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Woman's Relation to the War

Lecture to the W. P. A. by Rev. W. Grimes, B.A.

(Continued.)

Then there is work for the destitute. The whole world, neutrals as well as belligerents, owes to little Belgium a debt that can never fully be repaid. Had they not refused Germany permission to invade France across their territory; had they not held her invading hordes at bay for a few days, the story of the war might have been quite different from what it is. Today thousands are refugees and millions destitute—homes destroyed, masses of livelihood gone and they entirely dependent upon the charity of the world. Nor must we forget the devastated area of France still covered by German armies. Its people to have strong, undeniable claims upon our sympathy and help. We hear little of Serbia, but I venture to say that that little war-distracted country is in need of all the assistance that can be given.

Women can help by encouragement to those who have gone to the front. We have little idea of the intense strain under which our brave lads labour, the severe trial of physical stamina and nerve to which they are subjected. What it costs them to hold on with tenacious grip to the advantages they have secured. When their thoughts wander homeward, if they have to think of mother and sisters as worried, tear-stained, dissatisfied, one can readily understand how it will affect their own resolutions and weaken their tenaciousness. But if they know that mother is bearing up bravely, heroically, under all, it helps make them brave and heroic too. So let me say, 'Be Brave' for the sake of that beloved lad who is braving death for you.

Our sympathies should go out to the relatives of our heroes who have given or may give their lives in this cause. Already we have paid the price through the loss of the 'Viktor'. These 23 died as truly in defence of Home and Empire as if they had expired in battle. I like the term used by a city daily which spoke of them not as dead but as 'prematured'—duty having been faithfully performed. We will emboss their names on our Roll of Honor, but mothers can do much to soothe and lessen the sorrow of their mothers.

Permit me also to refer to the attitude assumed by many parents when their boys wish to enlist. I shall probably say some things you will not agree with. Were they not my firm convictions, the result of serious thought over this problem, I should hesitate to speak. If you cannot agree now, will you take these words home, think them over, and I feel sure that many of you will see their justice and reasonableness.

We can all understand the attitude of a mother who does not wish her boy to be 'food for bullets' or to die in a foreign land. But though we may understand, such an attitude at this time is essentially selfish, selfish to the core. Some boys must go, and not one single boy from any part of the Empire who has died on the fields of France or Belgium, had any more RIGHT to die than your boy or mine. Besides is that the spirit that animated our forefathers? For 300 years the Motherland has paid in blood and treasure the cost of our protection; and, like every true-hearted mother, never begrudged the sacrifice, never asked for compensation.

When we give our boys today we are simply paying back in some small measure the debt we have been accumulating for three centuries. Shall we not rejoice at the opportunity of expressing our gratitude?

Again, every boy who goes, goes to the defence of the weak. If your boy were going up to town tomorrow and saw a big bully ill-treating a smaller, weaker boy, what would you have him do? Like a coward pass by and say 'It is none of my business', or, if he were able, through the bully until he cried for mercy? Much as I detest a fight, I would rather my boy come home covered with bruises than with the stigma of cowardice. If this war were a year

of offence, aggression, it would not be worth the bleached bones of a single British soldier, but it is a war of defence, for right, justice, truth, honor, sacred obligations, in short, for all the cardinal principles of Christianity. Would you like to see Belgic horrors and atrocities repeated here? If not, then must your boy or some boy stand in the breach.

(To be continued.)

Letters from Our Naval Reservists

Ralph Mercer, Mercer's Cove
161 Mess. 3 Room,
C. Block,
R. N. Barracks,
Devonport, Feb. 17, 1915.

Dear Father,—I received your letter yesterday and was very glad to hear from you; also to hear you are all well. I haven't any strange news to tell you. There is no more news here than there is at home. I am still here in barracks. I have been here a long time now, nearly three months, far longer than I expected, but I don't know the minute I will be sent somewhere. I may be going on the Warspite. She will be ready in about a month. She is a fine ship, the best one in the navy, carrying 10 15-inch guns.

There are only four fellows here from our place. We have had the best of times since we came here. I think I have told you all for this time. Your loving son,
RALPH MERCER.

