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Don't Forget the Old Hymns.

By RUTH CAMERON.

In many ways I am a lover of change, but there is a certain form of newness, a certain abandonment of the old which disturbs whenever it comes to my attention.

I refer to the desertion by the Churches and especially by the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies of the beautiful old hymns.

The Sunday evening meeting of a young people's society which I attended the other night seemed to me a typical example.

During the service six hymns were sung. One of these was a fairly familiar one (though not one of the old standbys), another bore an old name but the music had been changed beyond recognition.

The other four were distinctly modern hymns with, so far as I could see, little in either words or music to recommend them.

The Congregation Gave It Up.

They were all pitched so high that the majority of the singers had to forego a line or two now and then, and the music of one reached such altitudes that halfway through most of the congregation gave it up entirely and at the end only one person, the choir soprano, was still singing.

It is often claimed for these new gospel hymns that they are very catchy and have a swing to them that attracts the young folks. Of the four I heard only one could have laid a claim to half as much swing as the old standbys. And the words—well none of them had any particular beauty or distinction and the words of one (especially requested by a young member of the choir) were almost maudlin.

Tucked Away In The Back Of The Book.

I picked up the hymn book and looked it through. Yes, the old hymns were listed in the index but where do you suppose I found them when looked them up? Tucked away in the back of the book in small print. There were such fine old trumpet calls as Onward Christian Soldiers; Holy Holy, Holy, The Son of God Goes Forth to War; Come Thou Almighty King. There were my tender old friends, Jesus, Lover of My Soul; Lead Kindly Light; Rock of Ages; Sweet Hour of Prayer; There were Fanny Crosby and Watts and Charles Wesley, thrust aside; pushed into the background; made (in the parlance that befits the act) 'to take a back seat."

Let's Have The Best Of Old And New.

Yes, I know it is foolish and narrow to assume that all the good hymns have been written and not to be willing to look for merit in the new. But my heart is sore for the slight to my old friends. I want them reinstated in their places, both in the books and the young folk's hearts. I am willing that the best of the new should stand beside them but I am not willing that a hodge podge assembly of new hymns usually commonplace and sometimes cheap should elbow them into obscurity.

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When a child is doing something that is forbidden, or when he is crying, it is a simple matter to frighten him into silence or inaction, but untold harm is often done in this way. Not only is the child's physical well-being affected but the mental and moral effect of such treatment is often very serious. It is cruel as well as unintelligent to frighten him and then taunt the boy because of his resulting cowardice. We must try to teach our children to be fearless in action but cautious in planning. They must have courage and caution, both as a result of a fuller knowledge of the world and its dangers.

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THE ONION.

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The onion is recommended by all first-class doctors as a spring tonic and Nature intended that it should be eaten sparingly, owing to the penetrating character of its contents. But on all sides of it we see tall, raw-boned men sitting down to breakfast and destroying at one fell blow the product of two acres of early garden. If people would treat the onion as a delicacy, like the cream puff, instead of seeking to demolish the world's output at one sitting, it would take higher rank in the vegetable kingdom.

The boiled onion is a popular variety from which the stinger has been removed by the undaunted hand of woman. When we look about us and see the thousands of self-sacrificing wives and mothers who daily sit down in front of a peck of strong, self-assertive onions and carefully remove the hide from the same, while tears roll languidly down both cheeks, we wonder why it is that men are so neglectful of their wives and remain out late at night, trying to fill to two small pair. While the boiled onion is not as fragrant as the boiled cabbage, its presence in the home can be readily detected by anybody who is not color blind in both nostrils.

The onion poultice is a remarkable invention which is far superior to the relentless mustard plaster, as the latter removes the inflammation and the cuticle at one and the same time. The onion poultice, however, takes hold in a firm, resolute manner and can be unhooked from time to time, to allow the patient to come to. If people would rely more upon the onion poultice and less upon the disappointing pink pill, the death rate would be greatly reduced.

The onion is a good substitute for medicine, but it would be more universally respected if it were used in small doses.

TRYING TO SLEEP.

There ought to be some sort of law, forbidding noises rank and raw, at night, when people would repose, and do some snoring through the nose. At 10 o'clock I soak my head and straightway toddle off to bed, and hope to give my life new zest by having one good slice of rest. An old gray cat prowls round my shack and splits the welkin up the back. Joy riders scoot along the street and raise pink thunder and repeat. A young man with a cheap guitar comes singing where the damsels are, and their abode is just next door—how can a weary mortal snore? The milkman's wagon jolts along; the milkman smites his brazen gong, and makes the night a discord fierce, while selling cowjuice by the tierce. And now a dog lets out a wail; there's tinware fastened to its tail, and like a shot I hear it scorch beneath my open sleeping porch. All through the night the uproar goes; one must be dead to find repose, and when at dawn I leave my couch, I have a large and lasting grouch, my head is sore beneath my tile, and I forget to sing and smile.

A Denial.

