary, arrived in town on Friday and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Strawbridge.

Mrs. George Smith of Collins Bay, and Miss Victoria Pollard, of Adolphstown, are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Chas. Hoeslton, King St.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Trumpp and son Fred are returning to their home at 257 Gladstone Ave., Toronto, after spending the summer at Wilcox Lake.

Mrs. C. Ross Wartman and Corinne returned to their home in Sydenham, after spending a week with friends and relatives in Bloomfield and Picton.

Miss Nellie Arthur, B.A., of the teaching staff of Strassburg, (Sask.) Collegiate, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. Hulse, during the holidays.

Mr. James Merrill, of Belleville, was in town during Fair week—Gazette and Times.

### None Left Alive to Brag About it

500 Prisoners Who Opened Fire on Belgians Killed to a Man.

British Front in France, Oct. 5.—The brilliant success of the Belgians and the troops of General Plumer's second army, fighting together under the command of King Albert, is even more extraordinary by reason of the dreadful weather and the condition of the ground. In many places the men had to wade not only waist high, but even up to the armpits. At one place a large body of Germans, said to have numbered about 500, surrendered and were left under a small guard. Seeing their opportunity later they did what the Germans have done so often in this war—picked up their weapons and began shooting the Belgian troops in the back. Not one of them were left alive to brag about it in the prisoners' cages afterward.

### Dropped Dead at Church Door

Was a Delegate to Methodist Conference.

Hamilton, Oct. 5.—There was a tragic incident at the morning session of the Methodist General Conference Thursday when J. S. Harken, a well known Hamilton merchant, dropped dead from heart failure at the door of the church. Just as he was about to enter the building. He was a delegate from Zion church, Hamilton.

### Killed in Fall From High Silo

JOHN BROWN, STONEMASON, MEETS DEATH NEAR ST. MARY'S.

St. Mary's, Oct. 5.—John Brown, a well known stonemason of Anderson, suffered a tragic death by falling head-first from the top of a thirty-foot silo on which he was working on the farm of Chas. Baird, Motherwell, being killed almost instantly.

### Church Looks Out on Changed World

METHODISTS IN QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE REVIEW NEW PROBLEMS

Hamilton, Oct. 5.—A spirit of patriotism and optimism, tempered with a realization that the Church in Canada has great opportunities and great problems for the future, pervaded the opening sessions of the tenth quadrennial conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, which assembled here, and went on record with an appeal to all its members from coast to coast to hold themselves ready to face the changed conditions which have been brought about by the war.

Though the conference did not really settle down to business the first day, four hundred representatives of the clergy and laity of the Methodists of Canada assembled received the official welcome of the city and of the province, and sketched in broad outlines some of the things which it was hoped to accomplish during the next two weeks.

While there were many messages and warnings offered the delegates perhaps none was more effective than that which came from Chief Justice McKeown, L.L.D., of St. John's, N.B., who, in responding to Sir John Gibson and Mayor Booker, of Hamilton, pointed to the changed conditions which have resulted from the war, and warned the Methodist Church that it must justify itself in the crisis which has come upon the world.

### Obituary

JAMES GRANT

Mr. James Grant, a well known and highly respected citizen died today at his own street residence. He had been ill for some time.

### DEATH OF CHILD

Mary Phyllis Bongard, three months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bongard, died yesterday at the family residence, corner of Pinnacles and Dundas streets.

One of Woodstock's oldest residents, Mrs. Hugh Cook, passed away at the advanced age of 95 years.

### A Dishonorably Discharged Man

Rochester, N.Y., Oct. 5.—James Armstrong Baird, twenty-two years old, who for the past few weeks has entertained people with stories about his part in the war as a Canadian soldier at the battle of the Marne, was turned over to the federal authorities here by Chief of Police Harris, of Newark, N.J. Baird had a dishonorable discharge from the Canadian army, which he had altered at the battle of the Marne and honorably discharged. Communication with Ottawa brought a reply stating that Baird, whose real name was Frank Ernest Schwatke, was wanted by a Butte, Mont., draft board, and had been discharged from the Canadian army with a bad record.

### Plenty of Butter for Canadians

NO OCCASION FOR ALARM OVER BUTTER SHORTAGE.

No justification for profiteering, says report.

