Danish Ship Missing.

The Danish schooner Centaurus is reported as missing. The Centaurus left Hr. Buffett on Feb. 7th for Oporto with a cargo fish, and has not been reported. It will be remembered that a mutiny occurred on board the vessel while entering Hr. Buffett, and the captain shot one of the crew dead. Both the captain and the mate were placed under arrest, but after investigation here, there were allowed to go free, it being held that the officers of the ship acted within their authority. It is understood that one member of the crew belonged to Newfoundland.

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S. A. Congress.

NEW TERRITORIAL COMMANDER ARRIVES.

The annual Congress of the Salvation Army started with a swing at 8 p.m. Saturday, when the welcome meeting to Commissioner Sowton and Lieut. Col. Morehen was held in the New Gower Street citadel. Although the meeting was of a special character, members of the army only being admitted, the citadel was practically filled and a hearty burst of applause greeted the Commissioner as he stepped on the platform accompanied by Colonel Morehen and Staff Captain Tilley. After a short service of singing and prayers the Commissioner addressed the gathering. He spoke of the great pleasure he felt at being again privileged to visit Newfoundland, regretted that it was impossible to have Mrs. Sowton accompany him this year, but assured those present that she was with them in spirit. He referred in eulogistic terms to the newly appointed Sub-Territorial leaders for Newfoundland, Colonel and Mrs. Cloud, and predicted for them a very happy and useful term here. Colonel Morehen then sang one of his favourite choruses and briefly addressed the gathering. He received a great ovation from the officers and soldiers present which showed the affectionate remembrance in which he is held by those who worked under him when he was Divisional Commander here some years ago. He expressed much pleasure at being back here again and hoped the Congress would be a success. He brought warm Salvation greetings from Mrs. Morehen and assured the congregation that she would not fail to pray for the success of the Congress meetings.

The band then played a selection after which the commissioner preached an impressive sermon from 1 Cor., 16-13. Space will not permit a report of this masterly effort which was listened to with rapt attention by the congregation. Words of encouragement, counsel, instruction and advice abounded, and all present received a distinct spiritual uplift from the discourse.

Sunday morning at ten o'clock the city Salvationists and visiting officers assembled outside the No. 1 Citadel, formed up in procession and proceeded via Hamilton and Patrick Streets to the residence of the Territorial Commander where they were reviewed by the Commissioner who introduced Colonel and Mrs. Cloud, the new Territorial leaders. The Colonel briefly addressed the comrades expressing the pleasure it gave him to be in Newfoundland and his hopes for a successful stay here. The procession then proceeded, via LeMarchant Road, Long's Hill, Theatre Hill and Gower Street back to the Citadel, where a united Holiness meeting was conducted by the Commissioner who again greatly inspired his audience by his earnest explanation of the various influences which tend to draw the soul away from God and lessen its ability to help and bless mankind.

All roads led to the Methodist College Hall Sunday afternoon, when a public reception was tendered Colonel and Mrs. Cloud. His Excellency Sir William Allardyce and Captain A. Stewart Goodfellow, A.D.C., also Messrs. I. C. Morris, C. E. Hunt, Captain A. Kean and Rev. R. J. Power.

The meeting opened with that well known hymn, "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus," which was sung heartily by the congregation after which Rev. Dr. Power led in prayer. Commissioner Sowton then introduced their Excellencies to the congregation, and expressed the great pleasure he felt at being back to Newfoundland again. He assured their Excellencies that wherever the Salvation Army was established, even in the smallest centres, its spirit was the same, and it was always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. He referred to the splendid progress made by the Army in this country, but felt that the time was ripe for still greater advances, and he had no doubt that these would be brought about under the leadership of Colonel and Mrs. Cloud.

His Excellency the Governor then addressed the gathering. His happy references to the early days of the Army drew much applause from the audience. He also referred to the new Maternity Hospital which he said would fill a long felt need and he wished the Army much success in all branches of its work.

