

CONSCRIPTS YOUNG AND OLD AT VILLEFRANCHE.

On the last Sunday in January, an old custom dating back to 1860 is annually observed in the town of Villefranche.

All the young men of 20 years of age who are called to service in the Army meet their elders whose ages range up to 80,- and they parade with gay abandon through the streets of their native town. ~~Time~~ holds no barriers for these sturdy conscripts, and youth and old age meet on equal terms, and take a holiday together.

VINE GROWERS FETE ST VINCENT.

St Vincent, patron saint of wine growers, is feted fervently every year in Burgundy. * Every year they meet in a village where vines grow and hold a religious ceremony, singing and parading the streets in honour of St Vincent. Here in an old Roman village they held this annual ritual, presided over by Monsignor Sembel, Bishop of Dijon. The Chevaliers, wearing their picturesque robes, chanted their chorus of praise for the good wines of Burgundy. * Mass was said in Church, and the priest blessed the bread and wine.