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SECOND SECTION

Sgt. Duncan MacNeil Of the Canadians Says Dr. Cassell's Tablets Cured His Dyspepsia Completely.

Sergeant Duncan MacNeil, of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, writing from Europe this home address is 115 Pleasant-st., Halifax, N.S. says: "For six years I suffered from frequent attacks of dyspepsia, often being bed-ridden for days at a time. When the war broke out I joined the Expeditionary Force and came to England. I had not been long there, however, when my old trouble returned and I had to go to hospital. While in hospital a friend told me of Dr. Cassell's Tablets, and I decided to try them. The first box brought such pronounced relief that I continued the treatment. To make a long story short, a complete cure was effected."

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POWER OF A PRESENCE

By William T. Ellis.

Recently there have appeared in America reproductions of a remarkable picture, which is having great vogue among the discriminating. It is called "The Presence," and shows the interior of a noble cathedral. In the centre of the picture is seen the high altar, where mass is being celebrated for kneeling worshippers; and the artist has cunningly conveyed the impression of the elevation of the host. In the rear of the cathedral, behind a pillar and amid the windows, a venerable peasant woman is kneeling, bowed with sorrow, and too humble even to approach the altar. But bending over her, in an attitude of exquisite compassion, is the figure of the Saviour, comforting the broken-hearted woman. That in reality is "The Presence."

Beautiful and powerful as is the reverent picture, with its tender message to which all Christian faiths would give assent, it also conveys the truth of the present Sunday School Lesson, that the comfort of Christ is the comfort of Himself. He is with all who mourn and seek Him. For the representative whom Jesus

The International Sunday School Lesson for May 27 is "The Holy Spirit and His Work."—John 15:26-16:14.

promised to send to his bereaved friends, on the night before he died, was none else than his Other Self, for whom no one English word is adequate, so that many Bible students employ the Greek word "Paraclete," the one who stands instead of another. "Advocate" is as good a rendering as any. For He whom we call the Holy Spirit was sent to be the very Other Self of Jesus, to all that the Master himself was to the group who gathered about his person when he was on earth. The Spirit is the Presence of Jesus: He is Christ fulfilled.

What is the Comfort.

When a dear one dies, we do not crave a philosophy, but a presence. Unreasonable our grief may be, but it desires nothing else so much as the very self of the departed one. This was the entirely natural, human craving of the closest friends of Jesus, to whom he opened his heart in that farewell discourse. They were not convinced that the salvation of the world was any compensation for their loss of him—just as millions of bereaved parents nowadays, in the nearness of their own grief, have less thought for the glorious ends that are being won by the sacrifice of their hero sons than they have for their own loneliness and loss. They want their boys back again, even though they do not begrudge them to the holy cause.

So the fitting comfort promised to his heart-broken and perplexed associates, by the Leader about to die was that he would send to them the presence of the Paraclete—the One who was his Other Self. This Comforter, this Strengthened, this Advocate, this Comforter, this Invisible but ever near and ever vocal Spirit, would continue in reality the work of Christ. He would make them brave; he would teach them truth; he would quicken their comprehension; he would show them the nature of the Father. The whole work of the Holy Spirit would be to magnify and make plain and precious the Christ who was on his way to a cross.

So we see that Jesus is not among the mortal company of soon-to-be forgotten dead, who merely leave behind them a memory—and the neglected graveyards of earth reveal how brief is that memory. Jesus left more than a memory, for he bequeathed to his dear ones a Personality and a Presence of power. His bequest was even more than a message into effect. So long as the Holy Spirit lives, Jesus himself lives.

The Sovereign's Other Self. A few days ago I had the privilege of chatting with Arthur Balfour, King George's special ambassador and plenipotentiary to the United States. He has come to this country clothed with full power to speak and act for his sovereign. He is now not his own man. In all things he is a Representative. His pledges are binding upon his king. The White House itself was never guarded with such elaborate precautions as surround the dwelling where Mr. Balfour abides. Any affront to him would be an affront to the majesty of his empire.

In somewhat the same fashion, the Paraclete came to be the ambassador and plenipotentiary of the king who is Christ. We misunderstand both his character and his mission if we attach to him a significance ghostly and eerie. He is conducting negotiations with men in behalf of Jesus Christ, who has given him full authority to act in his stead. Any honor done the Spirit, is honor done to Christ. Obedience to him is obedience to Christ. In the most personal and practical way, he stands in all things for our Saviour, to interpret his mind and to fulfill his work.

There is an old, old story of an infidel who wrote on the wall, "Jesus is nowhere." His little daughter copied it, but spaced the words differently. "Jesus is now here." That is the basic truth of the lesson. The Redeemer was planning to go from them; but also to stay with them. He had done all he could do by visible presence and audible words. Henceforth he would be present by the Spirit, through whom he would reveal much that the brotherhood had been unable to hear while he was in the flesh.

