

AT CANADA'S C. L.

British Warships That Guard Our Shores
and Our People in Foreign Lands
in Times of Peril.

Since the outbreak of the war the safety of Canadian missionaries laboring in Corea has been an object of no small concern to their friends at home. When the season for campaigning has fairly begun on that battle ground of the Far East the bearers of the message of the Gospel who remain there will be encompassed with danger on every side. In war time the camps of even the most civilized and most Christianized nations are not a safe neighborhood for non-combatants. The Japanese and Russian soldiery may not be more savage or licentious than the troops of any other race, but men of whom the occupation is slaughter, who have had experience of the sacking of cities, are not unlikely to be violent to helpless neutrals. Possibly more to be feared than the belligerents are the natives of Corea, who may become disorderly in this time of their country's trouble, and may thereby be excited to fanatical attacks on the Christian missionaries. We know how the people of Seoul broke loose against the "foreign devils" when the idea took possession of their minds that the electric railway was a profanation and a curse. They had had a drought, and this they deemed to be a visitation of the displeasure of the rain god, offended because the power-house was built upon soil sacred to his service. And, similarly, the war with which their country is overrun may be ascribed by the natives to their harboring of Christian missionaries. No member of a missionary household would be safe in Corea a moment after that notion got abroad.

Realizing the peril, officers of Canadian Foreign Missionary Associations urged the Dominion Government to request the British Minister at Seoul to take measures for the deliverance of their brethren in Corea. A despatch was sent. The British Minister at the Korean capital promptly replied with an assurance that the missionaries would be looked after. To the missionaries themselves, operating in the interior of Corea, he at once sent word that they would be met at Long-Chin and brought to the treaty port of Wonsan, where a vessel would meet them. This was followed by an advice from the Canadian High Commissioner in London that the missionaries had been communicated with, that they would be assembled at the place appointed, there taken on board a British warship, and carried to a place of safety, probably to the British port of Hong Kong.

Merchant vessels were at that time souching and trading at Wonsan and Long-Chin, and on one of these the missionary party could have taken passage. But merchant vessels are not quite safe in waters upon which the ships of two contending navies are cruising. A trading vessel is subject to stoppage and search if it is suspected of carrying contraband goods. Nor is the manner of challenging suspected merchantmen always according to the rules of war. A Russian warship fired on a British trader by mistake. And most of the trading done with Korean ports is now by Japanese vessels. So, if the missionaries got on a merchant ship it would probably be one flying the Japanese flag. We know the fate of one Japanese merchantman. It was fired on and sunk, with all on board, by a Russian cruiser. Should a Japanese passenger or freight ship, carrying the missionaries and their wives and children, meet a vessel belonging to the Vladivostok squadron, the latter might open fire and send the trading vessel and those on board of her to the bottom of the sea. Fearing such a chance, the British Government sent a man-of-war. That was not fired on.

When they find awaiting them a formidable warship, one of the upholders of Britain's mighty sea power, the Canadian mission workers in the Far East must feel proud and grateful to belong to such an Empire. They can truly boast that they are citizens of no mean State. This Mistress of the Seas, who sends her naval vessels for the safe conveyance of Canadians from regions of danger, is the "worn-out nation" Mr. Bourassa would have Canada separated from. Canadians are British subjects, and the protection of the British navy is as much at their service as it is at that of the people of the United Kingdom. Canadian missionaries in the Far East have always been watched over by British power. Their welfare has been provided for in treaties, and when they have been molested Britain has demanded reparation. At the time of the war between China and Japan she afforded means for the missionaries to reach asylum. During the "Boxer" rising she made them the objects of her special care, and more strongly than any of the other powers did she insist on the punishment of the ringleaders of that movement against the missionaries.

