SHAKESPEARE'S TERCENTENARY

THE birthday and the death he retired several years before cent townships we shall be pleascurred upon or near the same day of the same month. the 23rd of April. It is definitely two days later his body was in- others we want the name of the known that he was born late in April, 1564, was baptized April 26th of the same year, and that he died upon the 23rd of April, 1616.

In honor of the tercentenary of this greatest of English writers the world, so far as it may, and the United States in a particularly extensive manner, will render sister, and members of his family times, but a lot of people mistake homage to his memory.

The life of Shakespeare has oeen one of the literary enigmas of the past three centuries. Little is his daughter Susanna until her times, from ignorance of the cirknown of the real man,

was the son of John Shakespeare, in honor of his memory. third child, the first son,

age English boy at the town's best of the poet.

Stratford. Three children came of an age, but for all time." this union. These were Susanna, born in 1583; Hamnet, a son, and Judith, a daughter, twins, born in 1585. Hamnet died in youth. but DURHAM FURNITURE CO. the two daughters made successful marriages. Judith had three sons, but all died unmarried. Susanna's only daughter, Elizabeth, lived to marry, but she died childless. that William Shakespeare left second generation,

years no exact record can be made of names of those enlisting: of his whereabouts, condition or actions. That he spent most of the time in London and that during that period he was acting and coming in contact with some the greatest minds of the time, is, however, evident from his work. Late in the 16th century he was regarded as a poet of unusual merit, as one of the principal actors of the leading company in London and had become recognized as the greatest dramatist of the day. A favorite actor and playwright

of Queen Elizabeth, who showed him marked favor for his accomplishments, he was as highly honored in King James' reign, when King and courtiers, critics and men of letters granted him the homage due his supreme genius. Of Shakespeare's spirit and nature his friends bore the kindest witness. He was "sweet Shakespeare" and "gentle Shakespeare" to many of his day. One rapturous of the time wrote, "Sweetest Master Shakespeare! I'll have his picture in my study at the courte." and Milton sang:

. . . Sweetest Shakespeare, fancy's child, Warbles his native woodnotes wild. To Ben Jonson, probably closest friend and warmest mirer, he proved himself a loyal and generous comrade, and 'rare Ben" in turn gave him due meed.

do honor his memory on this side idolatry as much as any. He was, indeed, honest, and of an open and indeed, honest, and of an open feature in the morning service in though not so well in time of possest tenement as He would go to unstinting praise, and confesses this writings to be "such as neither The pastor preached on the text, the estimate of Sir George Paish, millionaires, and vice versa. I think his writings to be such as herefore, endure hardness a net loss to the country of about he would go wherever there was any man nor muse can be as a good soldier of Jesus \$2,500,000,000. If then, Great Bri- body who needed help on the deeper further says:

leave thee by mont lye

A little further, to make thee tombe,

And art alive still, while thy booke dience by a violin selection doth live, And we have wits to read, and

praise to give. As to personal appearance, cotemporary wrote that he was "a handsome, well-shap't man," so

that the tall, graceful, well proportioned figure which sculptors and engravers have given us is likely to be not far from the true form of Shakespeare. Of his face there is less sure ac-

quaintance, as there is no definite knowledge of a likeness having been made in his lifetime. The two made soon after his death and approved by his family and friends may or may not have been true to the man. One is the sculpture on the wall near his grave in the parish church at Stratford-on-Avon. This was ordered and approved by his family within a year of his death, but to the critical observer it presents, in the broadly carved lineaments, the erude workmanship noticeable in much of the sculptured art of the tonb makers of that day.

The other likeness of Shakespeare, made within half a dozen years of his death. is the engraving by Martin Droeshout for the frontispiece to the first folio edition of his plays. This was pub- long speech our candidate made Bell were home the fore part of lished in 1622, and the portrait had on the agricultural question, the week for their last visit bethe approval of his friend. Ben wasn't it?