This is to certify that I had nothing whatever to do with the sending of letters to the young men of St. Mary's with a white feather and the word slacker written inside the envelope.

(Sgd.) VINCENT S. WALSH,
Police Constable,
Dec. 21st 1917. St. John's.
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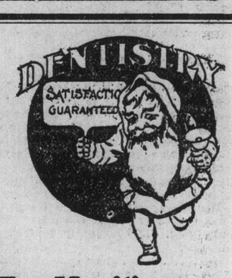

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To-Day's Messages.

10.00 A.M.

ARD FIGHTING AT NORTH TOMBA.

BERLIN, To-day.

l day yesterday violent artillery s raged in the Monte Tomba sec- of the Northern Italian Front, re the French took the offensive Sunday. Official statement issu- to-day by the German General reads:—Italion Front: In the ba region there were violent artil- duels throughout the day.

HEROIC ROUMANIA.

JASSY, Roumania, Friday.

e Roumanian Parliament open- ith an address by King Ferdin- "However painful the sacrifice we still have to make in order alize our legitimate aspirations," the King, "we have the deep con- ion that they will be recompens- n the decisive day when there is lished the reign of justice and y in relations among nations." King bestowed warm praise on army, saying that its valor and s would form part of the history only of Roumania but of the d. He thanked Parliament for the titutional reforms enatced at the session and for the laws provid- for the appointment of the land g the people and for equal suf-

TREMBLE, DEMOSTHENES!

LONDON, To-day.

mperor William of Germany has d a three volume work on "Kai- William in war time." The proofs being revised and will be sub- d to the General Staff and Fore- Office, according to an Exchange graph despatch from Amsterdam. work will comprise all the ches the Emperor has delivered g the war.

ITALIAN WAR COMMITTEE.

ROME, To-day.

decree creating an Italian War mittee to be presided over by ier Orlando was published in the al Journal. The Committee con- of Baron Sonnino, Minister of gn Affairs, Signor Meda, Minister inance, Gen. Alfeira, Minister of Vice-Admiral Delbono, Minister arine, Gen. Dallolic, Minister of tions, and another Minister to ominated by the Premier. The s of the Navy and Militia of the al staff will sit in the Committee n advisory capacity. The Com- e doesn't diminish the authority e Cabinet to whom its decisions be communicated by Premier ndo.

EXICANS THREATEN RAID.

AUSTIN, Texas, To-Day.

ery available ranger of the Tex- orces has been despatched to Al- and vicinity by Adjt. General ey, on receipt of reports that the cans were planning a raid over order near that point.

NORMAL WEATHER IN U.S.A.

WASHINGTON, To-Day.

lief from the cold wave in the was promised by the weather au and it began to grow slightly er to-night. While the East is ring from the cold, the West except in the Pacific, is endur- warmer weather with the temper- e from 5 to 35 above the average. he South temperatures below ing were predicted for to-night, ding into Central Florida.

LIANS CLEAR AUSTRIANS OUT OF ZENSON LAND.

ROME, To-Day.

e Austrians last night were com- d in consequence of the Italian ations to abandon the Zenson ghead, where they had a lodg- on the west bank of the Piave r and the pass to the eastern of the river, the War Office re- . All the Zenson bend is now by the Italians. The text of the ment reads: At Zenson di Piave, g to energetic pressure begun on sday and continued without in- ption, the enemy last night was ed as a result of the combined ations with fire and detachments, suffering heavy losses, to aban- the bridgehead and pass again to left bank of the river. All the nd in the bend is now held by On the remainder of the front ery action on both sides gener- was moderate. Our artillery ed more activity on the Asiago au and the enemy guns increas- heir fire on the Monte Tomba sector. Last night enemy air- attacked the camp at Istrina and ted their aggressions against the bitants of the open cities of Vi- , Rassano, Cavels, France and so, where bombs were dropped. ether we registered 18 dead and ounded. The victims for the most belonged to the civil population. material damage was slight. Our quadrons bombarded enemy avi- camps. Two hostile machines brought down by the French British airmen in the course of ay.

AD TIME AHEAD FOR THE ALLIES!

AMSTERDAM, To-Day.

a telegram to Admiral von Holt- Dorff, head of the German Naval al Staff, as forwarded from Ber- Field Marshal von Hindenburg es the capture of Oesel and Islands off the Russian Baltic brought the German Army and still closer together. The Ger- submarines, the Field Marshal have given considerable relief e actions on the Western Front. message continues, "Hand in with God's help, we shall gain y in the coming year." Admir- n Holtzen Dorff replied, thank- he Field Marshal for his words, h will spur us to our uttermost

CLEMENCEAU CONFIDENT.

PARIS, To-Day.

mier Clemenceau has given this Year message to the Petit Jour- "Why have I confidence? Be- I know our Poilus, because I their chiefs, clear sighted and e; because I know our stead- allies, because I see the Ameri- at work, because our enemies