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The Outlook

The Call to Abstinence

Our Canadian Bishops have strongly recommended abstinence from the use of alcoholic liquors during the present war, and the Bishop of Kingston has urged the importance of the opportunity of showing, by example, a strong appreciation of the splendid sacrifices being made by our soldiers and sailors. In view of all this movement, starting with the action of the King in banishing intoxicants from the Royal Household, it is natural that Canadian Church people should be urged to make an effort in this direction. But it would seem as though several leaders of opinion consider that conditions in Canada are so unlike those of Great Britain that anything in the way of a general movement on the part of the Churches would not be productive of any great effect. This may be so, but, as the Bishop of Kingston points out, this is an opportunity for emphasizing self-sacrifice, and thereby bringing about a great moral, national and social uplift in righteousness. Any personal sacrifice is justifiable at such a time as this, and as the war is ours as well as England's, it should call forth the very best we can show as a testimony not merely to our loyalty to the King of England, but to the King of Kings.

A Splendid Work

When the Toronto Down Town Church Workers' Association was organized two years ago by the confederating of five parishes in the congested and central part of the city, the idea in the minds of those interested was to relieve, in some degree at least, the distress and suffering of poor families in that district, to look after and provide the means of existence for strangers coming into the

city and to extend a warm welcome to Church life. During these two years the work has grown to enormous proportions, showing to all, most definitely and clearly, just what the need is for City Missions and social endeavour in this part of Toronto. There are hundreds of cases of tuberculosis in every stage, and on these the workers of the Association keep careful and guarded watch. Tired and worn-out mothers are helped, cheered and comforted; but perhaps the greatest work of all is for the little children. The appeal that touches the heart quickest of all is the cry of the children. Every child born into the world has a right to a fighting chance for life and decent existence. But how can they get it in this hot and crowded down town district? Babies die by the score during the summer months for lack of proper nourishment and fresh air. Last summer the Association were unable, for want of proper accommodation, to send to the country even half the number of children requiring an outing, and it was heart-breaking to see so many left behind to waste away in stifling rooms and filthy yards. During the past winter the Association have used all their energies to try and provide better accommodation for summer outings, and by various means funds have been raised, and a farmhouse on Lake Simcoe has been secured for a summer home, where it is hoped children and delicate mothers may be sent out in detachments, and be given an opportunity to gain in health and strength so as to be able to stand whatever stress the winter may bring. Sunnyside Farm is a delightfully large and airy house, with grounds surrounding it which promise good times to the children, but the rooms are as yet empty; furniture and equipment are required. While in Europe the death toll of the War runs into thousands daily, here at home we can at least decrease the death toll on little lives by our care in giving them the chance of life. Seven dollars will send a mother and baby to the country for two weeks. All donations can be sent to Miss H. D. McCollum, 97 D'Arcy Street, Toronto. "He gives twice who gives quickly."

The Speakers' Patriotic League

A fine opportunity for stirring up the people to the realization of the tremendous issues of the war is provided by the new organization, known as the Speakers' Patriotic League, of which a branch for Central Ontario has just been formed. President Falconer is of opinion that the League may do a very important work in conducting a campaign of education, for the people need to be informed and aroused in regard to what is involved in the present struggle for true civilization and Imperial ideals. Dr. Abbott, of the University of Toronto, is the Honorary Secretary of the League, and will be glad to give information to those in various districts who desire to make arrangements for a visit. The cost of speakers will be nothing more than their expenses, and it is fully believed that when those sections of the country which have not yet responded adequately to the call realize what is at stake, the result will be at once seen in a general interest and strenuous effort. The present is the psychological moment for emphasizing the duty of all citizens to do their utmost to bring this war to a speedy and righteous conclusion.

Bishop Excommunicates Bishop

A very definite echo of Kikuyu has just been heard in the excommunication of the venerable Bishop of Hereford by the somewhat youthful

Bishop of Zanzibar. The Bishop of Hereford recently gave a Canonry to the Rev. B. H. Streeter, the editor of the book, *Foundations*, which was one of the topics of criticism in the now familiar Open Letter of the Bishop of Zanzibar. The result is that Bishop Weston has issued a declaration excommunicating his Episcopal brother of Hereford, and the terms of the sentence are very curious. "We, Frank, Lord Bishop of Zanzibar, hereby declare and pronounce that, so long as the ground of our complaint set forth above remains, there can be, and from this day forward there is, no Communion in Sacred Things between ourselves and the Right Reverend John, Lord Bishop of Hereford." This is certainly strange phraseology, but the Bishop of Hereford does not seem greatly concerned. Writing "as an old man to a younger," he naturally tells the Bishop of Zanzibar that he has "been led to take too much upon" himself, and he remarks, with surprise, that Bishop Weston's "natural modesty" did not suggest public action being left to the proper authority. Now, although neither Canon Streeter nor his book can be welcomed by those who believe in the full doctrine of the New Testament concerning our Lord, it does not seem to be the right method for one Bishop, a young man, to excommunicate another Bishop, more than old enough to be his father. Besides, as it has been pointed out, Canon Streeter continues to hold a license to officiate from the Bishop of Oxford, so that, logically, Bishop Gore ought next to be excommunicated by his younger brother of Zanzibar. If the matter were not so sad and serious, it would be positively amusing, but it shows the state of the Church of England, and, in particular, the mind of the Bishop of Zanzibar. Only one thing, however, is likely to come of such an absurd action. The issues of Kikuyu will be seen to be more serious and fundamental than ever. It is one thing to protest against alleged disloyalty to the Christian Faith; it is quite another to take the ridiculous action of the Bishop of Zanzibar and to make his Episcopate a laughing stock in the eyes of those who do not keep themselves abreast of Church affairs. "'Tis true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis, 'tis true."

A Noble Ideal

It is with the deepest regret that we have read of the death of Lieutenant W. G. C. Gladstone, grandson and heir of the great English statesman, W. E. Gladstone. Lieutenant Gladstone had only just reached the front when, in the endeavour to locate a sniper, he was shot in the forehead. He wrote from the trenches a letter to his mother, expressing his gladness and pride to get to the front, and also saying this: "It is not the length of existence that counts, but what is achieved during that existence, however short it may be." These are fine words and indicate a noble spirit. They remind us of what life really is. It is not measured by time, but by quality, and we shall all do well to pray and strive that whether our life be long or short, we may be able to achieve the right and accomplish the true as we endeavour to live to the glory of God.

The Ontario License Board

The Ontario Government has appointed five gentlemen as members of the new Central License Board, provided for by the amendment to the Act. Its first work will be the problem of restricting the liquor traffic in the Province. It will not be called on to deal with the issue of licenses for the present year, but during

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