As actor, poet and dramatist, wasn't bad: but a couple Jonson. Shakespeare amassed a fair for- nights' good rain 'ud 'a' done tune for that day. He had ac- sight more good.-Answers.

quired considerable property in both London and Stratford. In his home town he had bought New Place, one of the largest and important residences in the news, and when anything of im- Subject: "I" Christ Came to This City" neighborhood, and to this home portance occurs in town or adjaof William Shakespeare, his death to spend his remaining ed to have a report of it from so far as is known, oc- days in the occupations and somebody. Our correspondents pleasures of a gentleman of may not, in fact can not, get in

There he died April 23, 1616, and Should news items be sent in terred in the parish church at sender, but not for publication. Stratford, and the elaborate mural Sometimes we get items, but not monument in the chancel which knowing the source, we have to bears his image yet marks the consign them to the waste-paper shrine of thousands who annually basket. We want news, pure unalvisit the last resting place of the loyed news. We don't want any-

his wife, his two daughters and a ity. A joke is all right some- sunshine and the dew. the home of his last days for many claim the right to censor all coryears. New Place was the home of respondence, we may fail somedeath, but was sold by her daugh- cumstances. Anyway, a joke or a spiritual genius is not an adequat William Shakespeare was oorn ter Elizabeth before 1667, and was libe is not news. in April, 1564, in the town of subsequently torn down. On the Stratford-on-Avon, England. The land which adjoins this home the house in which he first saw the Shakespeare memorial building light stands to-day, the most ex- now stands, and here each year, in

a man of fair substance and position in the town, and of his wife. place, and by him bequeathed to bunch of fat cattle last week. hood. Their son, William, was their from their hands. Forty years later the latter remaining over the it was purchased for the corpora- week-end. Shakespeare received the solid tion of Stratford, to be kept for We extend deepest sympathy to

sound classical scholar. History, mained in the hands of descend- known in this part. however, relates that the student ants of the Hathaway family until Pte. A. M Bell is spending this nowever, relates that the 19th century, when it, too, was week at home, before leaving for father, whose fortunes about this taken over for the benefit of the overseas. covered cottage of Shakespeare's last for the west. ried Anne Hathaway, of Shottery, also a picturesque memorial of Mortley, A. Vessie and Mrs.

EMPLOYES RESPONDED WELL

Thirty-six of the furniture fac- League: so tory employees have enlisted for no service and are now in training, direct descendants beyond the or at the front. At present there isn't another man in the institu-Late in 1585 Shakespeare left tion that is eligible for military Stratford, and for the next 11 training. The following is the list

> Ayott Bert. Banks, George Box, Fred Catton, Victor Carey, James Baker, Richard Bolger, John Bunce, F. Blyth, Cecil Glover, E. Grigsby, Frank . Grigsby, G. Havens, C. Basham, A. Hazen, W. Hunt, R. Hazen, R. Hughes, Jesse Keith, Robert Lloyd, Anson Lloyd James Lake Wilfrid Mort, Andy Murray George Morton, Wes. McDonald, John McGillivray Neil Ness, George Oyns, Bert. Pilgrim, Charles Robb, Robert Standen, S. Saunders, Mack Torry, F. (Vollett, Harry Wells, Alex.

Roll of Honor was an interesting to be fed and clothed anyhow, frankly to the poorest man in the the Methodist church last Sunday, peace, we should have left, using the comfortable home of one of your Christ."-2 Tim., 2, 3

My Shakespeare rise: I will not congregation arose and very up within the next three years, practices and neglect would He conheartily sang the National An- not allowing anything for the gain demn? What changes would I make Chaucer or Spencer, or bid Beau- them. Then the pastor read Ps. 91, in industrial efficiency and the if I had 24 hours' notice? Battalion, Berlin, inspired the au- year.-New York Independent. entitled "Rustica Cavaliera." The choir also contributed appropriate music, and at the close of the service the congregation sang "Onward Christian Soldiers." The names appearing on

> Dr. Cecil E. Wolfe Stanley McNally Percy Bryon Andrew Smith Cecil McNally Ray Fluker Will Petty Wilfrid Nichol Victor Catton Harry Vollett Alister W. Saunders D. McPhail Saunders Robert Hazen Wm. Hazen Vernon Elvidge John Bryon Alexander Wells Robert Robb Robert Keith John McDonald

Perlous Sherk.

