

1914-1925 A Retrospect and a Survey

Eleven years ago, this country had lately entered upon the greatest War in history, for the preservation of right and justice upon earth, and so that our civilization might not perish.

Eleven years ago, thousands of Britons, the flower of our youth, worthy sons of sires who fought at Crecy, at Agincourt, at Blenheim, at Trafalgar, laid aside the avocations of peace, and took up the unaccustomed weapons of War.

Eleven years ago, the righteousness of our cause rallied to our flag thousands of young men ready to endure wounds and death for the maintenance of our most cherished possession—our national honour. The magic of Kitchener's name roused the manhood of the Empire to a noble response and called forth a willingness to serve, in even the most humble capacity, that has no parallel in the history of our race.

Eleven years ago, we lavished promises upon those gallant men—from Parliamentary benches, from pulpits, from stages, and from a thousand platforms we delivered our bond to those who came forward to defend our homes. We cheered them, and bared our heads to them, supporting them in their high purpose with assurance that their domestic obligations should be ours henceforth.

To-day—a million of them sleep in "some corner of a foreign field that is forever England"—their plenteous blooms of promise shed ere fruiting time.

"These, who desired to live, went out to death; Dark under ground their golden youth is lying; We live—and there is brightness in our breath They could not know—the splendour of their dying."

Thus has one of our poets sung of that immortal million; his lines are inscribed on a War Memorial in one of our greatest cities.

And what of our promises—well intentioned and sincere as they were? Have we fulfilled them? Can we say, as that million dead can say, "We have played our part, in sincerity and in truth?" The answer, if we be true to ourselves, can be one only: we have left much undone.

Numbers of those who returned are broken in health and unable to continue in avenues of employment which call for strong and robust constitutions. The distressed ex-Service men and their dependents demand—our care. Like their fallen comrades, these men also faced wounds and death; they now need our help—the fulfillment of our promises—as sorely as we needed their help when the enemy was at our gates. These men, too, endured with the steadfast and tenacious courage of our race the issue of a doubtful and murderous day—they survived to face another issue no less terrible.

The time is not yet too late for us to remember that our national honour is bound up not only in international pacts—that our pledges to our defenders demand recognition as strictly as treaties.

In the space of these two minutes, when we stand in silence before our Cenotaph, Memorial, or in a place of worship, with pratitudes in our hearts and homage on our lips, let us resolve to recognize the obligation we owe to those ex-Service men who are in actual want—thus shall we render the truest honour we can pay to our glorious dead.

As a great statesman has written, "There is no duty, which ought to be more seriously realized by us all, than to give effective support to that Fund which relieves distressed ex-Service men. Their necessities should never be forgotten by the generation which they helped to save."

Let our help be as generous as their sacrifice—let us see to it that this year our response shall be commensurate with their great need. Let every donation we give entail some sacrifice on our parts, by being doubled—a week later we shall not miss the little extra we gave—and let it be our proud boast to be able to say, "These are they

which came out of great tribulation . . . surely they shall not hunger any more."
"WE WILL NOT BREAK FAITH WITH YE."



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Bay Roberts, Friday, Nov. 6th.

Employment During the Winter

The H. J. Crowe Co. at Hampden, White Bay, are now looking for loggers and is offering three dollars (\$3.00) per cord at the stump. This means that the men have not to haul their wood to the roads but may yard it where it is felled and, of course, this is quite an advantage. A discharge of Eighteen Dollars (18.00) per month is made for board, and the men are assured of good accommodation and first class grub.

We are informed on the best of authority that the men who have been working there for the past five or six weeks have cleared approximately Five Dollars per day, and good loggers have cleared more than that. Fares per S.S. "Prospero" are advanced to those who wish to take advantage of this employment.

For the past two years logging in White Bay has not been attractive to men to the southward of Notre Dame Bay on account of the great difficulty in getting away from there before the month of April, but this year the Crowe Company have camps established from Hampden to within five miles of Sandy Lake and, of course, this makes it comparatively easy for a man to get to the Railway—either Goosebrook Siding or Sandy Lake Crossing—at any time he may desire to do so. On the whole, Hampden seems to be an attractive proposition for a winter's employment.

The King's Tribute to His Dead Soldiers.

[NOTE: We publish the following, taken from "Echoes", as being particularly suitable to the occasion of the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, Nov. 11th, 1918, and is one of His Majesty the King's addresses given in France during his pilgrimage.]

