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PASS THE AMMUNITION

"Remembrance Day," the gentleman said pleasantly, "is always a nasty day. 'Yes' we agreed and wondered why we came to the Cenotaph. We should come but it is colder this year. Nuisance really.

Short days ago they lived—we know they lived—laughing and pushing, they lined up with us at the school and marched proudly, even then, young shoulders squared to honor those of another war; to catch the significance of the wind snatching at the Union Jack; to learn to be at the ready to take up the sword. They learned. The lady next to us remarked "The microphone is too far away from the Mayor." We didn't answer because just then it struck us so forcibly—Did they build the Cenotaph facing the Court House on purpose? A drizzling rain and we think of summer sunshine on the khaki sleeve of a young soldier as he leans from the moving train at sunset and grins and waves good-bye. And there was no dawn. "It isn't time for the Mayor to speak, I guess," said the man. What kind of hush is this? Who said that? It was, yes it was Churchill years ago or was it yesterday? "What kind of hush is it? Alas, it is the hush of suspense and in many lands, it is the hush of fear. Listen! No, listen carefully, I think I hear something. Yes, there it was quite clear. It is the tramp of armies crunching the gravel of the parade grounds, splashing through the rain-soaked fields"—nonsensical thoughts—it is just the sound of a handful of peace loving Algonquins, moving into Haileybury Memorial grounds to honor their comrades. Carrying a wreath of poppies—poppies that blow in Flanders Fields between the crosses.

"Ladies and gentlemen" said the Mayor. You and I know he can speak for us because he is a good man. We elected him—just walked to a booth one day and

elected him—the storm clouds are gathering; tyranny is abroad again and the noose tightens. The Mayor can fill the breach—he's an old hand a public speaking. But he must be careful. The Army told him so. The wreaths are there for the dead who sang, yes sang "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition" but this is the army, Mr. Mayor, and you mustn't bow your head and lead your flock in the Lord's Prayer. Be very careful about God. Because the Army says He mustn't get into this service.

"Ten of Our Bombers Are Missing" and ten times a crew of seven is seventy and 70 means there were all kinds of boys manning those bombers—let them die together on some foreign field. It's all very well for them to sing "There'll be love and laughter and joy ever after, tomorrow when the world is free" but in the name of Christianity, don't pick out anything for us to sing. Accommodate the living, betray the dead. It is the eleventh hour of the eleventh month.

Are these words less applicable today? "We are confronted with a new theme (Communism)—it leaps out upon us from the Dark Ages—racial persecution, religious intolerance, deprivation of free speech, the conception of the citizen as a mere soulless fraction of the State. To this has been added the cult of war. Children are to be taught in their earliest schooling, the delights and profits of conquest and aggression. A whole mighty community has been drawn painfully, by severe privations, into a warlike frame; they tolerate no opinion but their own. They feed on hatred when the hope of the world lies in the love of Christ.

Forgive us our trespasses and give this ceremony back to the people and to God in Whose house there are many mansions and there is room for all.

NOMINATION NIGHT

Just over one-half of this world is dominated by Communism. You have one privilege left which millions of people would die for. Thursday, November 25th is nomination night. The nomination meeting will be held in the Blue Room, Hotel Haileybury.

ON BEING IMPAIRED

Magistrate Atkinson had occasion in police court recently to

remark that he expected to be haunted in his retirement by two bottles of beer. We should hasten to explain that the two bottles of beer are the ones that keep popping up in almost every case of impaired driving. It seems that people charged with this offence invariably swear that they had consumed, not one, nor, three, but only two bottles of beer. No one has yet explained why the figure two was decided upon, but there is no doubt about the popularity of those two bottles.

We share His Worship's skepticism when erring drivers rested in varying degrees of intoxication still swear in evidence that they climbed onto the wagon and into their cars after the second bottle. But those two bottles have become a tradition, and traditions are notoriously slow to change.

There is, however, another side to the story and we mention it only out of a sense of fairness, and with all respect to the Court. If the accused person's evidence is getting a bit shopworn in these cases, so too is the evidence of the traffic officers. Perhaps out of spite at the lack of imagination shown by the accused, the traffic officer will climb into the box and recite a three-fold indictment which varies not a syllable from one case to the next. One, the accused was unsteady on his feet. Two, he smelled strongly of alcohol. Three, his speech was thick.

