

(Letter from Edwin Scrymgeour, Dundee, Scotland, to Ms. Lucy Furman, 20 Nov 1941)

2 Errol Terrace, Dundee, 20/11/41

Mrs. Lucy Furman,
Frankfort, Ky.
Dear Madam;

Your favor of 27th September reached me on 11th inst., and in reply, it is very remarkable that Mrs. Scrymgeour and I were just a night or two before its receipt recalling our happy association with the Moffat home circle in the earlier days of the Prohibition Party, of which they were great supporters. Mrs. S. well remembers the first-class scones which Mrs. Moffat gifted frequently to the Party stall in the Public market. We are exceedingly pleased to learn of her dear son, Fred, as your Pastor, who will be a great joy to his beloved Mother.

Now as to the main purport of your lengthy letter, the writer, like other members of our family circle, has always had a general interest in the subject of Scrymgeour claims to the Standardbearership of Scotland. But being engrossed in the movement of "lifting up a Standard for the people" for Abolition of the Liquor Traffic, I left my journalistic brother, Norval, to specialize in acquiring and publishing particulars of the oldtime legal struggle for the Scottish Standard, and I can assure you my brother Norval knows what he writes about. Consequently, I put your letter into his hands, and am glad that he has taken time to write some notes upon the subject, although, owing to some trouble with his eyesight, he has considerable difficulty in writing. You will doubtless find his notes most interesting, though not just bringing out what you might have expected so far as personal interests are concerned.

We do constantly thank God that Dundee, although reported by the enemy to have been set on fire, has been most marvelously protected. Only once did some bombs cause two deaths and some destruction of property.

The Dr. Scrymgeour to whom you refer as being in charge of an Hospital at Nazareth we remember as a son of the Scrimgeours, a wholesale Grocer family of this city, with whom, as Scrymgeours, we're distantly connected.

It is very gratifying to know from earliest years you have been an active worker in connection with the W.C.T.U. [Women's Christian Temperance Union], bringing to remembrance the ever fragrant memory of Frances Willard.

There is no political movement in the history of this country that has been so wretchedly betrayed by its professed supporters than what has been termed the Temperance Party. Truth to tell, Britain has been steadily losing in spiritual power, and is sadly in need of a mighty Revival.

With prayerful wishes for yourself, Mrs. Moffat, and her dear son Rev. Fred, and all your co-workers for Christ's Kingdom, from Mrs. Scrymgeour and myself, I remain, Yours in the Blessed Master's service,

Edwin Scrymgeour

P.S. What an inward joy it is that notwithstanding all the accursed War conditions, the approaching Holy Christmastide reminds mankind "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee", E.S.