"For the past few days I have been on a solemn pilgrimage in honour of a people who died for all free men. At the close of that pilgrimage, on which I followed many footsteps of love and pride and grief, I should like to send a message to all who have lost those dear to them in the Great War, and in this the Queen joins me to-day amidst these sur-

roundings so wonderfully typical of that single-hearted assembly of nations and of races form our Empire. For here, in their last quarters, lie sons of every portion of that Empire, across, as it were, the threshold of the Mother Island which they guarded, that freedom might be saved in the uttermost ends of the earth.

"For this a generation of our manhood offered itself without question, and almost without the need of a summons. Those proofs of virtue, which we honour here today, are to be found throughout the world and its waters, since we can truly say that the whole circuit of the earth is girdled with the graves of our dead. Beyond the state-ly cemeteries of France, across Italy, through Eastern Europe, in well-nigh unbroken chain they stretch, passing over the holy Mount of Olives itself to the farthest shores of the Indian and Pacific Oceans—from Zebrugge to Coronel, from Duntirki to the hidden wildernesses of East Africa.

"But in this fair land of France, which sustained the utmost fury of the long strife, our brothers are numbered, alas! by hundreds of thousands. They lie in the keeping of a tried and generous friend, a resolute and chivalrous comrade in arms, who, with ready and quick sympathy, has set aside forever the soil in which they sleep, so that we ourselves and our descendants may for all time reverently tend and preserve their resting-places. And here, at Terlinthun, the shadow of his monument falling almost across their graves, the greatest of French soldiers—of all soldiers—stands guard over them. And this is just for side by side with the descendants of his incomparable armies they defended his land in defending their own."

"Never before in history have a people thus dedicated and maintained individual memorials to their fallen, and in the course of my pilgrimage, I have many times asked myself whether there can be more potent advocates of peace upon earth through the years to come than this massed multitude of silent witnesses to the desolation of war. And I feel that, so long as we have faith in God's purposes, we cannot but believe that the existence of these visible memorials will eventually serve to draw all peoples together in sanity and self-control, even as it has already set the relations between our Empire and our Allies on the deep-rooted bases of a common heroism and a common agony.

"Standing beneath this Cross of Sacrifice, facing the great Stone of Remembrance, and compassed by these sternly simple head-stones, we remember, and must charge our children to remember, that as our dead were equal in sacrifice, so are they equal in honour, for the greatest and the least of them

have proved that sacrifice and honour are no vain things, but truths by which the world lives.

"Many of the cemeteries I have visited in the remoter and still desolate districts of this sorely-stricken land, where it has not yet been possible to replace the wooden crosses by head-stones, have been made into beautiful gardens, which are lovingly cared for by comrades of the war. I rejoice I was fortunate enough to see these in the spring, when the returning pulse of the year tells of unbroken life that goes forward in the face of apparent loss and wreckage; and I fervently pray that, both as nations and individuals, we may so order our lives after the ideals for which our brethren died that we may be able to meet their gallant souls once more, humbly but unashamed."

OBITUARY.

There passed away at Coley's Point on Friday night, Oct. 23rd Beckie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Parsons in the 23rd year of her age, after a short illness. This is the second daughter which Mr. and Mrs. Parsons have lost through death during the past seven months as their youngest daughter Ethel, having died in the month of April last. All through her illness she was attended by the Rev. Mr. Bishop, who did all he possibly could to make her last few days on earth both happy and peaceful, so she passed away in early life with the grand assurance that she was going to meet that great host which St. John saw, that no man could number, and to meet all her loved ones which had gone before.

Her funeral took place on Monday, the 26th, and despite the very stormy day a goodly number of people turned out to pay their last respects to one whom they knew so well in life. The service both at the home and church was conducted by Rev. E. M. Bishop, who spoke very touchingly and feelingly to those who were present.

Left to mourn their great loss is sorrowing father and mother and one sister, Sadie, for whom much sympathy is felt.

God took our dearest Beckie,
The flower of our home;
To live with him in Glory,
And sing around His throne.

No more we'll see her smiling face,
No more we'll dwell on come;
No more we'll hear her loving voice
Within our earthly home.

I know some day we'll greet her,
On Canaan's peaceful shore;
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NOTE OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. John Parsons wishes to thank all those who in any way helped them during the illness of their daughter and to all those who sent wreaths and letters of sympathy; also to Mrs. Jas. Norman, who presided at the organ during the funeral service.

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