

REPORT OF B.C. ARMY AND NAVY BOARD.

Your Committee expresses appreciation of the visit of Captain Oliver Hezzelwood, and note with pride and pleasure what has already been accomplished by the Army and Navy Board of our Church. The substance of Captain Hezzelwood's address and resolution of Conference we hereby incorporate as part of our report.

We urge that every care be taken on each field to preserve permanent records of enlistment, that these be inscribed on suitable Honor Rolls, and that the utmost advantage be taken of the opportunities thus presented for the inculcating of national ideals.

We are especially proud to learn from Captain Hezzelwood that British Columbia Methodism has so far measured up so as to meet more than her strict proportion of the half-million enlistments called for, which, however, will in no wise deter our constituencies from adding to the number. There are additional reasons for this, inasmuch as the Western Provinces have a larger percentage of men of military age.

We rejoice to know that in this time of crisis, the Christian Church has proved a great recruiting agency, and are especially gratified at the part played by the Ministry of the Methodist Church.

We beg to point out that the expected enactment of the Selective Draft presents a great opportunity for our ministers to proclaim afresh in all its meaning the glory and obligation of Service, and in this regard the Church will be rendering to the nation service of the highest importance.

It need not be said that we earnestly trust our Ministers will put forth every effort to keep in touch with the boys at the front, by regular correspondence from the Church, if possible once a month. The Pastor likewise should be among the foremost to welcome the boys as they come back. In this personal ministry for those who have gone forth and those who return we shall be fulfilling the highest mission of the Church.

As members of Conference we desire to say, from the heart, out of all the stress and anguish of the time, that we have unshaken faith in an over-ruling Providence and in the ultimate triumph of Christian ideals.

It will be necessary to continue the Conference Committee, but we have no directions as to the mind of the Conference touching the question of personnel. Present members are: Revs. G. H. Raley, S. S. Osterhout, E. Thomas, W. L. Hall, G. Bell, W. Savage.

- G. H. RALEY, Chairman.
W. L. HALL, Secretary.