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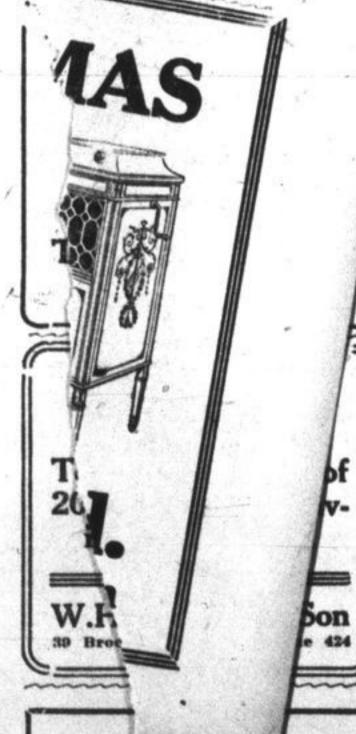
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may see, as through a microscope. Edward Scrope, Bishop of Princhester-conventional, easy-going, picture of the average poilu in the fond of his cigarette-finds himself Front line trenches, in reserve and on in a state of nervous unrest, due part. leave. He is altogether human, ly to irritations in diocesan work, possessing a highly-developed sense partly by the growing spirit of un- of humor and good-comradeship rest in the world around him. From even in the face of death, yet able unrest he passes to uneasy question- at all times to look upon life philoings, such as most men who lead a sophically. The author has sketched spiritual life must inevitably face at his characters carefully, and made

ed simplifying, clarifying, ance. Regarding the colonial solig of all trappings and orna- diers of France he writes: ons and other things that behis bishopric, and settles down through. in a London suburb, planfree, simple and open church | arer to God than he was before, ill unsettled over some things, he same lines as at first. He has

ound much of that peace which Wells leads his readers to see, once more, how small a man even a is the sign of an imminent attack. bishop is. While the book is successful in stimulating thought along lines of which this war is constantly suggestive-the relation of God to the world and of man to Chris- By Paul Geraldy, 96 pages. T. C. & tianity-there is still much that is extremely hazy about it. The iwo points which stand out boldly are the writer's opposition to the doctrine of the Trinity and to the Church

of England. There are obvious defects in this book, such as that of ignoring Christ; the introduction of a great deal of unrecognizable dialect which no place on this continent; the incredulity of imagining that the use of a drug would lead a man, as it less be widely read.

By Col. George G. Nasmith, C.M.G. 254 pages. Price, \$1.50. Clelland, Goodchild & Stewart,

Toronto, publishers. doctor sees life at the front. In his quite curiously charming. Having admirable book, "The First Can- got rid of the excessive noise and adians in France," Dr. Fred McKel- bustle of her carriages, she has taken vey Bell, of this city, gave us an on in addition to her usual splendor interesting story of hospital work, a sort of provincial gravity which the medical health staff of the city of Toronto, is a specialist on water the time of the first gas attack. He simplicity."

saw the famous second Battle of Ypres, and describes it in detail. By H. G. Wells, 341 pages. Price, Work of great importance was per-\$1.50. The Macmillan Company formed by Col. Nasmith. He analyzed the gas used by the Germans, invented the gas masks, devised a Mr. Wells is a prolific writer and system for the supply of pure wata daring thinker. Already this year er to the troops, and did other valuhe has given us three books dealing able work in sanitation and hygiene. with religion, and each of them ori- In recognition of his services he was

if not a plunger in the sea of the labored attempt at fine writing; it eous and delightfully real letters to for easy ways and a soft life, is only mystical and the unknown. Whether is a simple, straightforward narra- his Canadian mother, and comrade good, honest, wholesome hard work we agree with him or not, we must tive of the things he saw. This busi- of the spirit, he revels in the educa- —the kind of work that makes for admit his fearlessness and his origin- ness-like directness is a pleasing tional lark afforded him by the war. fibre in a man or in a nation, the ality. In the first of this trinity of change from most war books. For He has a valet, of "me own," in the kind that most city life in no wise

first sight of German gas: nozzles, expanding as it ascended; son's love for his mother. here and there brown clouds seemed to be mixed with the general yellowish green ones. 'It looks like chlorine,' I said, 'and I bet it is.' "

UNDER FIRE.

