

MILITARY CHANGES

Capt. Thomas W. Todd, A. M. C. Training Depot No. 1, has reported for duty, and has been taken on the strength of that unit, camp orders announced.

Lieut. Ross W. Mohr, on leave of absence in Canada from overseas, is attached to No. 1 Casualty Unit.

Ptes. Cyril E. W. Hayes of the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. R., and Robert B. Stewart, Lance-Corp. Norman McK. Lee and Pte. Riley A. Bradford of A. M. C. Training Depot No. 1, have been released for re-enlistment in the Royal Air Force.

Capt. William Bernard MacDermott, C. A. M. C., is detailed for duty as representative, Canadian Medical Services, with the American army, with effect from April 4, 1918.

Lieut. John Alfred Peat, C. O. R., is detailed for duty in the branch of the director of records, military headquarters, Ottawa, with effect from March 27, 1918.

Major Robert Bruce Ross, 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. R., having finished conducting duty, returned to regimental duties on April 2.

Sergt. John Ezra Grieve, 7th Regiment, (formerly 13th Battalion, C. E. F.), ceases to be employed at the mobilization centre, London, Ont., with effect from the 21st ult.

C.S.M. Albert Spinning, No. 1 Special Service Company, having returned to his unit from command to the British-Canadian Recruiting Mission, New York, U.S.A., is taken on the strength with effect from the 5th inst.

Four more drafted men have been granted leave of absence without pay by Brig.-Gen. L. W. Shannon, D. O. C., of this district, on recommendation of the leave of absence board.

The names follow: Pte. William E. Rose—To August 1, 1918, and then to be re-examined.

Pte. Robert Nelson Reid—To May 31, 1918, and then to be re-examined.

Pte. Gordon Bailey—To October, 1918, while farming.

Pte. Leslie Colly Jennings—To May 31, 1918, and then to be re-examined.

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War Means Better Relationship Between Nations, Says Dr. Braithwaite.

Delivering the closing address of the spring meeting of the Western Association of Congregational Churches last evening, the president-elect, Dr. E. E. Braithwaite, discussed "Some After-Effects of the War." He declared that the basis of the relationship between nations in the past has been fundamentally wrong, and that the war has come for something broader even than an imperial or an Anglo-Saxon parliament. A federation of parliaments of the world is needed, he said, as the solution of the problem of making world peace enduring.

Both Should Benefit.

"In business relationships men are realizing that the most profitable transaction is the one in which both parties benefit. We need to develop this spirit between nations, a spirit of inter-patriotism, which should no more interfere with patriotism to one's own nation than a patriot's love for his country should interfere with patriotism to Canada," Dr. Braithwaite said.

"We are finding out that it is not only wrong, but unprofitable, for a nation to consider its own interests alone in the fixing of tariffs. The fixing of duties is a question which should be discussed in a federation of parliaments. The immigration question is another, not only from the standpoint of the country wishing to shut out immigration, but the one desiring to emigrate. The practical application of the Golden Rule is the surest basis for permanent peace. This is not visionary. It is looking to the establishment of God's kingdom on earth, even as it is in heaven, the object for which the churches are working."

The closing item of business of the conference was the decision to leave the dates of fall meetings with the executive, to meet the convenience of the new president, Dr. Braithwaite.

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ULTIMATE RELIGION

OF PEOPLE IS SHOWN IN THEIR POLITICS

Hamilton Pastor Discusses Canadian Problems at District Meeting.

"The ultimate religion of a people is expressed in the politics of that people," was the declaration made yesterday afternoon by Rev. W. E. Gilroy of Hamilton, chairman of the Congregational Union of Canada, in the course of a broad-voiced address on "The Church and Canadian Life," delivered at the conference of the Western Association of Congregational Churches in the First Congregational Church.

"If the church is strong in religious thought," he continued, "there will be no question about its rule of political thought. Christ has a message for the industrial and political world and for social life. How far is the church of Christ giving that definite leadership?"

No Church Control.

While entirely disassociating his statement from any idea of the church exercising control of the state, the speaker declared the protection of the state to be the weakening and fostering of Christian ideals in the citizenship of the state.

"If the church is going to preserve its power and life, it must have a larger mission than ever before to those outside the church," he insisted.

Strong conviction, leadership, loyalty and adaptability, the speaker dwelt upon as essentials to the church in meeting the conditions of the present, and those which will arise after the war.

As in the great world war which is raging, there are greater issues to face than we ever conceived," he continued, "so in the great war against unrighteousness which the church in Canada must wage we will have issues to face greater than any of which we have ever dreamed."

Mr. Gilroy questioned if the church is meeting anything like the results it should in proportion to its membership, its fine organization in the way of colleges, denominational papers, etc.

"God does not seem to be the power that is determining the ruling ideas of society," he said, adding, "We are not concerned enough about the meaning of the gospel and its application to life."

Dr. James Davidson expressed the opinion that the one great need is the need of controversy to determine the meaning of the gospel in the present situation. The great revivals of history have not been founded on passing fads, but on firm convictions.

Lack Leadership.

Concerning the leadership of Mr. Gilroy said: "We have strong denominations in Canada, but we lack strong religious leadership. I doubt if strong religious leaders would be acceptable to the churches. The trouble is that the men fitted to be leaders are too often buried in denominationalism, buried under the weight of conventional religious life and form. They are priests rather than prophets. We need conviction, not dogma, and loyalty, not church membership. Loyalty creates leadership. I don't believe there is in the church the spirit of loyalty there should be, whatever the denomination."

Must Be Prepared.

The church, he declared, must hold itself prepared to mould itself to meet the conditions in Canada as a result of the return of the soldiers from overseas and the reconstruction process that will inevitably take place.

"We stood in danger of missing our opportunity through our conservatism and conventionalism," he warned, adding, "Following the Franco-Prussian war, Roman Catholicism and Protestantism alike lost their chance in France, and the new gospel that gripped the people was that of Secularism, because it was sincere. The trouble with us is that we are inclined to glory too much in what we are doing, instead of concerning ourselves over what we are not doing."

While paying full measure of tribute to the influence of the church in Canada, as manifested in the enlistment of such numbers of young men of the churches for military service, and giving the church its due concerning the lowering of the walls of denominationalism and the service rendered through the "by-products"—social service, the Y.M.C.A., boys' organizations, etc.—the speaker held to his statement that the church still requires to be and do much more to adequately meet the needs of the day and the future.

Beyond the Church.

"A considerable part of the religious life is outside the church, and this is our judgment on the church," he said.

"What of those outside?"

"The church people aren't interested. The church people gave very little concern about getting under the skin of these people outside, and finding out what they are like. To a great many people Jesus Christ is a long distance away. A flesh and blood revelation of the Eternal God in the followers of Jesus is what is needed today by the souls of men in darkness."

"We are proud of our soldiers, but when we come to consider our political life we hang our heads. Since the beginning of the war the need has been demonstrated of strong leadership."

"As Congregationalists we are united from coast to coast in Canada, but there are thousands of members of our denomination across the boundary line with whom we have no connection. We haven't yet found our religious international enough. Imagine a national Christ! The tyranny to the boundary line is greater than the power of Christ."

An interesting discussion followed the address, in which Rev. W. H. A. Clark of this city, Rev. G. A. Mackenzie of Stratford and several others took part. Reports from the church represented at the convention revealed encouraging conditions.

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