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oide with me; fast falls the eventide;
e darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
hen other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
elp of the helpless, oh, abide with me."

Vhat a picture of the world is preted in this verse. The sun of ce and prosperity is hidden behind black clouds of war and confusion, ging darkness over the face of earth. For many peoples the day freedom is approaching its even, and the night of bondage to ruthless tyrant is beginning to pen. Ahead lies the gloom with one star of hope to be seen. Help- relied upon have failed—everyg seems to be lost. Our own na- which for long has stood as the mpion of the oppressed and the er of the helpless, has had to fall and for the time being, abandon ll nations to a common enemy,— more, she is even now steeling self for an onslaught of fury, from e that knows no honour or reason, cold blooded cruelty and force, e the birds of prey are preparing ounce upon the possessions which be snatched away with safety ng the conflict. Where then are to look for help, for surely the ts of the past nine months should rince anyone that "vain is the help man!" It is easy to say "Look he Lord, the helper of the help- but the sober truth is that since war of 1914-1918, the world in al, including our own nation, has glected and turned from and des- God, that we have not yet reach- e stage and condition where we ook to Him. We still hope for turn in the international situ- to give us victory, we still hope st hope that everything will turn lright in the long run, and so we not yet reached the state of essness necessary before God e intreated. He is the helper of elpless, not of those who think own strength is sufficient to them through. Many are prayfor victory without fulfilling the itions necessary to ensure victory. s the individual so is the nation. two thieves at Calvary are symal of the people of our nation y. The evil threatening us is did also against the Christ Him- We have all been thieves in our ude towards God. Content in our self sufficiency, we have neglectHis claims on us—more—we have n to ourselves the credit for prosty that has come to us only ugh the goodness of God working ugh the forces of nature. And we stand condemned and in our mity we cry to God. Many are the unrepentant thief "save Thy, and us." We're in trouble, get out with as little loss and discomt as possible, save our skins, so can still go on the old way, living ourselves and thieving from God.

But there are those who realise that they are suffering justly, reaping the due reward of their sins, but with the assurance that Christ lives and in His own time will give the victory and will establishd His power over all. And with repentant hearts to God for past sins and neglect and with the sincere desire to cleave to Him in the days to come, no matter what has to be endured they can pray "Lord remember us." Oh, that these words might find a resting place in our every heart. "Righteousness" (not self-righteousness, but the righteousness of a humble, contrite heart) "righteousness exalteth a nation." Therein lies the path to victory. Let us, therefore, all who know these things — band together in earnest prayer and example, that our nation may speadily be brought to helplessness before God at no matter what cost, that in His strength we may be exalted.

On Sunday evening Mr. Gordon Blair spoke on "Fulfilled prophecies" illustrated with slides, showing how the judgments of God against those who rejected Him and the blessings on those who received Him had been fulfilled down through the ages, closing with a beautiful slide of Holman Hunt's "Light of the World" and calling upon the men to clear away the vines of sin and open the door of their hearts ere He leaves them for ever. May they be given grace and courage to obey.

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GENERAL'S VISIT.

INSPECTION OF CAMPS.

UNITS IN TRAINING.

A visit of inspection to several camps in the Northern Military District was made on July 8th by the Chief of the General Staff, Major-General J. E. Duigan, C.B., D.S.O., accompanied by the officer commnading the district, Colonel N. W. McD. Weir.

At Alexandra Park, Epsom, General Duigan saw the 1st Battalion Auckland Regiment (C.O.R.) at work and he then went to Papakura mobilisation camp to see units of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force carrying out their usual routine.

After lunch at Papakura General Duigan left for Ngaruawahia camp to inspect railway units of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force as well as Territorial officers and noncommissioned officers who are undergoing training under the new scheme.

CAMP INSPECTION

Governor-General At Trentham

During a two-hours' visit to the Central District Mobilization Camp, Trentham on 13th July the Governor-General, Lord Galway, inspected hutments and other buildings and watched the troops training. He inspected the forestry, railway and engineering units and addressed them briefly.

His Excellency, who was accompanied by his aide-de-camp, Lord Dormer, was met at the entrance to the camp by Colonel R. A. Row, D.S.O., Officer Commanding the Central Military District, and the Camp Commandant, Lieutenant-Colonel H. D. McHugh, M.C., N.Z.S.C., and during his inspection was accompanied by these officers and Lieutenant-Colonels A. S. Wilder, D.S.O., M.C., V.D., L. H. Jardine, D.S.O., M.C., and J. H. Irving.

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"Poor old Fred seems to have got it badly," said Maud.

"What's he been doing now?" asked her friend.

"Well, ever since he got engaged to the vicar's daughter, he's been wearing his collars wrong way round, and now he's having stained-glass windows put in his new car."

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Sergeant-Major: "You've only one spur."

Recruit: "Yes, sir. The other's broken."

"How the dickens do you expect to ride a horse with only one spur?"

"Well, sir, if I can get this side of the horse to go I think the other side will follow."

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WITH A PINCH OF SALT WATER.

We've three not-so-bad ones about the sailor coming along next:—

A sailor was spinning his yarns to a youngster—and was making a hair-raising job of it, too.

"Once, when I was shipwrecked, sonny," he said, "I was all by myself and lived for three days on a tin of sardines."

"Gor blimey, sailor," said the boy, "you didn't have much room to move about, did you?"

Here's the second of 'em:—

Out for her daily walk, the ancient lady met a sailor and stopped him. "I've always wondered," she said, "why sailors wear such loose-fitting clothes."

"Lor, mum," replied the sailor, "It's to allow for shrinkage when we fall overboard."

A nervous lady makes the third one:—

She was returning to England after war had been declared, and asked a ship's officer why they were proceeding so slowly.

"Fog, lady, fog," he replied.

"But there's no fog, man. Why, I can see the stars."

"Maybe," said the officer, "but we aren't going that way—leastways, not unless the boiler bursts."

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