By Henri Barbusse, 344 pages. J. M. Dent & Sons, Ltd., London and

This story of a French squad at the battlefront, as translated by Fitzwater Wray, presents an intimate some crisis or another in their car. them real and faithfully representa-But in the case of Bishop tive of their class. He has presented he questionings cannot be a somewhat lengthy but interesting By a process of mental and description of their life in the battleevolution, he gradually con- scarred lands of France. He has imself that his religion and; shown us their foibles and their foll. ch are not a bond between ies, as well as their loyal comrade-God, but an obstacle; that ship and their fine spirit of endur-

> "Through the twilight comes the the clear conception of God, rolling hum of tramping men, and his soul craves. So he re- another throng rubs its way

"Africans!" They march past with faces redich man may worship God face brown, yellow or chestnut, their ce without the intervention of beards scanty and fine or thick and or the environment of mean- frizzled, their greatcoats yellowishss formula. The scheme fails green, and their muddy helmets whom he relied for financial grenade. Their eyes are like balls port does not share his idea of of ivory or onyx, that shine from sort of church in which such wor- faces like new pennies, flattened or p alone can be made, but plans a angular. Now and again comes sharpshooter.

till questioning, though not along are asked no questions. They comgoing, of course, to the first line. That is their place, and their passing They are made for the offensive.

THE WAR, MADAME.

E. C. Jack, Ltd., London, publish-

This little volume, which has enjoyed a wide popularity in France, and has now been translated into English, bridges the gulf between those at home and those in the ranks, interpreting the one class to life can be lived to its fullest and have. William should not have been genuine. the other and revealing that robust freest, where it can be met in its so cruel to the potato vendor when is labelled American, but which has philosophy of the trenches which is greatest variety and beauty, I am spuds are so cheap! common to the best fighting men, convinced that there is none to The writer pictures his few days' equal the open country. For all The Lampman would suggest to their own. Nurses have to spend leave in Paris, to which beloved city country people in these days may William that he try and locate some three whole years in study and pracingston, Ont. did the bishop, to change his view he returns with mixed feelings of those bags that are said to weigh tice as against two and a half by most of God. The book, nevertheless, admiration and anxiety. How would be more and anxiety and anxiety and anxiety and anxiety are said to weigh tice as against two and a nail by most of god. The book, nevertheless, admiration and anxiety. How would be more and anxiety are said to weigh tice as against two and a nail by most of god. The book, nevertheless, admiration and anxiety. How would be more and anxiety are said to weigh tice as against two and a nail by most of god. the people of the capital comport of men and women in America ninety—and the market is not the six months. The modern nurse Mr. Wells' best style, and will doubt- themselves under the strain of war? "Well," he writes, "I know what awaits me. Many shutters will be ON THE FRINGE OF THE GREAT up at front windows which I loved. I shall find the city in a mournful mood, but I shall enter it as one

enters the room of a beautiful woman who has been gravely ill." The gay capital of France as she appears in war time is thus described: "Paris, which I was told was so lugu-This volume reveals to us how a brious, is hardly sad at all, and

enlivened by many a narrative of suits her better than it does the provanecdote and description. Dr. Nas- inces. Everything is silent and mith goes further, and presents a calm. There is no longer an air of picture of the war from an expert's offering foreigners an almost embarassing plenty, but a feeling of contemplation, and of having remade an inner life." The mental attitude of choice, as officer commanding the the men in the trenches is depicted Canadian Mobile Laboratory with in vivid sentences. To quote: "We the First Contingent, was therefore don't think much about it. Action a happy one. His work was carried eliminates the poison which comes on for eighteen months, always just from over-much thought." "When in touch with the firing-line-"on we have marched and advanced we the fringe of the great fight"-and feel that the people who want to his book is packed with description translate these precise words into and information of an unusual cha- more grandiose ones are rather stucacter. He was near St. Julien at pid. We have gone back to a great MORE LETTERS FROM BILLY