He then introduced Colonel Thomas Cloud, the new Sub-Territorial Commander, who made a splendid impression upon the audience in his maiden speech. The Colonel has a fine appearance and wears a smile which radiates sunshine and good fellowship. He is an energetic, perhaps we should say, fiery, speaker, and judging from the expressions heard on all sides after the meeting the Colonel has already been voted by Newfoundland Salvationists and the public generally as the right man in the right place. Of the Colonel's address space will not permit us to say much. He stated that he believed his appointment was the Will of God and would, therefore, be the means of blessing his own soul and extending the work in Newfoundland. He drew an illustration from the experience of the Apostle Paul, when he landed on the Island of Melita he found a fire lighting for his comfort and immediately set about finding some sticks to keep it going. In the same manner on coming to Newfoundland he had found a work in progress, organized and brought to its present standing by devoted men and women, many of whom were his personal friends, or to use a slang expression his pals, and it would be his earnest endeavour to keep the work going on or to use the Scripture illustration, "gather a few sticks for the fire."

Mrs. Cloud then spoke a few words and captivated the hearts of all present by her graceful and winning manner. That she will be a tower of strength to the Colonel in his labours in Newfoundland is a foregone conclusion.

Mr. I. C. Morris, in a few well-chosen words moved a vote of thanks to His Excellency for the very able and interesting manner in which he had presided over the gathering. The motion which was seconded by Mr. C. E. Hunt, M.H.A., was carried by the congregation standing and clapping their hands heartily. His Excellency in responding to the vote of thanks commented on the smart appearance of the life saving guards. He was especially interested, he said, in all movements for the training of boys and girls for better citizenship, and added that Lady Allardyce was especially interested in the Girl Guides and was greatly pleased to see the fine troop of guides present. He also spoke for a few minutes on the word service and told of some acts of service to mankind performed by our present sovereign and the Prince of Wales which presented a splendid example to their subjects and which those present would do well to follow.

The meeting then closed with the Doxology and Benediction by the Commissioner.

The spacious College Hall was packed for the night meeting, standing room was at a premium and many were unable to gain admission. Hearty singing, fervent praying and holy enthusiasm, were the outstanding features of the meeting. Colonel and Mrs. Cloud spoke and sang adding fresh laurels to those won in the afternoon, and giving unmistakable proof of their zeal for the advancement of God's work and the salvation of mankind. The Commissioner's sermon was based on 1 Chronicles 21-12. In eloquent and fervent language he pointed out the great need of immediate attention to spiritual matters. He was there, he said, as an ambassador of Christ, and to those present who had not obtained God's pardon for their sins he wished to deliver the message that had been delivered to David: "Now, therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring "again to Him that sent me." The large audience present hung intently on the Commissioner's words and it was evident that many hearts were touched and many were resolving by Divine Grace to lead better lives. The visible results of the meeting were fourteen persons seeking salvation at the penitent form.

Colonel Morehen rendered valuable assistance in all the meetings and his old time choruses were taken up and sung with a vim by the Salvationists. He was as usual in his element in the prayer meeting at night and kept things at the boiling pitch all through. The Congress will be continued to-day with a series of meetings for officers only. R.

Facts.

In Hull 60,000 people are dependent upon the fishing industry.

Whales measuring as much as 105 feet in length have been caught in the Antarctic.

During the first year of the War nearly 1,000 French guns were blown up by imperfect fuses.

One of our most famous fishing-grounds, the Dogger Bank, in the North Sea, is said to be falling off as a source of supply.

Britain's only diamond-cutting factory was established at Brighton in 1917, and in 1921 was employing 2,000 disabled ex-Service men.

A large mirror erected at dangerous cross-roads near Carlisle to prevent accidents is also proving popular as a toilet glass among women motorists.

Telegraphs in Uganda are not always reliable, as the natives covet and often cut down the copper wire for making into bracelets, necklaces, and leg-bands.

Children up to 12 years of age have been photographed standing on the giant leaves, six to eight feet wide, of the Victoria Regia water-lily plants in Kew Gardens.

Liverpool's cathedral, of which the foundation-stone was laid in 1904, will cost something like £2,000,000 to complete. The first completed portion will be consecrated in July of next year.

