

THE BOYS

Archdeacon Cody's Tribute to the Y.M.C.A.

The following reference to the Y. M. C. A. its relation to the Church was written by the rector of St. Paul's Church, Toronto: "The Red Triangle is a symbol of a great and efficient instrument of the Christian Church. Innumerable letters from the front and from England, many of them enclosed in envelopes bearing the stamp of the Red Triangle, testify to the helpful social and philanthropic service rendered to our sol-

diers by the association. Its officials and its equipment are ministering to their material, social, intellectual and spiritual needs. Its organization of study classes behind the lines is a stroke of genius, for mere amusement finally palls. Whatever helps to give our fighting champions cheer, comfort, education and religious faith deserves and will receive the hearty support of the homeland."

Rev. T. T. Shields Speaks from Experience

Rev. T. T. Shields, pastor of Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto, makes the following statement:

"I visited all the principal Canadian military camps in England in the summer of 1915, and again in 1917.

"It is a ministry in a very real and effective way to spirit, soul and body.

"Under its auspices many of the ablest and most effective preachers of the world, of all denominations, have carried the gospel message of salvation and comfort to every soldier who would hear it. By this means multitudes have been won to Christ.

"The value of the wholesome entertainment provided and of the educational work carried on in the camps cannot be overestimated. In view of the monotony of camp life and the temptations which inevitably beset the lonely soul, such mental diversions as the Y. M. C. A. provides are as necessary as food, and as welcome as clear shining after rain.

"Only those who have tasted of camp life can properly appraise the value of the Y. M. C. A.'s physical ministry to our men. The canteen work alone would justify the presence of this organization in all our military camps.

"I regard the military work of the Y. M. C. A. as being one of the greatest military enterprises, and one of the noblest philanthropies in the world today. With all my heart I support its appeal for funds to enable this splendid organization to continue its great ministry to those heroic men who deserve the best that we can give."

Rev. Dr. W. H. Hincks' Warm Praise

Rev. Dr. W. H. Hincks, LL.B., of Toronto, writes:

"The amazing record of manly achievement by the Young Men's Christian Association overseas is the last word in muscular Christianity. It is also an outstanding example of the rapidity with which the Christian Church can adapt itself to abnormal as well as normal needs. These young men of the Christian Churches have upheld the best traditions of Christianity in their work for our soldiers, sailors and aviators. As everybody knows, the world's best

athletes organize the games; the world's ablest ministers conduct the religious services; and the leading talent in music and entertainment takes care of the boys' desire for a good laugh. Words simply fail us in describing this work throughout its many ramifications. Of the religious work it is sufficient to say that it is a manly presentation of robust Christianity. Thousands of decision cards are being signed, and scores of thousands of men spiritually refreshed and toned up for the great task they have taken up."