

Appeal to Save the Children of Bible Lands

Editor Ontario.

The remotest place on the continent in these stirring days is not so secluded to feel the world-thrill and to have a part in the great movements that are making the world a better place to live in, and alleviating its suffering.

I have been appointed by the Provincial Sunday School Association and the International Sunday School Association, as a leader of a campaign looking toward a continent-wide Sunday School Visitation Day, Dec. 1st, when every Sunday School in North America, where possible, will be visited by a representative of the organized Sunday School Movement, in behalf of the suffering thousands in Bible lands.

"Christian North America" is being called on at this time to pour out its money for Victory and Liberty bonds and for war service activities of every kind. It is responding

nobly. Another challenging call, however, is sounding in the ears of the Christian people of North America. It is the call of over two million people in Bible lands—Armenians, Syrians and Greeks, of Asia Minor.

These people, who are the hope of civilization in Western Asia, have endured, and are enduring, such suffering as our American minds cannot conceive. They have been massacred and deported. Men have been separated from their families and ruthlessly murdered. Attractive women and girls have been sold as slaves or taken by the Turks. The rest of the women and children have been driven into the mountains and the desert, and the path over which these refugees have gone is strewn with dead. In the past two years over one million have died from massacre, deportation, exposure and disease. But the dead no longer challenge us; it is those who live and can yet be saved.

The ravages of war the past year have added to their horror. The Turkish armies have destroyed

everything in their wake. Four million people, destitute of home, clothed only in rags, and facing the cold of winter and starvation. One million of these can be rescued by relief agencies. Four hundred thousand of these are orphans. The relief agencies can do nothing unless North America furnishes the money.

The land where Christianity had its birth is asking for a practical demonstration of that Christianity now. All the denominations have united to answer this call from the East and a campaign has been launched to raise two million dollars from the Sunday Schools of North America. Every Sunday school is asked to give a Christmas season offering to Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund.

To make sure that no Sunday School is overlooked in this appeal, the International Sunday School Association is planning to have every Sunday School visited on Dec. 1st, where possible, for the purpose of explaining the need, creating enthusiasm and pledging the schools to make as large an offering as possible

The International Sunday School Association in this campaign is working in co-operation with the Armenian and Syrian Relief Committee in New York, and two million which they are to raise is part of a larger campaign for thirty million dollars.

The Armenian and Syrian Relief Committee have already done a wonderful work in ministering to these suffering people and have been enabled to save thousands of lives. The committee, directed by leading men of the continent, and its work has been highly endorsed by President Wilson, Sir Robert Borden, the Premier of Canada, and by Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft. One feature of the work of the committee is unique. It is enabled to devote all the money collected for relief work to the immediate cause for which it is given. Expenses for collection, printing, postage and administration and the transmitting of funds, are met privately. Distribution of all supplies is cared for by the American consular forces and missionaries, who are sent to the lands where the "shepherds" followed the guiding star to Bethlehem's manger.

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Today the whole world is watching the star of hope rise in the East. Heavy clouds have four years been hanging over the Bible lands, spots made sacred by the light of Jesus. A country which has given to us our Christian religion has witnessed multitudes of men, women and children die from the lack of food, clothing and shelter. The familiar byways and highways connected with our Biblical stories and journeys have been strewn with those who have been driven from their homes and perished on the march to the desert.

Personally I am stirred with this worthy and mighty call. I trust that every Sunday School within the borders of the South Hastings Sunday School Association will rise in their might and give a worthy Christmas offering to help save the children and suffering mothers of Palestine, Armenia and Mesopotamia where, thank God, our gallant British armies have conquered the unspeakable Turk, after holding away for centuries. These boys and girls are the hope of the future in that land where the "shepherds" followed the guiding star to Bethlehem's manger.

South Hastings' Sunday School Association consists of the towns of Trenton, Deseronto, Township of Tyendinaga, Thurlow and Sidney. Let every Sunday School worker get into the harness. A cold winter is ahead for those people. We have plenty to eat and wear for ourselves.

"For I was an hungred and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger and ye took me not in; naked and ye clothed me not."

May this not be said of us.

