

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1926

## LEGY WE FORGET

God of our fathers, known of old,  
Lord of our far-flung battle line,  
Beneath whose awful hand we stand—  
Dreaded and honoured, living and dying.  
Lord of hosts, be with us yet,  
Lead us, for we forgot, but we forgot!

The tumult and the shouting dies;  
The battle-drums roll on to meet  
The sound of "Fife and drum";  
An humble and a contrite heart;  
Lord of hosts, be with us yet,  
Lead us, for we forgot, but we forgot!

For ended our novice task away;  
On stone and headland where the fire,  
Ed all our pomp of yesterday—  
Ed me, with Nivewah and Tyrol;  
Judge of the nations, spare us yet,  
Lead us, for we forgot, but we forgot!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose  
Wild tongues that have not been in  
two;  
Hush bunting as the Gentiles use,  
Or lesser breeds without the law;  
Lord of hosts, be with us yet,  
Lead us, for we forgot, but we forgot!

For human heart that puts you first,  
In pecking tube and iron shard;  
All valour and that builds on dust;  
And sounding calls for those to  
work;  
For frantic hounds and foolish word,  
They moray on Thy people, Lord.

## WISHING AND WORKING

Harriet Prescott Spofford

**C**EVERY time that "Aunt Charlie" saw a load of empty barrels blocking the road she might have ten thousand dollars before the month ended; every time she saw a horse eat wheat, her face lit up with a smile; and every time she saw a load of hay go by, every time she saw the new moon, every time she saw the first star of night—she uttered that wish.

You might think that with such vagaries of desire, Aunt Charlie would never get rich; but she did. She sat on the narrow plazza in summer and read a novel, when she could find one; and in winter she read her novels and did a trifle of sewing or mending, and a little sweeping and dusting, as possible.

Mrs. Randall, the children's mother and Aunt Charlie's sister, owned the small house and the farm, about the tax on which the town authorities were very lenient; and the income from the two savings-bank accounts the mother and Aunt Charlie owned between them was just enough to keep their bodies and souls together.

"But what can I do?" asked Aunt Charlie. "I can't, touch, even, a little extra, and I can't do something. I can't paint; I can't play. I can't earn a cent. And I do the housework."

So the mother did the most of what there was to do, and Aunt Charlie kept her hands white and went on with her novels.

"Dear me!" she said. "Was that the first blizzard, Y-X-what?" Then there was a moment's reverent silence. "The longest land has a turn," she continued. "There's Clarence Center, we went on to the Klondike; he had my name, and I don't know if anyone ever made a fortune, Clarence did. No one has heard from him for so long that he can't be living, and if he made, will he would care? I am a good provision, lawyer day. I'm expecting a letter to tell me about it."

"Nonsense, dear!" said the mother. "And then, there's Uncle William. Perhaps he was drowned in the South Seas and perhaps not. And he may come, with his children, and bring the wealth of the Indies with him."

"You read in many novels, Charlie," said her sister. "No, nothing of that sort is possible. We're just plain poor, Charlie, and there isn't going to be any inheritance or claim to it."

"Oh, we, Mrs. Mrs., you never did have any imagination or aspiration. You're content to be plain poor, as you call it. I'm not. Oh, there's a called horse! I wish—"

"I wish you knew what Aunt Charlie wished."

"Muver," cried "Toosie," otherwise Master Thomas Randall, who, with his brother Billy, was eating bread with marmalade. "Oh, muver, I done up for you. All the beans come wrong, and I turned 'em down and planted 'em right."

The mother went out to see whether Toosie's fingers had been busy with other things. But the carrots were already starting to sprout, and the beans, which had escaped Toosie's attention, were thinking of climbing, and it was high time to plant the corn. Her gardens, although only of a few rows, were doing well, and the sun-shade slender branches on the edge of the swamp to stick in for the peat, and Toosie must be made harmless.