Ottawa, Oct. 7.—A Canada Food Board statement in regard to the butter situation states that there is no need for alarm as to the possible advance in price or the diminution in domestic supply following the commandeering order of September 30, by which the products of all butter creameries in the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec between September 30th and November 8th are taken over for the British Ministry of Food.

There is at present in storage, unaffected by this commandeering order, 20,000,444 pounds of creamery butter. The average cost to the cold storage companies for butter now in storage is about 44 1/2 cents a pound. Under the Canada Food Board Order No. 45, issued June 5th, governing produce merchants to a profit when selling to wholesalers, of four per cent, on the cost of the butter delivered to the warehouse, and when such companies would or cut the butter prints themselves, they are entitled to no more than three per cent, on the cost price to cover the cost of such moulding and cutting. Wholesale houses and jobbers, selling to retail trade are required, under the terms of this order, to charge no more than ten per cent. over cost delivered to warehouse as profit.

When butter is stored for more than thirty days, the cost of holding or carrying may be added to the cost price delivered to warehouse. The maximum advances over cost are not to be regarded by dealers as justifiable under normal conditions, and dealers are warned that exaction of such maximum advances will not, under ordinary conditions, be considered fair.

The present supply of creamery butter in storage, together with dairy butter, which is not touched by order will be quite sufficient to fill the demands of the Canadian public, under existing conditions, and there is no occasion for alarm, or any justification for hoarding or profiteering.

### Restaurants Make Enormous Profits

Ottawa, Oct. 7.—Investigation by Dr. McFall, Cost of Living commissioner, into conditions in the Ottawa restaurants shows that some of these eating places are making exceedingly high profits. Dr. McFall issues the information, deduced by him from sworn statements supplied by the restaurant keepers in the form of a table. He does not specify the particular eating places in his statement, but designates them by numbers. One restaurant, he finds, is serving bacon in quantities of one and one-half ounces, making a gross profit of \$4.92 per pound, or a gross profit of 1200 per cent. In another restaurant the percentage of gross profit on bacon is 740 per cent. The gross profit in beef in the first eating place is 737 per cent, and on veal 464 per cent.

At Florence, Ont., Clarence, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Seaton, lost his life when their house was destroyed by fire. The family was awakened by smoke and all but the boy were taken from the upstairs windows.

In Brantford during September building permits to the value of \$29,695 were issued. The total

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### Would Pay \$100 Monthly

Trades Council Suggests Minimum Allowance to Soldiers' Families

Toronto District Trades and Labor Council has put itself on record as being in favor of the Government taking over the Canadian Patriotic Fund and a minimum scale of allowances to soldiers' dependants amounting to \$100 a month. Grants of \$50 to the Catholic Hut Fund and \$100 to the Postmen's Patriotic Fund were voted. James T. Gunn presented a rough draft of a bill which the social work-

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DEAKING OF HOIST CAUSES DEATH. John Kramer of Buffalo was killed and two other men seriously hurt when chains used to hoist a boiler from the barge Maid at South Ste. Marie gave way, precipitating the boiler back into the hold of the vessel.

## What "Rep"

The far from demonstration brought through the United States weather man have been the chief draw have been a se exhibitor and who fell among them by the homeless. The indignant at One dollar each dollars for a b which every el every other se the show the p reasonably. So officers of the program a rather mud, d turned to the graceful inho faith must not blame being pl as it is a direct Cobourg, but t ties. The goo stake and the T vestigate. The al grant, we u was not paid o withheld the c member sessio freeze-out sho least no furth counties (whic at) should be Mad) of course of the groo sal excuse the ho have no more comforts and o to boost a fity and bed to \$2, to roost and t whole matter ca on the greedy eers—Millbrook

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The death o man's residence Peetie Minded, Sept. 30, of Sara Hct of the late Johnstown, Pen Mrs. W. C. Her had lived with i past seven year of Pennsylvania long time to Jo ly came through perience of t many years ago swept away in t Williams and th in the house at by clinging to th ter, who was o time, was drow but a small Orilla, but tho came warmly a cause of her maly qualities. Sh since the war b was able to wo work. Mrs. Wil two sons, Harve ingford, Conn., of Pittsburgh, a Mrs. W. C. Her private service w house by Rev. V of Orilla Meth and Mrs. Willa mains for John Pickett.

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