Now, these accusations, if well-founded as we are sure they must be, should be enough to convict any imbibing driver. But couldn't the officer, even at a risk of upsetting the rigidity of court proceedings, reverse the order of the terrible facts? Could not the thick speech, for instance, precede the rubber legs? Couldn't the fact that the accused's tainted breath offended the sensitive nostrils of the investigating officer be stated first, or last, instead of

in the middle of the catechism? It is true that very occasionally, upon the urging of the Crown, the police officer is able to recall a fourth indictment of the accused. This relates to the condition of his eyes, they are either glassy or blood-shot. But since these conditions are inevitably connected with indulgence or other forms of loose living this accusation is usually kept in reserve.

Let us by all means have formality in our courts, but let us also have variety. Let the accused declare flatly that he polished off half a case and so what? The decision will not likely vary because of that. And let the officer state unequivocally that the accused was loaded, plastered, or sozzled—other and more colorful descriptions will occur to him with practice. The result should not diminish the dignity of the court but should almost certainly lend a certain sparkle to the hearings and might incidentally return an element of truth to the proceedings.

Lessons in Living

"Now, after 2,000 years of Christianity we are learning that there are simple laws made by God which teach us that if, and only if, we do certain things we shall get certain and sure results. If we do not do these things according to Divine Law, then we do not get the results we want. —A. E. Cliffe, Ph.D.

Quite Natural

It is unnecessary to look for artificial causes of bad weather. In 1903, the worst year on record, there were no atom bombs and the Wright Brothers had only just built the first airplane. Many of us will remember how, in the twenties, broadcasting was blamed for both rain and drought...and long before that, railways were accused of making rain by blowing steam into the air."—Dr. O. G. Sutton, director of the British Meteorological Office, speaking in a BBC programme.

OLD SOVIET JOKE

1st Comrade—"How are you today, Comrade?"
2nd Comrade—"Better than tomorrow."

Temiskaming Presbyterial Hold October Rallies

Temiskaming Presbyterial Women's Missionary Society United Church of Canada held in October, two rallies, the Northern section meeting in Larder Lake and the Southern section in Cobalt.

Programs for both rallies followed similar lines. Miss Margaret Scrimgeour, principal of Naparima Girls' School, Trinidad, B.W.I., was guest speaker. She spoke of her work there and described people, customs and climate. The skit "Books Are Tools" was played. The Literatus secretary had a display of books and gave an interesting presentation of Periodicals. Finance Committee members led a discussion of budget and finance. A lively and satisfying question period added to the interest of the meetings.

The registration in Cobalt was 59, in Larder Lake, 42.

In Larder Lake, Miss Mulley spoke of Christians at Saint Ami who were isolated and unattached to any organization and greatly in need of aid, both spiritual and material.

In Cobalt, Mrs. Charles Plaskett of New Liskeard gave an inspiring address on the responsibility the laity should feel in regard to the work of the church.

Worship services were conducted by Presbyterial members and refreshments were served by the local churches.

The first patent issued in Canada, in 1824, was for a washing machine.—Quick Canadian Facts

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Public Bible Reading and Prayer Meeting—8 p.m.

The Baptist Church
Pastor—Rev. H. S. Staples
Sunday School—10:00 a.m.
Church—11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
Young People's Friday—8:00 p.m.
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Prayer Meeting—Tuesday at 8
Young People's Meeting—Fri., 8 p.m.

St. Paul's Church
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1st Sunday, Holy Communion—11 a.m.
Other Sundays, Matins—11 a.m.
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Evening Prayer—7:30 p.m.
ST. GEORGE'S, NORTH COBALT
Morning Service—9:15 a.m.

The United Church
REV. A. T. DENHOLM, M.A., B.D.
HAILEYBURY
Public Worship—11:00 a.m.
Junior Sunday School meets at 11 a.m.
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NORTH COBALT
Public Worship—7:30 p.m.

The Salvation Army
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