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EDITORIAL.

THE HALIFAX DISASTER.

The great necessity of constant readiness to meet God was demonstrated in the awful disaster at Halifax Wednesday morning, Dec. 5th.

Everything was moving in everyday order, in offices and stores, on the wharves and vessels, about the railway yards and station, hundreds of children had reached the school houses, others were on their way, people were at their work about their homes, when with awful unexpected suddenness came the terrible crash and an indescribable scene, sweeping hundreds of buildings into a tangled mass of ruins under which thousands of people were buried, many instances killed, and others terribly injured and immediately the terrifying cry of fire fiercely burning amidst the mass of ruins under which were thousands of men, women and children. Those who witnessed it, and heard the cries and saw the dead and injured lying about everywhere, say it was a scene beyond description.

In the midst of this we had two or three families. Rev. Henry Smith, his wife and four children, Brother Arthur Parlee and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay, for whom we were very anxious, and seeking for information concerning them for nearly a week and were delighted when we learned that they all escaped with slight injuries, although they lost their homes.

"Let your loins be girded about and your light burning. And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately."—Luke 12:35-36.

"Be therefore ready also, for the son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

"An unloving submission to His will is a great grief to God. It is the accepting lovingly all He appoints, because He loves us so, that makes the surrender of the will a joy and a delight to God."

JERUSALEM UNDER THE BRITISH FLAG.

We believe there is no city in the world that so many hearts turn toward with such deep feelings of mingled interest and reverence as Jerusalem, where our blessed Lord walked and taught and performed miracles, and wept over, was betrayed, crucified and arose from the dead. He lingered about for 40 days and went up to Heaven leaving the promise of the descent of the Holy Ghost upon his people, and of his return again. The fulfilment of his first promise in the gift of the Holy Ghost is a guarantee of the fulfilment of the promise of his return.

And now after being under heathen rule of spiritual darkness and oppression for nearly 2,000 years, the grand old flag which stands for temporal and religious freedom, now floats over this city where Christian civilization began its world conquest, and now again the eyes of the world will be turned to Jerusalem with the keenest interest.

The first message from General Allenby to the people was the assurance that their places of worship and religious privileges would not be interfered with by the victorious army.

The long and most interesting history of Jerusalem, originally the royal residence of Melchisedec, will be studied by the Jewish and Christian world with new and intense relish.

CHRISTMAS, 1917.

The dates on which the Highway is published (15th and 30th) of the month, makes it difficult to have a Christmas number as this issue is published ten days before and the next issue five or six days after Christmas. But our interest in this God-given day, of all days of joy to the children, and of general exchange of kindly generosity in gifts to express love, and magnanimity that keeps the souls of men from being completely hardened and dried up in the rush and absorption of present day methods of business, when commercialism is enslaving the best God-given powers to financial and political interests, robbing God of man's best affection, the home of the time which he should devote to the happiness of his wife and children, and the church of Christ of his time and best talents in advancing the kingdom of God in the community and in the world.

Poor man, rushed through life, too frequently to awaken when it is too late, that he has entirely lost sight of, and neglected the best things, in his mad race after things that are of no real value, and are now to pass away as vapor.

Christmas time this year will be more real to us than ever before, since the flag of Great Britain floats over Jerusalem. Where the boy Jesus was once lost by his parents, when they went up to Jerusalem to worship, and was found after days of searching, in a company of the religious leaders of that day, confounding them with his marvelous wisdom and knowledge of the scriptures. This will be the first Christmas that the flag of a Christian nation ever floated over the city, that was made sacred by our Lord, whose birth in a nearby country, gave to the world the Christmas blessings, who afterward was rejected and crucified by the inhabitants of

Jerusalem, but after his resurrection and ascension at the day of pentecost a wonderful revival took place under the preaching of the Apostles, and 3,000 people were converted, and a few days later 5,000 more were converted under the marvelous power that he sent from Heaven.

Churches, Sunday Schools and homes. While you are remembering our big boys and nursing sisters at the front, don't neglect the little boys and girls at home. While you are royally employed in providing for the stricken families at Halifax, don't forget the stricken at your door, and in the home hospitals.

God is great enough to bless them all.

Y. M. C. A.

Some of the United States religious periodicals are complaining of the Y. M. C. A. furnishing tobacco and cigarettes to their soldiers at the front, and in training camps. We have said nothing in print as yet, but we have done some serious thinking about this matter. It is certainly a grievous thing to many Christian parents, who have struggled hard to keep their sons free from this enslaving habit, then to have a Christian institution, that is doing a great work otherwise, to be the medium between the tobacco trusts, who boast of millions of dollars in profits, and their sons in distributing cigarettes to them, but it is also alleged that lady members of the evangelical churches do the same thing as troop trains are passing through towns and cities. If the Apostle James was writing this protest, he would say at least, Do not err, my beloved brethren.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variable-ness, neither shadow of turning."—James 1-16-17.

PRESENTATION.

We wish to acknowledge the great kindness of our friends, in presenting the following gift and address:

Dear Sister Keirstead:

It is with great pleasure we meet here this evening. The ladies of your different churches on your field woke up to the fact that you were in need of a warm coat to make you comfortable while attending the Master's work.

They with your friends of other churches around about Millville, contributed, so it is with great pleasure I present you with this coat. Hoping that you may live to enjoy its benefits with God's blessing.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Charles Palmer, who gave her time and opened her home to us, give thanks.

MRS. M. M. JONES.

I feel very unworthy of these expressions of kindness from our friends. The coat is a handsome black plush, lined with fur, which I appreciated more than I can find words to express. We can only thank them and ask God's richest blessings to rest upon them one and all continually. And may He supply every need of theirs both temporal and spiritual.

IDA M. KEIRSTEAD.

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