

## “The Terms on Which I Serve”

**N**O better text for a forenote for a “Patriotic Number” of a publication could be found than the statement made regarding the terms of service, by Earl Kitchener, in his first speech as Minister of War, in the House of Lords.

¶ The terms are the same as those under which the rank and file serve. The reference as made had a particular bearing on the time of service, but we can rely on it, that in so far as it has been necessary on any occasion for Kitchener to “serve” by roughing it in the field, he has been ready to “endure hardness” equally with the humblest man in the ranks.

¶ That spirit of true leadership which inspires men to deeds of valour in a military campaign is no less essential for successful warfare in other armies; and it is times of stress and strain in the life of churches, business houses, and communities, which provide opportunities to ministers, employers, and leaders to show unmistakably the kind of spirit which animates them.

¶ In the measure in which a general is prepared, in testing times, to share with his men the roughness and rations—which, in the case of business men and leaders in other lines of service, may be represented by limited income and accumulated capital—in that measure will the rank and file be ready to follow and fight, if need be to the death.

¶ True patriotism inspires a spirit of self sacrifice, and its war cry is not, how much can I get, but, *how much can I give, how best can I serve?*