Roll are as follows:

UNCONVERTED.

Election Agent-That was a good

Farmer Ploughson-Oh, aye,

GIVE US THE NEWS

We want the news when it is touch with everything in time. thing in the form of a libe that Shakespeare was survived by will cause discord in the communoccupied both his birthplace and a jibe for a joke. Though we

DARKIES CORNERS.

alted shrine at which the Shakes- April, the plays of the greatest Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Paylor of has upon the heart and conscience. peare pilgrim may worship. He dramatist of the ages are enacted Saugeen Valley visited Sunday of men is different from all thes. with Mr. and Mrs. W Jacques.

who was before her marriage his sister Joan, was owned and oc- Mrs. Will Lawrence and daugh-Mary Arden, the daughter of a cupied by his collatoral descend- ter, Gertie, of Egremont, visited wealthy farmer of the neighbor- ants until 1806, when it passed Wednesday with Mrs. C. Ritchie,

rudimental education of the aver- of the post sacred shrine Mr. and Mrs. John Tolchard Toronto, in the death of Mrs. Tolschool, of which the master was a Manne Hathaway's home also re- chard's mother, Mrs. Glover, well

time experienced an unfavorable public, so that the quaint, thatch- Mr. Jas. W McGirr left Tuesday

At 18 William Shakespeare mar- early sweetheart and wife is now Misses Glenna Campbell, Lavina a hamlet in the parish of Old him who Jonson said "was not of Vessie, spent Friday evening with Mrs. Chas. Ritchie

BENTINCK PATRIOTIC LEAGUE The following is a list of the officers and members of the Bent-

inck branch - of the Patriotic President-Dr. J. L. Smith. Vice-President-George Brown.

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- ATTRACTIVE DINING CAR SERVICE.

Probably nothing helps more to make a railway journey really entoyable than a visit to the "dining car, especially if it be a Canadian Pacific dining -car, where orite dish, as you like it, may be bad sign. enjoyed at reasonable -cost, If Christ came to this city, where amidst ideal -surroundings, while would I want Him to find me? Would

IF BRITAIN "WENT DRY."

Their (the British) drink bill (or last year was \$909,790,000, and probably they are now spending my duty, doing a questionable thing a billion dollars a year on some- or attempting to win men to Him thing which many people in the If Christ came to this city, with United States and England man- whom would He spend most of His age to get along without. The war time? I know that He would go has cost Great Britain about \$7 .- | wherever there was a sinner and not 500,600,000. If we subtract from be afraid of soiling His fine linen by Ben" in turn gave him due meed. UNVEILED THE ROLL OF HONOR which will presumably be repaid. So wherever there was any one in this the loans of other countries, going either. I know that He would and the money spent on feeding need, and He would go regardless of The unveiling of the Soldiers' the soldiers, who would have had class. He would go as freely and as tain should go dry, as Russia has, things of life. When the Roll was unveiled the its total war losses could be paid If Christ came to this city, what

PERSONAL

Mrs. Thos. Cowan of St Marys is the visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Burnett

Fergus hospital undergoing treat- at your house in the future? Are ment for an internal ailment.

Pte. Albert Zeller of the 118th Battalion spent over Sunday with his sister, Mrs. (Rev.) Moyer

Mr. Walter Blackwell of Atwood was in town Tuesday on his way to Dundalk. Mr. Samuel Patterson, Sr., and prayer schedule?

Edwin, Manitoba, where they in- but there is no "If." tend to spend the summer.

and Mrs. Wylie. or two last week before leaving

Ptes. Ernest McGirr and Alex. fore going overseas.

has been transferred.

laid up with pneumonia for past week.