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Trenton

TRENTON, Nov. 6.—His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught declares the Canadians have made made for themselves an imperishable name in the history of arms, and there is no allied force with a richer share of honor. Now it is up to those left behind to share their honor by buying Victory Bonds. "Do it today."

Mr. W. Crawford Craig was a visitor to Belleville Tuesday of this week.

Miss Marie Daley is visiting with her family at Cornwall, Ont. Let us forget Buy Victory Bonds. Lieut. T. F. Marshall, visited the Imperial Munitions Board Offices at Cobourg Tuesday.

Strive to do your share for peace. Strive to buy Victory Bonds. It is cheering to note the cases at our emergency hospital are considerably smaller today.

Capt. E. T. Sterne, chief chemist, attached to the chemical works was at Brighton yesterday.

Mr. Eben James has leased the cold storage plant to a local company.

We hate to see so many familiar faces taking their departure from our town.

Mr. Jas. L. Cox is making good recovery.

Victory is yours; have a real share in it and buy a bond. Mr. Jas. Ward left for Montreal today.

Mr. R. H. B. Elkins returned from New York City today. Buy Victory Bonds today.

"Let our object be our country, our whole country, and nothing but our country, and the blessings of God, may that country become a vast and splendid monument, not of oppression and terror, but of wisdom, of peace and of liberty, upon which the world may gaze with admiration forever."—Daniel Webster, United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Flatters, of Toronto arrived here today.

Real estate here is not very flourishing these days. Mrs. Marshal F. Brown has quite recovered from the influenza.

Mr. Arnold Gibson left for Montreal at noon today.

Mrs. M. E. Matchett with her son Master Ross left for Toronto today.

Mr. H. L. Dragan took leave of his many friends today, prior to his departure for New York.

Mr. J. A. Sutcliffe returned from Lindsay today.

Mr. Harold Baker returned from Nanawau today, having quite recovered from the "flu."

Trenton is resuming its former appearance, plate glass windows which were damaged at the explosion, being replaced daily.

His Worship, Mayor Ireland was a visitor to Belleville today.

Buy Victory Bonds and so do your bit before it is too late.

Today is your chance—Victory

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Luxuries as usual mean a victorious Germany—conserve and buy Victory Loan Bonds.

Canada needs your subscriptions—call on your bank and arrange for a Victory War Loan Bond.

Bride in Egypt and Groom on real Lakes Married by Proxy

Great Lakes, Ill., Nov. 7.—After a courtship by wireless, a wedding by proxy, with the bride thousands of miles away, united Miss Emily Orel, of Cairo, Egypt, and Lieut. Rudolph Winger, of Chicago at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station Tuesday.

The romance began in Egypt when Lieut. Winger was assigned to the U.S.S. North Carolina. Miss Orel is the daughter of an Italian Marquis, who was married to an English woman. The marriage license was obtained in Washington two months ago and a copy mailed to the bride, who obtained a similar document in Egypt and sent a copy to this country.

At the ceremony the bride was represented by Miss Grace Belle Reams, of Chicago and the service read by Chaplain Charles W. Moore. A bluejacket orchestra played the wedding march. At the close of the event a wireless message was relayed to Egypt and Mrs. Winger started at once for this country to join her husband.

Must Procure Permission

Under an order issued by the secretary of State, Washington, effective November 11th, 1918, all persons going from Canada to foreign destinations by way of the United States seaports must procure permission for embarkation before leaving Canada.

Such permission may be arranged for either by executing Declaration and procuring visa on passport before one of the American consuls in Canada, or by making formal application before any of the United States immigration officers located in Canada upon forms furnished by the said officers.

In order to allow sufficient time for investigation, transmission of papers to Washington, etc., applications should be filed either with the consul or the immigration officer at least 17 days prior to the date of proposed departure.

The State Department invites special attention of prospective travelers to the fact that unless they have obtained visa by an American consul, the said Department must decide whether or not departure from an American port will be allowed, such decision being based upon the application submitted through the immigration officers. Passengers are accordingly warned not to proceed to the port of embarkation until they are in possession of either the consular visa, or proper certificate from the U.S. immigration authorities showing that permit for departure has been granted.