Through Time's Magic-making Glass Lincoln and Lee are greater now than they were in the sixties. Washington's glory is far above the mists of misunderstanding that surround him on earth. The power of these three is more effective now that they are dead than when they were alive. Yet they left no such surviving agency as the Spirit who descended after Jesus had arisen. The parallel holds only to illustrate the accepted principle that nearness obscures full vision. Jesus could not have accomplished as much had he continued to live in the flesh throughout the centuries as he has done through the Spirit. Then his power would have been limited by his personal presence; now it is diffused throughout the universe by the omnipresent Paraclete.

Few of us busy westerners understand the first cause of the division between the Eastern Catholic Church and the Roman words of the creed. A little Latin word added to a creed split asunder these bodies, containing the vast majority of Christians. Those words are "et Filioque"—"and from the Son." The creed had said that the Holy Spirit proceeds "from the Father." The

whole controversy is called that of "the procession of the Holy Spirit." Until war laid its devastating hand upon the East, this point was a constant theme of discussion in the Levant, even among peasants. Our "practical" America is not greatly interested in strictly doctrinal questions; nor sufficiently interested in the eternal verities which they represent. For it is more important than any problem of taxation or preparedness that we should have a firm grip on the reality that the Holy Spirit is a living power and personality in the world today.

The World Outlook.

I like to think of those ponderous hydro-electric machines in the depths of the power houses at Niagara as furnishing light and power not only for great civic enterprises, but also for small, individual needs. The very force that brilliantly lights the streets of Buffalo also illuminates the hall bedroom in a remote part of the city. It sends great electric cars whirling over the highways, and lifts the burden of the sewing machine from the knees of a tired woman.

So it is with the might of this sent Spirit, who is help for the hurt, strength for the striving, solace for the sorrowing, and fortitude for the fighter. The Paraclete's power is for the succor of saints, for the lifting of the lowly, for the salvation of the sinner, as well as for the making of worlds and the reshaping of human society. He is God at work in our times.

Twice it has been my work to encircle this old earth, studying social conditions; and now I am starting again around our troubled globe. As I have seen the unrest of mankind, and the deep, tidal movements of the times; and now watch the immeasurable resurgence of idealism that has followed, I can only account for it all by the sincere and simple faith to complete the Saviour's mission, is abroad in our day, doing wondrous works. Dazed and incredulous, we behold a new world in the making, a world of democracy, justice, liberty and peace. These are goals that justify any war. The great nations have pledged themselves that the world shall be made safe for democracy. Idealism is more than a vague; it is the deep-running passion of humanity. All the major concerns of life are now spiritual. Public addresses and state documents are a thrill and a throb with it. Verily, "His day is marching on."

What means all this other than that the promise of Jesus is being vindicated and that his Spirit is newly regnant? This is the day of the power of the Paraclete. To be a materialist or a selfish now is to be a traitor to the world and to God.

Letters To The Editor

Women on the Farm.

Inverary, May 21.—(To the Editor): I am surprised at a statement I read in the Kingston papers some time ago from a gentleman whom I thought was one of Kingston's most intelligent men, suggesting that the women of Kingston go to the country and allow the farmer's wife to work in the field. Now, from what I know of city women, there are few who are capable of managing or doing the work of a farm house, and I do not think the farmer's wife has any more right to do rough work than any other class of women. I would suggest that the women of Kingston: go into the stores and clerk, so as to allow the young men of Kingston to enlist.

I think the county of Frontenac has done quite as well as the city under the circumstances. There have been three new colonels made for Kingston, and four colonels taken from Kingston to command battalions. All those battalions are men, and many county men as city men, and the 146th Battalion had two county men to one city man, with not one commanding officer from the county, and still the men are expected to enlist in the county and be under a commanding officer from the city. I have no objections to the young men of the county filling those battalions if the men were to spare off the farms, and if there was no shortage of food. There are still more in the county, but if more food is to be produced the men are needed on the farms, and the men from the city will have to enlist. I am pleased that the world at large has commenced to appreciate the work of the farmer, who produces the foodstuffs, and I am sorry that the interests of the producers of foodstuffs are not better looked after in parliament. Is it fair that the government should commandeer cheese, fix the price, and let the railroads, elevators, steamship companies and roller mills control the price of flour which is used for the staff of life? Would it not be only fair, if the manufacturers of cheese and farmers were consulted in the fixing of the price of cheese, they who know the cost of producing. Bran at \$49.00 per ton, the price of manufacturing nearly doubled and everything considered, instead of the price being fixed at from 15 to 20c it should be at least 25c per lb. The fact of the whole situation is that everything the farmer produces and offers for sale, the price is fixed by a combine, and even every implement he buys to produce foodstuffs with he is paying a high duty on. The combine of this is, the farmers have no combines, no organizations, and no representation in parliament. This deplorable condition of things will still exist, just so long as farmers elect professional men to represent them in parliament. The farmers are not considered by the big interests of the country to be an influential class, nor a class who vote for their own interests. It was proven in 1911, when they turned down free trade, which has been granted on some farm produce since, by the very party who said it was a bad thing for the farmer in 1911.