"Toosie," she said, "you want to help mother some more? Then you think you're a man, and you hit the little knob on that stem. It's a bud. It will grow and grow, and by and by open, and will come two tiny leaves all crinkled and green." "How?" said the mother, with pride and joy. "He's learned, of course, by observing how far a toad can run, his tongue to catch a fly and by watching an ant carry a dead beetle three times its size. Occasionally, he ran to the window and said, "Look at mother's nose as she knelt at her work, and to assure her of his affection; and from time to time he diverted himself by knocking the toad with a stone or by inventing his own slender fate in the thickets where a bird had hit her eyes; but he always returned to his post. At dawn, now, the mother was up and out while the dew still lay on the fences. There was no time to go to the garden, and the breakfast of bread and milk he could set out later. Suddenly, as the sun came up, a bright glint flushed down beside her; it was a ray on Toosie's tawny head. The "Arius" and buttons of his clothes were tangled over, with a way, but with that?

"Help my muver in her gardin!" cried the little fellow.

An integral of those surroundings, in the latter days of the August, was languidly slumped chairs and tables and took slips of her novels in between the dustings. Mrs. Randall spinned out the beads; the pickles made an excellent dinner, well, boiled with a piece of bacon.

And the muver, after the endless peas, and Billy carried out the first string beans round to the big boarding house behind the hill to pay for next year's seed.

"I really is quite a muver," said the mother.

"Well, let's see," said the stranger, "and the muver?"

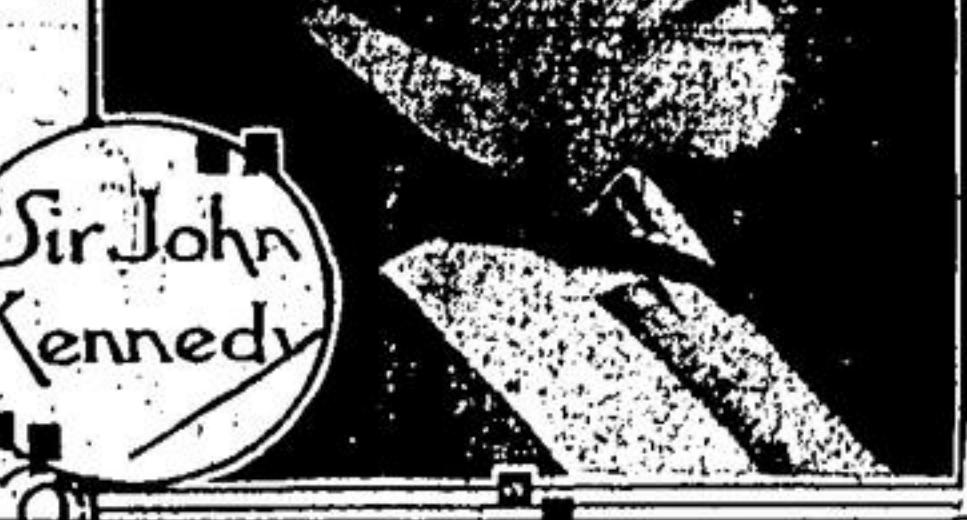
"She's the woman in the sunbonnet, leaning on the hob. Mr. Bangs was already out of the sunbonnet over the wall and speaking to her.

Some twenty minutes later the

## Two Notable Canadians

Two notable Canadians were made honorary members of the Canadian Institute of Civil Engineers at a meeting of the institution recently held in Montreal. Lord Shaughnessy, the Chairman of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and Sir John Kennedy, the dean of Canada's engineering profession. Although Lord Shaughnessy is not a professional engineer, and therefore could not become a member of the Institute, he was made an honorary member, in view of his position which can be said to be that of Canadian Badminton, which position for many years he has been intimately connected with engineering, and probably employed more engineers than any man in Canada.

For the presentation there was one of the most



University. Verify a galaxy of distinguished men with whom even such citizens as Lord Shaughnessy and Sir John Kennedy may well feel honored to be associated.