From Isaac Earle, Shearstown.
H.M.S. Duchess of Devonshire,
Care of G. P. O., London,
Jan. 21, 1915.

Dear Father,—Once again I thought I would drop you a word to say that I am still enjoying the blessing of good health, hoping this will find you the same. We are about to leave for sea tomorrow. We have been here about 16 days on deck under topsails, doing painting, etc. Our ship can do 24 knots an hour. I don't know if we will be going on our old route or not. The last place we left was the Straits of Dover where we were on patrol duty. We have also been to Belfast and up in the North Sea. The roughest place was the North Sea.

It is impossible for me to tell you all our rounds. I can tell you the sea will be no strange thing to me after this. We are not suffering as much cold as what you are in Newfoundland, for we haven't had any snow or frost yet. So don't worry about me, and tell mother not to worry for I am all right. Remember me to Ernest Spencer, Isaac Mercer and all friends. From your loving son,
ISAAC EARLE.

Women's Patriotic Association Notes

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Collections	\$144.90
Proceeds of Tea	152.01
Methodist Concert	5.00
	\$301.91
Paid out for goods	\$402.00
Balance in bank	\$89.91
Contributions in goods to Headquarters: 230 pairs of socks, 191 shirts, 27 body belts, 103 mufflers, 9 pairs of pyjamas, 1 pair of mitts.	
\$50 worth of wool is now distributed for socks and will be acknowledged in due time.	

The Belgian box is left open to those who would like to send further contributions. Coley's Point will forward their Belgian clothing box separate from Bay Roberts. Mr. W. H. Greenland contributed some dozens of yards of material and this has been made up under the direction of Miss Greenland, and altogether the box promises to be a valuable one.

Mrs. Richards wishes to thank all those who helped her in any way with the Patriotic work since its inception. A very worthy successor has been appointed in the person of Mrs. Walter Crosbie.

Mrs. Bellin, Country Road, who is over 80 years of age, sent in a pair of socks as her contribution to the work. We learn since the old lady is not feeling very well.

Victor Dawe, son of Capt. Henry Dawe, who was studying civil engineering at Valparaiso University, near Chicago, has volunteered for the front and joined a Canadian regiment in London, Ontario. Mr. Fenwick Crane, of Job Bros., has a son a member of the same regiment.



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Another Bay Roberts Boy in the Navy

The following letter was received recently by Mr. George Cave Saew from his brother, James Snow, who had not been heard from for about 17 years, and who was practically mourned as dead. James is a son of the late James and Charlotte Snow.

I am not much of a hand for giving news. As regards war news you know or hear more than I can tell you. I am enjoying good health and having a good time. I suppose Newfoundland is shook up pretty well over this great European war.

I see by the newspapers here that the steamers presenting the seal fishery this year won't amount to so many as other years. If that is so there will be lots of men around the old town out of employment this spring. I suppose everyone is joining the Army or Navy.

I have been ashore and afloat. I have been all over this country, and when the war broke out I joined the Navy at Ottawa. I certainly had a good send-off. I have not quite a lot of the boys from Newfoundland. There is one fellow on H.M.C.S. Margaret from Port de Grave by the name of Jacob Dawe. He wishes to be remembered to his old skipper, Joseph Snow and any old friends.

I am true to the old flag yet. Remember me to all the boys and all acquiring friends. I think I shall come home when the war is over.

JAMES SNOW.

Died at Hospital

Walter McCrudden, who was injured by falling from a step ladder at the Seaman's Institute on Friday last, died at the Hospital yesterday morning. It was known from the first that he could live but a few days at most, as he was terribly injured internally. At Sunday night's service at the Institute, Mr. Jones paid a high tribute to the young man, who was very popular. He leaves a wife and four young children.

Couldn't Find it

Lady—I've brought back this war map you told me yesterday, Mr. Brown. It's not up to date. I've been looking all the morning for Armageddon, and can't find it marked anywhere.—Punch.

Taking Stock

In this time of national adversity and when so many people find it difficult to provide the necessities of life, may it not be well to pause and consider our past living from an economic and material standpoint, at least.