Round a falcon's nest on Great Orme's Head, Wales, were discovered more than 1,000 pigeons' feet, the majority of them bearing numbered rings, indicating they had belonged to carrier-pigeons.

Films already tinted in nine different colours, each of which has its own appropriate use, are now available. This method of colouring the film is cheaper than tinting it after exposure, as it does at present.

The Outlook North.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—For those of us who use any philosophy at all we find a peculiar stimulant in the preacher's oft-expected remark that "those who preach the gospel must live by the gospel." In general application it means whatever my trade or calling is I am determined to make my living out of it. Here of course I am side-stepping scripture and to invite a few pleasant memories indulge in some ack thoughts on the recent past when the majority of our people acted that sentence in the prosecution of the codfishery; but what a sudden change has swept over us! Here we have a country whose people are first and above all things a fishing people unconditionally throwing down everything pertaining to it and, unintentionally no doubt, wandering around blindly groping for the life line intended only for a few.

It is indeed a paralyzing thought that such a large number of people —right now in the bloom of summer —should be walking around in a dazed hopeless condition waiting, waiting for some means to earn even a mere something—if only enough to insure a half-protection against what seems most certain—absolute starvation.

Within the past week or so an unexpected happening gave me an opportunity to see much of and many people of this district. It was the same old thing, "don't know yet what I'm going to do," or, "whatever else I work at it won't be fishing. I'm sick of that." Some would say they would have gone fishing if they could have got supplies or if it hadn't been for the Humber, but taken all round or take it as you would you could not escape the pathos, the tug of sympathy at your heart strings for a fine industrious and prosperous people now reduced by circumstances and outlook to indifference and lack of motive and interest which distinguishes man from machinery.

My holidays (for such I call it) did me but very little good. It should have refreshed me but it had the reverse effect. Certain places are still holding out well and it was cheering to find within its confines an all-conquering hope. Here too I noticed that the woman worked hard at the scattered patches of potatoes, cabbages and turnips. The fences were well kept and great stacks of wood seemed to guarantee lots of cooking in the future. On making inquiries in those places I learned that most of the men were fishing and the remainder were getting alternately a day or two of employment and perhaps a week laid off. It was in one of those bright spots that an old fisherman said to me, "Tink we be fools to lie down an' wait for the Humber? Why man 'tainst a strawberry patch fer the hull of this country, still I'm thinkin' ther'd be wuss things than given' up the shore fishery this year, a total blank till be." Now that may be so, the fact is the outlook never was blacker within living memory, but I argue that no one could have foretold this. To fishermen's eyes the prospects are always bright until the season's venture has been tried, and I despair because the fates are still openly decreeing that we must keep up our fisheries if we hope to exist and instead of doing this we are backing out wholesale and "waiting for the oats to grow." We are literally lying down to die of ennui or starvation—I prefer the latter.

Whatever may be the final outcome I know not, but I do think we are up against a time when we should kick hard against the mental depression of poverty. It is not easy to rise day by day, week by week for nothing but hope deferred and fail to be disturbed. It is not easy to meet week after week the same crowd of people whose larders are all empty, whose children are ragged, bare footed and obviously underfed and not to be found sometime on the pessimistic side of the cloud. It is not easy at this time of the season to turn our faces seaward and not see grim discouragement in the black outlook for the fishery. On every hand, in short production and wild waste of the public funds there is good room for dismay, but we disgrace human wisdom and helpful philosophy by indulging in feelings of abandon and despair and making them infectious by well chosen language.

And that is the general attitude today. But since the road to it has been but marked off by politicians and we have voluntarily cleaved it ourselves, unless we are totally enveloped by the tentacles of remorse we ought to be seeing that we should be holding our nerve and be ready to go under with a grin on our faces. If the fishery fails totally as now appears, can we help it? If we helped to get ourselves deceived and we suffer the results can we instantly remedy the situation by remorse? If through indifference, blindness on the promise of immediate employment we failed to add a measure to that potato or cabbage patch this spring can we offset our loss by dejection? I think not. At any rate whatever else we cannot do this is our bounden duty, to refrain from infecting the whole community with that fast-spreading, loathsome canker of hopelessness.

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