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**Sting by Bee Causes Motor Fatality**  
While on an auto trip to Watford, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Young, Meaford, suffered the loss of their baby girl, 13 months old, when she was thrown from the car and instantly killed. The accident happened about four miles from Goderich on the Bayfield road. After taking dinner and calling on friends in Goderich, Mr. and Mrs. Young and baby proceeded on their way to Watford and had not gone far when a bee lighted on the child's neck and in the excitement of brushing it off, the car swerved into the ditch and the baby, lying on its mother's lap, was thrown out and instantly killed. The parents were grief-stricken when they picked up the tiny form and found life extinct. A doctor was summoned and the remains were taken to Goderich, from where the sorrowing parents and the silent form in its small white casket were brought to Meaford.

**Do School Readers Foster the War Spirit?**  
Miss MacPhail, M. P., Says they do.  
A statement by Miss MacPhail in one or more of her public addresses boldly charged that Ontario School Readers, by certain selections, had a tendency to instill into young minds, a glorification of war. She was challenged to produce proof of this, and in last week's Sun has an article (which will be found in this issue) giving specific instances, which anyone in possession of the Readers can verify.  
We believe she has successfully met the challenge, but the present generation of grown-ups will not lightly consent to ostracize such pieces as "Rule Britannia", "Charge of the Light Brigade", "Scots wha hae", etc., which have fired the imagination of British peoples as few things have done. But of course this reluctance will be set down as due to the same malign influence generated when they were young by just such selections.  
The whole question is worth looking into, and the subject is as much worthy of a Commission as are many other things. The finding of this Commission would be an important guide for the educators who will authorize the next revision of readers.

The fearful results of war in action and in the aftermath is serious enough to encourage every movement that has for its object the keeping clear of young minds from the miasma of the war spirit. Surely in the fields of commerce, exploration, development of peoples, etc., and above all in religion, there is scope enough and room enough on which to browse young minds, without mixing with it material that rouses the war spirit.  
Ceylon, Ont., Sept. 3, 1923  
At the "No More War" demonstration, I gave the number of lessons in the Third Reader and in the Fourth Reader that glorify war and warriors. I said little about the histories, except that they gave undue prominence and each country's history showed that country always right. I believe that the glorification of war in our history

is so plain that it needs no proving. Battles and war heroes are about all that is taught.  
Carlyle said "Show me the man you honor. I know by that symptom better than by any other, what kind of a man you are yourself; for you show me what your ideal of manhood is, what kind of a man you long to be."  
I claim that the warrior—that is, a slayer of his fellow-man—is given first place in honor. Childish minds make that their ideal—the goal to which they strive. This is all as it should be for the breeding of WARRIORS, but it is just exactly what should not be for the promoting of peace—and, while peace is unopposed, it is gaining friends steadily.  
"Hearts of Oak", with its "We always are ready. Steady, boys, steady. We'll fight, and we'll conquer, agala and again."  
On page 123, "The Charge of the Light Brigade,"  
"Thurs not to make reply, Thurs not to reason why, Thurs but to do and die— Into the Valley of Death Rode the six hundred."  
"When can their glory fade? Oh, the wild charge they made! All the world wonder'd. Honor the charge they made, Honor the Light Brigade, Noble six hundred."  
Get a Third Reader, and read carefully "The Relief of Lucknow," "The Song in Camp," "England's Dead" by the poem one would think only soldiers died in England—"Roman's Honor," "Hohenlinden," "Fighting Temeraire," "Heronie of Vercheres," "The Battle of Queenston Heights," and I know you will see the poison of such stuff.  
The farmer is mentioned once in the Third Reader—"In the Snow"—"Stories by John G. Whittier."  
I will follow this with another letter dealing with the Fourth Reader.  
Sincerely,  
AGNES C. MACPHAIL