THE WAR and the Encyclopaedia Britannica

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The magnitude of the war, in which practically all countries are directly concerned, makes it necessary that its history should be treated with the high authority that can only be attained by employing the incomparable resources of the Britannica; it also calls for the putting into concrete and authoritative form, for present-day readers and for posterity, of the facts of a chapter of history which will be of immeasurable influence on the future of civilization everywhere in the world. The War Volume will be, in fact, a complete reference work on the greatest war of history, and in its own field just as good a book as the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

The New Volume will not only give a fair, unbiased and full account of the war itself—how it started, how it was fought, the changes and innovations it brought about—but it will also deal with the results of the war outside the sphere of fighting. Particular attention will be given to those economic factors in the present war which have led to the adoption by all the belligerents of new measures to safeguard their national welfare. Articles will also be written to tell of any new discoveries or progress in industry and science.

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The date of publication will be as soon as possible after the end of the war.

THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA, per H. M. J. President.

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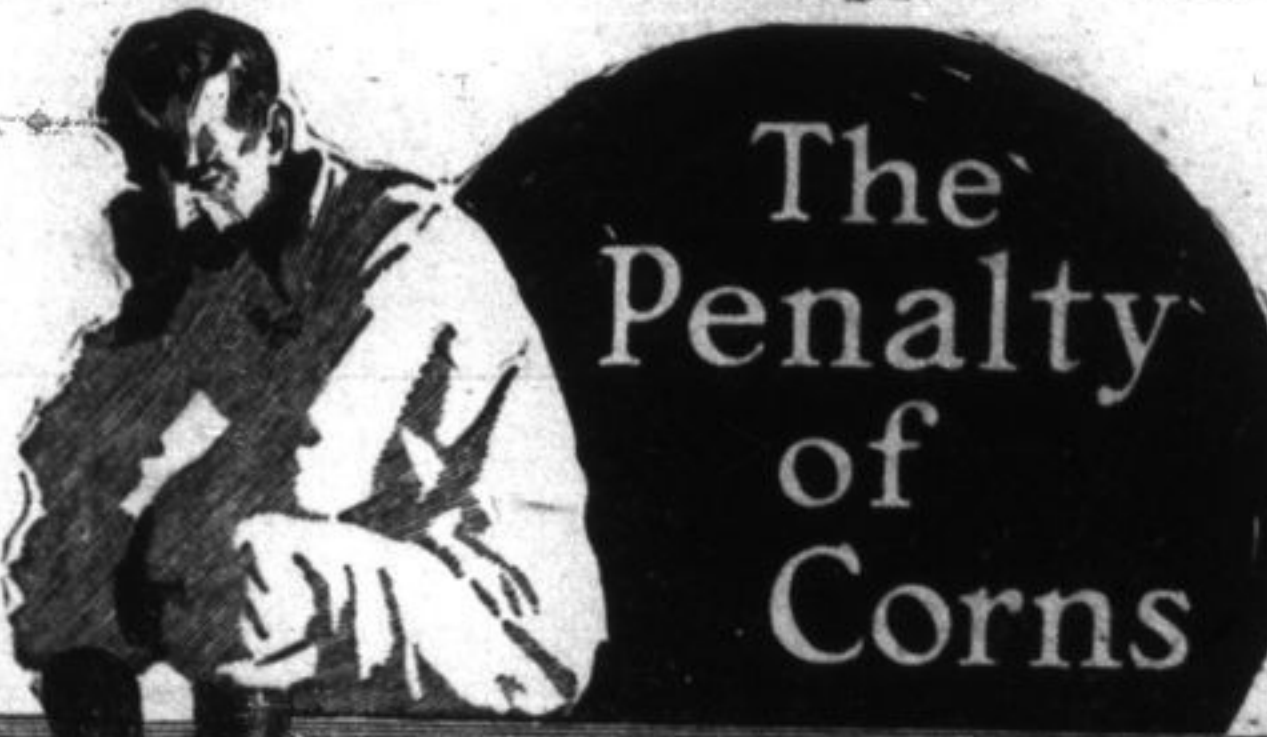
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