Prolonged applause greeted the two new honorary members as President Walter J. Francis pinned the golden badge on their lapels; a note of pathos being added when the tall, thin John Kennedy, who never saw his, his eightytwo having completely failed him during the past number of years.

The applause was renewed when Lord Shaughnessy rose to reply. The Chairman of the Canadian Pacific Railway said that although he could not claim the honor of having introduced many persons as President of the C. P. R. he had brought him into very intimate relations with that profession.

"I have probably employed more engineers of various kinds than any man in Canada," said His Lordship, "but I have always had the highest respect for the members of the profession, and never found them break their trust. In engineering matters I always relied entirely upon their expert advice, and the Canadian Pacific was never the less for it. Of course there were mistakes made by the engineers, but they were generally responsible, and the C. P. R. did not pass the blame on to the engineers, but went to work to put right any mistakes made—and there were not many."

In conclusion Lord Shaughnessy made brief reference to the establishment of years, which had brought him to President of the Canadian Pacific, Mr. E. W. Moody. He said that the probability,

he would not be able to wear the golden badge of his honorary membership of the Engineering Institute, but that he should always treasure it.

Sir John Kennedy, who sat with his old friend, Lord Shaughnessy, also made a brief response.

He spoke of the importance of the engineering profession especially in the upholding of a young and growing nation, and the fact that the fact he considered that the progress of Canada and its advancement of the engineering profession were on parallel lines. As Dean of the profession he recalled the visit of the Prince of Wales (the late King Edward VII) to Hamilton in 1867, when the Prince started the first turning camp in Canada, and he, as a young engineer, on the same occasion had the honor of starting the second.

The ceremony closed with hearty claps for Lord Shaughnessy and Sir John Kennedy.

The ten present wearers of the golden badge of honorary membership in the Engineering Institute of Canada are H. H. H. the Prince of Wales, His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, the present Governor-General, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, who made his first acquaintance with railway work with Kitchener in the Boer War; Sir Percy Gresham, who made his first acquaintance with railway work with Kitchener in the Boer War; Sir George Augustus Huxley, K.C.M.G., London, England, the Earl of Aberdeen, another ex-Governor-General, Dr. Frank D. Adams of Mechihi University, and Dr. W. Hodges Ellis, of Toronto.

mother came into the house with the strangers. Mr. Bangs, and when she saw them would not sit, but held up a piece of paper that made her hands tremble.

It was a check for five thousand dollars. She hid around various papers with which Mr. Bangs was provided, and while the man took away with him.

"I never dreamed for a moment that the place was worth anything except what we could get off it!" she sighed.

"Oh, no," said Aunt Charlie, who was waiting two names at once to have him, "there goes a white cow!"

"An Indian who committed suicide on the grave of his wife and child, was buried in the presence of a number of men among whom was Payne. At the Indian was lowered into the grave, Payne, who had been to him the "song that the Indians used to sing," General Bishop called the young man to him and said sternly:

"Where do you learn that song?" "I wrote it myself," answered Payne. "What did you get for the time?" "I composed it this morning."

"Will you give me a copy of it?" "Certainly."

"Well," said the old Indian fighter, "uparose me again but you, but now I will write a song like that in an instant, and I am going to set you free."

Payne had been living in the home of neighboring family, and on his return he related the circumstantial details of his life and gave the Indian a check for five thousand dollars. The old Indian was lowered into the grave, and Payne said, "So that we can raise him and square and have him, and the rest of the land is Mr. Eliot's. The money is enough to start the boy in life, and take care of us and keep us comfortable. Go here your five thousand dollars."

"Are you sure?" said Aunt Charlie. "I'm not dreaming? I'm wide-awake? Well, now you can never say there's no good in wishing!"

Aunt Charlie was wishing the first dandelion in the street pedestal, and knelt to his feet to say a prayer, for he was going to plant a prayer and hymn after hymn, not always coherently, to be sure. At last his voice would trail away into silence, and he would have to be waked upstairs. He would have out and up about his house, and lay him in his sleep. Oh, certainly life had its compensations!

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