But the British navy has always been a wall of defence to Canada. Our increasing foreign trade has that navy as its insurance against attack. On our Eastern coast, with

headquarters at our Eastern port of Halifax, hovers every summer the Atlantic squadron. On our western coast, with headquarters at Esquimaux, is the Pacific squadron. When Behring Sea was claimed by the United States as a mare clausum, Secretary Blaine gave notice that Canadian sealers found there would be seized. Lord Salisbury replied that British naval vessels would be there to guard them. And when the season came, no Canadian vessel was interfered with. Years before that, when feeling was hot about the three-mile limit on our Atlantic coast, a British squadron kept an eye on the situation. It is by British cruisers that Behring Sea is patrolled during the sealing season. French naval commanders would not allow our fishermen to enjoy their full rights in waters adjoining Newfoundland if British warships were not at hand to take the Canadians' part.

LIFE'S OTHER FELLOWS.

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Do you ever give the other fellow a thought? He is always near you, for the world is made up of other fellows, who are much like ourselves. That chap who has the seat next to you at the boarding house table, he is the other fellow to you, and you, my friend, are the other fellow to him. The man who sits next to you in the street car to-night, the person who works near you in the office, shop, store, or bank, he is the other fellow, and you bear the same relationship to him.

Be kind to the other fellow, wherever you find him.

You appreciate a kind word, don't you? You feel down and out once in a while, and a bit of encouragement is a great tonic. This other fellow is just like you. He has his off days, the days that are dark with the dawn, days that commence wrong and keep wrong till the night has come, and the weary head is rested in sleep. The other fellow has his days of planning, even as you.

He has his board to pay, and his new clothes to buy, and his salary isn't much.

Perhaps he is a business man. Well, what odds? He is only the other fellow to some banker or some other business head. He has his anxious hours of buying and selling, of meeting balancing days at the bank, and of keeping his account covered to the satisfaction of the manager.

Don't forget the other fellow.

Did he do a nice bit of work, tell him, it will do him good, and he will be more likely to repeat the performance to-morrow. You remember when some one told you, and you were glad. Pass it on. Did he hold you up on the street, and ask you for a nickel? Slip him a dime. He, at that moment, is the other fellow to you.

Does this other fellow compete with you in business, or is he opposed to you as a salesman, covering your ground? Remember you are the other fellow to him, and how would you like him to treat you?

Life is crowded with other fellows. When we stand in front of the street car, the motorman is the other fellow, and if we are on the rear, the conductor and the chaps who smoke are all other fellows. When we lunch, it is the waiter and those at the table with us who are the other fellows. In the church, it is the man in the same pew, and at the club the other fellow may sit across from you at the card table. How would you like him to have a card up his sleeve, or stack the pack? If we buy a paper, the newsy for the moment is the other fellow, and if we have our shoes shined, it is the other fellow to us who gave us the shine. And so it goes through our existence, we are always meeting other fellows, be we rich or poor, learned or ignorant.

So be good to the other fellow, as you expect him to be kind to you.

The world is wide, yet not so very. A Methodist minister, who is now in Montreal, who used to live in Hamilton, and whose name is spelt much like Henderson, delivered a lecture in an eastern town near Brockville. He had been through the Civil war, and his lecture was punctuated with thrilling experiences. He told of the battle of Lookout Mountain. He described how the Northern force, to which he belonged, climbed step by step. Foot by foot he took his hearers. Death stared from the mountain top. Cannon belched at them, and rifles shot them, but they did not waver. They took that hill, and one section capturing a cannon from the now fleeing Southerners, turned it on them. As the speaker told his story there was an impressive silence. Then, with one of those touches of real drama with which our lives are so magnificently colored, a man jumped up in the audience, and with a voice keen with emotion, he interrupted the lecturer and shouted: "Yes, sir, and I was one that helped you turn that gun."

He was the other fellow of 40 years before.

Remember the other fellow to-day. You may meet him 40 years from now under circumstances as peculiar as this—Charles F. Raymond, in Toronto Star.

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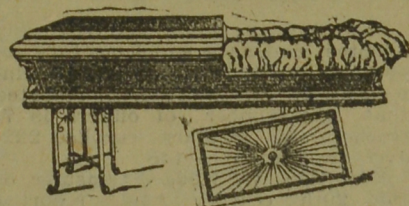
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