I wish to continue to prove that our Public School Readers glorify war. In the Fourth Reader, we have "Wolfe and Montcalm," "A Hymn of Empire," "Round earth's wild coasts our batteries speak."  
Strong, are we? Make us stronger yet. Great, make us greater far. Even in describing the splendors of the burial of Moses, the place of first honor is given the warrior. "But when the warrior died." And again speaking of Moses, "This was the bravest warrior that ever buckled sword." Again in "Work and Wages" page 92, in speaking of thinking of work more than wages, the warrior is put before the clergyman and the doctor—no others exist so far as this lesson reveals—"A good soldier for instance, mainly wishes to do his fighting well."  
On page 154 "Ye Mariners of England," contains  
"Your glorious standard launch again  
To match another foe,  
Evidently the "war to end wars" wasn't known about when this poem was written, and then our Rabble Burns—friend of the working man—is given only one place in this Reader and the selection is war—"Scots Wha hae." Why not the poem containing the wonderful lines "Maw's Inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn", or "A man's a man for a' that."  
Others are "Pontiac's attempt to capture Fort Detroit," "Madeline de Vercheres," "The King's Burial," contains the following:  
"If I cannot end my life In the crimsoned battle strife, Let me die, as I have lived, on the sea."  
Then "The Armada," "Departure and Death of Nelson," "Waterloo," "Private of the Buffs," "Balaklava," "Funeral of Wellington," "Marston Moor," "An incident of the French camp," and British Colonial and Naval power.—this possibly gives the reason of wars more than the story of them.  
Can you now think the school books will be any aid to peace? If war has to be, while injustice, which is the cause, exists, why not let us admit it as a blot and stain on national and international life, and not try to make it appear to be great and glorious—a goal to which we should consciously more?  
This bloody tale of supposed glory is somewhat nulled by a wonderful lesson from a speech of Bright—page 373. He pulls the sham down and says "In a short sentence war may be summed up to be the combination and concentration of all the horrors, atrocities, crimes and sufferings of which human nature is capable."  
Can we wonder that children grow up to be doubters and cynics when the same book has tucked down at the bottom of a page as an afterthought, "If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink for thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee."  
I think it is time that every thinking person made the resolve of Chas. F. Dole: "I will never talk about the Fatherhood of God or the Brotherhood of Man and at the same time justify or support war. I will not profess the religion of the Golden Rule and make excuses for killing my fellow men. I will do one thing or the other. But I will not pretend to do both. I will not play the part of the hypocrite."  
Sincerely,  
Agnes C. MacPhail

**PRICEVILLE AND VICINITY**  
**IN THE COAL MINING DISTRICT OF ALBERTA**  
Mr. John Aldcorn Reports Fine Crops

Mr. Wilfrid Watson has taken a position in the city.  
Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson of —, are visiting the latter's brother and sister Mr. John and Miss M. Stothart.  
Mr. R. H. McConkey spent a day last week in Dundalk.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McLean spent Sunday with friends near Meaford.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Carson spent Sunday with Vandeleur friends.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jones, Toronto, are visiting at the Manor.  
Mr. J. H. McLean is home from the city after spending the summer months there.  
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Whyte returned to the city after a week's visit with his brothers here.  
Miss Kate Campbell of Montreal, is visiting at her brother's, Mr. Donald Campbell, North Line.  
Mrs. Jno. McMeekin visited over the week end with her brother at Mono Road.  
It is with regret the many friends of our pastor, Rev. C. S. Jones heard of his call to Watford.  
Mr. John A. McDonald, accompanied by his son Hector and daughter Kate, of Edge Hill, also Miss Ada McLean of Toronto, attended the Presbyterian church here on Sunday.  
Sorry to report Mrs. Arch. McLean, Gravel Road West, on the sick list and hope she will soon be well again.

**EDGE HILL**  
Mrs. Alex. McCormick and little daughter of the Soo, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Thos. Ritchie, preparatory to residing in their new home in Upper Town, Durham.  
Mr. and Mrs. Barbour and two daughters of near Varney, spent the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Glenora and family.  
Miss Ella Ritchie spent a few days last week visiting friends near Markdale.  
Miss Annie Burns of Durham, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. David Robinson.  
Mr. John Firth had the misfortune to fall and break a small bone in his ankle while carrying a bag of wheat to the seed drill last Friday.  
However the break is doing nicely at time of writing.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McComb and Miss Leah, of Durham, spent one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Glen-cross.

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Under the name of a Teachers' Federation the teachers of Ontario have established what is virtually and actually a Teachers' Union with all that unionism implies. Similar unions have been established in other Provinces and Dominion Federation has been formed which has agreed to join a World Federation. Now all this would be very well if it meant simply the advancement of the interests and efficiency of the profession. But it means more than that. It means the adoption of the strike, the settling of disputes and the establishment of the boycott. The Federation is in a fair way to be an ally, or adjunct of the I. W. W. We take the position that the extreme measures mentioned above should not be permitted to employees in public services, such as the Post Office, the schools, the Fire Brigade, Light and Power Supply. We doubt their advisability and real efficiency in any case. People don't need to enter such services unless they desire. If the services are not congenial it is open to employees to withdraw individually after due notice. But they ought not to combine and put the whole country to inconvenience and loss.—Mt. Forest Confederate.

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