Text: Luke 19:1-"Jesus ent. re

and passed through Jericho." Many types of men challenge or interest, but it is the apostle of ie ligion and the herald of Christian ty

that has the superlative influence. For Jesus actually lives the moral law and serves His generation, forgetting Himself in the immortal ty and we turn to Him for spiritual authority as naturally as a flower turns toward the sun or a hily lifts it immaculate lips to be kissed by the

Beauty may please us, truth may strengthen 's but goodness comman's us. A genius charms us, a philosopher instructs us, but a saint feeds us. But the fact that Jesus was a

explanation of the unique interest Hi. coming to this city would arouse. There have been other spiritual geniuses who incarnated the good and the great, but the grip which Jesu

Let me try to describe the unity at Christ they feel themselves und r obligation to have reproduced in the selves the character He express s This moral compulsion is indestruct ible. Men may dent the historic Christ or the metaphysical Christ and leave only the ideal and they have still to reckon with a power of the first magnitude, the Christ of human | 1 experience survives men's doubts of | . the Christ of history and still under the name of Jesus something call 1 out to our spiritual capacities to awaken. The very name makes us dissatisfied with evil in spite of our love for it. It shames us out o. pettiness into largeness. Out of sin into salvation, out of vice into pur.ty. No man can read the fragmentary description of Jesus in the New Testa ment without feeling laid upon him an obliation of surrendering his little and ignoble life to Him for a life to t is lived more abundantly.

When royalty enters the city, the city puts on its holiday att re, b t | the most momentous day in the history of any city is the day when Jesus Christ gives it a special visitation of His power and presence.

If Christ came to this city, would I be glad to see Him? Not app ar to be glad, but really be glad to welcome Him? Whether or not you would be glad to wecome Him is an invariable index to your character. He is always where all is well. There is a line of scripture which reads as follows: "And when Herod, the king, heard it, he was troubled."

Men who have been living like Herod are always troubled when they hear that Jesus is in the neighborhood. Jesus is in the way of the Herods. Jesus is in the way of the adulterer, the thief, the libertine and the op-Would the presence of Jesus give

the passenger is assured of the you peace and strength or would it highest form of efficiency in the worry you? If it would worry you, culinary art, the choicest provis- you may know that you are living in ions the market affords, prepared sin. By this you may know all that on the scientific principle known eternity can ever reveal. If His as "Dietetic Blending." Your fay- presence would trouble you, it is a

travelling on the Canadian Pacific. I want Him to find me in the saloon. in a house of shame, plotting to ruin some confiding girl, or with some crowd of coffers?

If Christ came to this city, what would I want Him to find me doing? Would I want him to find me shirking

after which the names on the Roll saving from the crime and im- Would you change any duties were read and the purpose of the paired health which incidentally Would you tear up any letters? Would Roll was explained. Pte. Albert N results from the consumption of a you go and apologize for anything Thou art a Monument without a Zeller, a member of the 118th billion dollars' worth of liquor a you have said? Would you pay some debt you have refused to settle for years? Would you deed back property that you have swindled some poor fellow out of? Would you go to the bank and draw money and pay back something that you have cheated in order to obtain?

> Would you go to men and tell them you had lied about them? Would you Mrs. Benjamin Williams is in the tell the brewery wabon not to call there any books on your library shelf you would throw out? Are there any pictures on the wall you would tear down? Are you planning to go any-Where you would not go if Christ were coming to this city? Would you take anything out of the icebox? Would you have to dust the Bible? Would you make any changes in your

daughter Bella, left Tuesday for I said "If" Christ came to this city, There is a story in the New Testa-

ment of how Jesus, after His reseur-Corporal Wylie was in town re- rection, appeared in a room where cently to visit his parents, Rev. some of His disciples were gathered. His appearance was a mystery, for all the doors were closed. He had Mr. Alex. Kearney of the Royal apparently walked through the locked Bank staff, was home for a day door. Critics have sneered at that as impossible, but you business men for New York, to which branch he know different, for He has walked through locked doors into your thoughts many times since that.