ness of vision. Mr. Wells is nothing Dr. Nasmith's book reveals no collection of his vivacious, spontan- on as drudgery by people who long example read his description of the house of English aristocracy, where provides. he is convalescent, and enjoys a sol- - David "As we tramped along towards emn butler who was no quick-lunch Possessions." St. Julian our attention was attract- hasher." He tells of old English ed to a greenish yellow smoke as- gardens, dungeoned castles, literary cending from a part of the line oc. shrines, Zeppelin attacks, the glory One of my officer comrades had cupied by the French. We wonder of fortnightly baths, the field of gone insane, and another had been found at Briefen. An aeroplane fly- former books, "A Sunny Subaltern" in the one shell hole. ing low overhead dropped fire balls. and "Billy's Letters from Flanders" The medical officer, Captain Hay-Immediately, towards the French have been favorably reviewed on this wood, conducted the burial withline we saw this yellowish green page. The third volume is no less fa- out candle or book. The green cloud rising on a front of at least vorable. These natural, spontaneous white light from the German flares three miles and drifting at a height letters of a frank, stout-hearted Can- and the red flashes of the guns was of perhaps a hundred feet towards adian boy beautifully reveal one of the only light to show the sad little us. The gas rose in great clouds, the most sacred relationships of life party where their erstwhile comas if it had been poured from -a mother's love for her son and a rades rested. The lay parson, ex-

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There seems to be a hidden per- Lord's Prayer among them. sonal story in the publication of What a setting for a soldier fune-C. Stewart, recently issued. The flash of the guns and the green writer is inclined to fall far away flare of the German star shells silsome good verses which make a voice with the rough and ready entitled, "Personal and Private," could be said? What more would which provides an answer to the any soldier desire? question, "Why spinning words when -Col. G. G. Nasmith in "On the there's desperate work to do?" He Fringe of the Great Fight."

tried, Meighen, Bennet-all, Sam had said, "I like his shape, But . . " burst cash and pride and gall Stumbling through their measly

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OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT.

pages. E. P. Dutton & Co., New York, publishers.

bishop, though undoubtedly coal-black mask of a Senegalese related by an American woman who the Lampman. was in Belgium when the German We watch them in silence. These invasion took place. It tells, in her own vernacular, of a small a communion service last Sabbath, mand respect, and even a little fear. party's attempt to escape, and of apparently does not want any sinners All the same, these Africans seem how the author was left alone min- around, for it invited as welcome only came to Tolstoi when he wrote: "The jolly and in high spirits. They are istering to a lot of wounded English stranger . who are communicants. bears testimony to their cheerful- slighted. ness and courage, and draws many a sad little picture of intimate war. Do you care to know what a bloody the other day heard a farmer's wife, test for municipal offices, after the \$390.03; bay

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I know well the disadvantages

A Striking Tribute.

ed what the smoke was coming mud, the Red Cross hospital train so shell-shocked that he was of no from. Half a mile up the road we and rambles in quaint old London, further use and had been sent to seated ourselves on a disused trench About all that we know of the author England. Two of my friends had and lit cigarettes, while I began to is that he is a Canadian lad who had been buried out in the front one read a home letter which I had had some newspaper training. His night with two other officers-all

hausted with seventy hours' continuous work, and unable to recall a single word of the burial service. broke huskily into this rugged commendation: "Well, boys, they were four damn good fellows; let us re-75c. William Briggs, Toronto, peat the Lord's Prayer," but they couldn't manage to say even the

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With the mystery of the Bagot street dump solved, surely the City Council can tetire from the field and Tommies on the battlefield. She The strangers who are sinners feel give old Santa Claus a chance to have his say.

> whisper, say to her husband: "Well, does not appeal to most people. What- long list of James I got rid of those stale eggs ever mayor and addermen are to be for fifty-five cents a dozen." There's elected let them be chosen by ac-

bag of potatoes and sent it down to dent. Too bad her face was so un- Miss Baldwin's castle. It weighed only worthy of mention. Anyway a pearl Mae Of all places in the world where about one-quarter less than it should necklace is some ornament, if it is ler;

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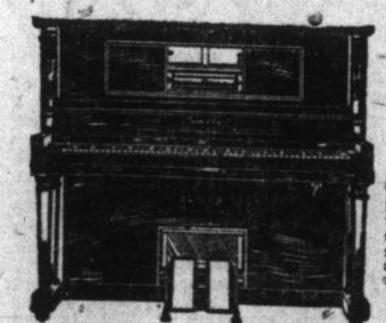
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