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THE NATIONAL DUTY.

"There are hundreds of thousands of young, vigorous and capable men who can be spared for this glorious duty, who are still not in khaki. If they hesitate any longer they will be forever shamed. If they refuse to respond to their country's call, the nation must and will claim them on other terms.

"Fellow-countrymen! there cannot be rights without duties. Freedom cannot exist where men are not prepared to defend it. The defence of the country is the elemental duty of every capable citizen. Where the country calls all must respond. It is not contrary to the principles of democracy, nor out of harmony with the bases of trades unionism, to enforce on all citizens that national solidarity implied in the duty of national defence. The men who shrink now will assuredly be compelled to play the game, or be treated as national black-legs."

—Manifesto of the British Socialist
National Defence Committee.

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(By Rev. S. D. Chown, D.D., General
Superintendent of the Methodist
Church in Canada.)

"We are now living on the highest
peak of history and for generations
to come men will look back upon these
days and ponder."

OUR BOYS

Previously reported:

Dead	41
Wounded	67
Prisoners	7

THE CALL.

The call has come,—the call which Canadians at large and civil servants in particular have been expecting for some time,—the call for aid to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

On New Year's Day, His Royal Highness the Governor General appealed to the people of the Dominion on behalf of the wives and children of the men who are fighting for the Empire in the ranks of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. It is an appeal which no argument can strengthen. The heart that does not respond to it is cold and hard beyond any influence of patriotism or gratitude. Through the Patriotic Fund the people of Canada dispense no charity,—they merely pay a debt. Shall it be paid grudgingly, reluctantly, and in niggard measure, or freely, gladly and generously?

Civil servants are urged to join in the organized movement for a Civil Service subscription. The plans for the collection are being carefully prepared, as indicated by the bulletin published elsewhere in this issue. The Civil Service has done well in sending men to the front, in Red Cross work, and in previous subscriptions to the Patriotic Fund. This new call gives the Service opportunity to make another creditable showing and to once more demonstrate that no class of citizens surpasses them in readiness to support the nation's burden by every means in their power. That the opportunity will be welcomed there is no doubt. The civil servants