Men, the eyes of Christ are upon you! I plead with you to act so that those eyes can smile upon you. It is a practical impossibility for a man Mr. Grant McComb has been to put himself face to face with Jesus the Christ and unblushingly lead a bad



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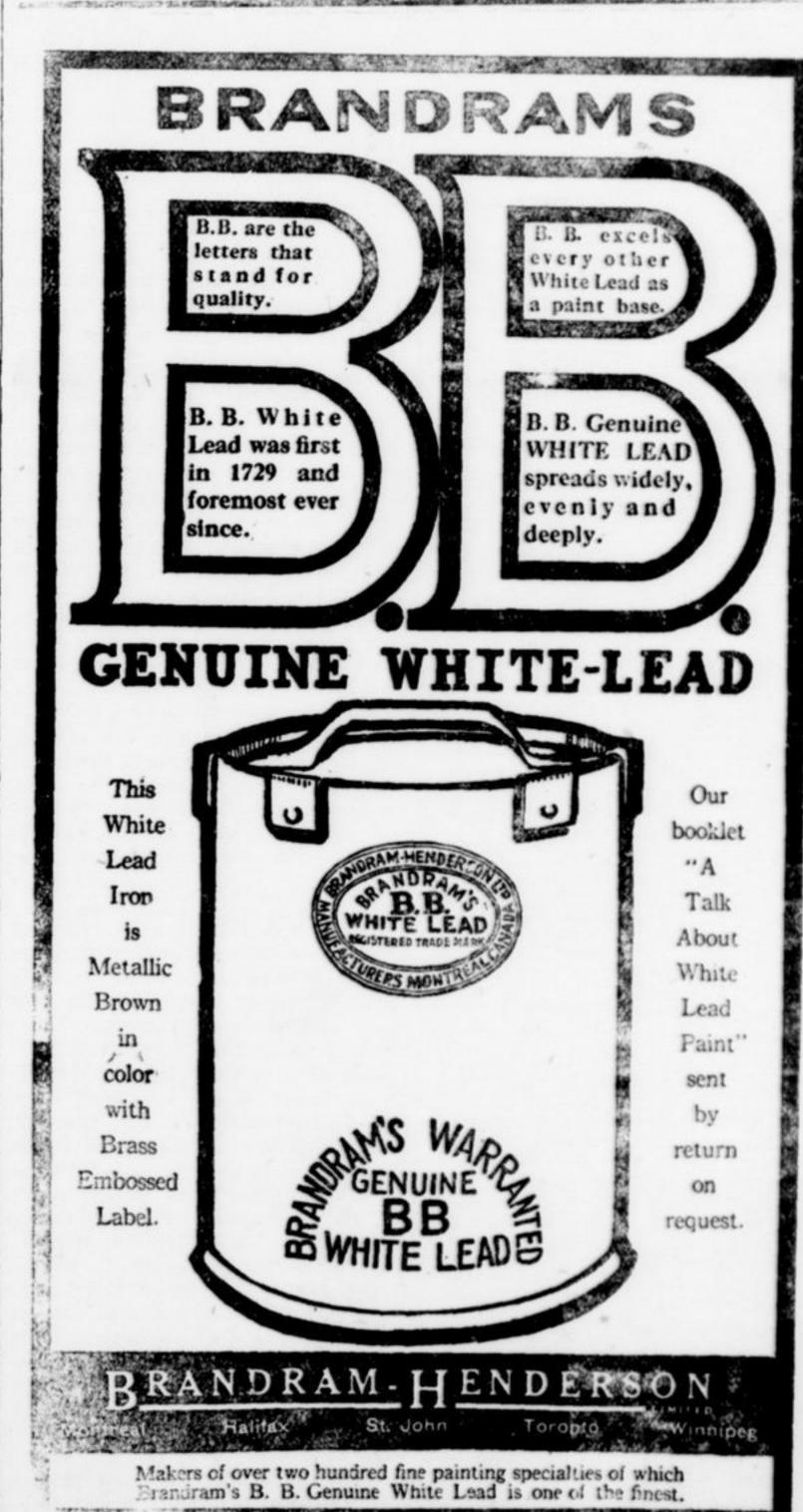
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COMMON DENSE A GO

Don't get the idea head, young man, that can't get along without along before you were will go on just the same are dead. The sun will and the seasons will co independent of your p abserce. The universe v single cog when you a off to join the great Young man! don't thin a monopoly of all the the universe. There are as clever, and they're a word about it. When over, another will fill t leave and things will g usual. You may think t whole IT but nobody so. You may fool peop while, but you can't for people all the time. your conceit and get plain common sense. great asset for any you have in his possession.

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