We should ask ourselves the questions, Have we been as industrious as we might have been in order that we might lay by something extra for the proverbial 'rainy day'? Have we saved every opportunity which presented itself to earn an honest dollar?

Some may be able to conscientiously answer, 'Yes.' But we fear a large number would have to plead guilty to having frittered or loitered away their precious time. In some cases, we fear, many would plead guilty to the charge that when they had the opportunity of earning a dollar they would not because they expected \$1.05. It puts us in mind of the Irishman who was told such glorious things about America. After landing on American soil, the story goes, he passed a number of 25-cent pieces which was lying on the street, because he expected to find 50 cent pieces further on.

The ambitious and industrious man utilizes every moment in an effort to earn a dollar or improve his intellect. A large number of men can be found who had very little chance in their younger days to secure an education. Others who had a chance did not avail of it. They did not realize the value of Education then as they do today. They were more or less depending on a father to provide for them. But since they have had to provide for themselves they have found the path difficult and serious one, and they wish now that they had paid more attention to education.

How many young men and women, and older ones, too, can be seen idling away and wasting their time when they could be improving their minds. Some of the men in the world are practically self-taught men. They were who made up their minds to succeed, and they did succeed. How? By industry and application. They secured books and studied them. And the men and women of this locality—young and old—may, if they will, educate themselves.

Do not wait until some person starts a night school, but begin yourself to learn spelling, arithmetic, reading, grammar, etc.

HE COULD NOT MAKE ONE STEP

Then Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Walter J. Roberts

Newfoundland Man Finds a Firm Cure After Suffering Ten Months of Torture.—Doctors and Other Medicines Failed to Help Him.

Lewisport, Twillingate District, Nfld. March 1st (Special).—A thrilling story of a splendid cure by Dodd's Kidney Pills is told by Walter J. Roberts, a well known resident of this place.

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WAR NEWS

The Governor, Newfoundland: French Government, reports continued progress between Perth and Beauséjour notably northwest of Perth; slight progress in Argonne where a hundred prisoners were taken; and Vosges. Enemy attacks near Rheims repulsed. Russian Government reports offensive continued on Niemen front. Enemy still bombarding Osowic. In Przasnysz district enemy retiring hastily. In Carpathians furious battle south of Przemyśl, Austrian losses exceedingly great. Austrians also defeated in region of Stokro.

Dardanelles operations resumed Monday morning. Triumph, Ocean and Albion entered Straits attacked fort eight and batteries at White Cliff. Fire returned by forts, field guns and howitzers. Air reconnaissance reported several new gun positions prepared by enemy but no guns erected. Scaplanes also located mines. Monday night minesweepers swept within a mile and a half of Cape Kepez. Work under fire excellent. Casualties only six wounded. Four French battleships operating off Bulair, bombarded batteries and communications. Operations at entrance destroyed 19 guns ranging from 6 to 11 inches. Eleven guns below six inches; four Nordenfelts; two searchlights; magazines forts six and three also destroyed.

(Sgd.) HARCOURT.

FERRO

Died.

On Friday morning, Feb. 26th, after a long illness, Esau Parsons, aged 69 years. Leaving a wife, two sons, James Charles and Selby Everet, three daughters, Mrs. Philip Shahan, Mrs. Edward Reid and Mrs. John Bradbury to mourn their sad loss. Funeral took place Sunday to the C. E. Cemetery, Shearstown, Rev. H. L. Pike officiating.

FOR SALE

Part of the household effects of Dr. Joseph Richards:—3 bedsteads with mattresses, 1 toilet set, 1 cooking stove, Butterpress, 1 hall stove, 1 Paraffin oil heater, 1 Singer sewing machine, 1 dining room table, mission furniture, 1 library table, mission with Spanish leather, 1 hooker, mission bed; 1 writing desk and bookcase combined, 1 couch, 1 full dinner set, 1 mission bedroom suite, 1 carriage, 1 sleigh, slide and horse, 1 kitchen table, 1 baby carriage, 1 portier rod, brass; 2 small pillows and other articles.

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