The foregoing applies to all persons not citizens of the United States, and it is effective regarding all destinations including Mexico, U.S. insular possessions, etc., but not including Bermuda.

United States citizens seeking to proceed to foreign points are required to have passports issued by the State Department, applications for same being obtainable from the various American consuls.

AFTER THE WAR

Editor Ontario.

The minds of people generally, all over the world, are in a state of wonder as to what is ahead, and many and varied are man's thoughts as to the future.

The result is much speculation as to how the war will end. Will wars cease as a result of a league of nations? Will the world be better after the war ceases and man settles down to make it a better world? Will the Jew get his land back and become a nation again? Etc., etc.

In the face of the awful condition of things in the world, is there any way by which we may arrive at a knowledge of the world's future?

I would like to bring before your readers some Scripture teaching bearing on this subject, that may be helpful at this critical time through which we are passing.

It is sometimes asked, why does a loving and merciful God not put an end to it and stop all this misery. But man's reasoning is worthless, so

it must be set aside; and if we would know what God's plans are we must go to His Word which makes it plain.

To go back close on to 2,000 years—God sent His Son into this world, and had the world received Him and given Him His place as King, what a different world it would be. He healed all the sick, blind, deaf and lame, fed the hungry, and even brought the dead to life. But what did they do to Him? They murdered Him. They were willing to receive the blessings, but hated Him because He exposed their sinful condition.

The Jew was looking for a saviour to deliver him from Roman bondage and give him back his kingdom; but they didn't want a saviour to deliver them from their sins. Jew and Gentile said, away with Him; and although He could easily have delivered Himself from their hands, He suffered Himself to be led as a lamb to the slaughter, there to take the sinner's place and die in the sinner's stead.

For this crime the world has not yet answered, but its judgment is in store. We hear a lot of world-betterment after the war, and a league of nations to keep it right. But God's Word holds out no such way of righting it.

We are now passing through what Scripture calls the last days, or the times of the Gentiles, beginning with the descent of the Holy Ghost, which times will end when the Lord Jesus comes back to take His place and reign over the earth. Satan will then be cast into the bottomless pit, and this poor sin-cursed world will enter upon a millennial time of peace and righteousness, and those who are His will reign with Him; and not till then will there be a lasting peace.

But wonderful events will happen ere that time. The first unfulfilled prophecy is (1 Thess. 4:16-17)—"For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first." Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. And any day this may be fulfilled. The condition of things in the world at present is so much like what other Scriptures tell us they will be at that time that we may conclude it is close at hand.

Then follows a period of at least seven years—seventieth week of seven years (Dan. 9:27). At the close of that seven years the Lord returns with His saints, (previously caught up) to reign over the earth during the thousand years of millennium that follows.

If we would know what the world will be like during the last half of those seven years, we get it in Rev. ch. 6-16; and I don't want to be here during that time.

At the commencement of the seven years the Jew will be back in his own land (and we can easily see that he will soon be there). The church, composed of, blood-washed saints, born-again ones, will have to be caught away. The Spirit of God will also be gone (2 Thess. 2:7), and Satan, the god of this world, will for those seven years have it all his own way. And Matt. 24, as well as Rev., tells us of the tribulation of that time, tells us what is ahead instead of the peace of which we hear much.

As we approach that period the world is taking on its character. We are getting a taste of what is in store for a Christ-rejecting world after the church is caught away and the wars, famines and pestilences of Revelations are poured out on this ungodly world, which is waxing worse and worse, at the close of the seven years and previous to the Lord taking His place as king and ruling. The battle of Armageddon will be fought, resulting in Satan's being cast into the bottomless pit (Rev. 20:1-3).

Space will not permit in one article of a detailed account of what will take place during those seven years after the Lord comes to meet His saints; but later on, if the Lord tarry, I shall be glad to go into more details as to what is ahead. Meantime the door of mercy is still open and all who will may come and accept the gift of eternal life, through faith in the finished work of Christ on Calvary, and be ready for His coming.

Thanking you for the space.
George Perry.

THEY'RE ALL GOING

Ludendorff had had to go. Von Tirpitz, he went long ago. Bethmann-Holweg's on his farm. Hindenburg has taken alarm. Soon the Kaiser too will go. What a gang there'll be below!

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