

## THE CHURCH AND THE RETURNED SOLDIER.

One of the most important duties which confronts the Christian church in Canada at the present time is her treatment of the men who have returned from the war. Nothing that our churches can do for those who have saved our lives and liberties can be too great; our most cordial reception of them will be all too little when compared with what they have done for us. They have a new conception of what comradeship and fellowship mean in their arduous experiences in the trenches and on the battlefield. They believe that the same spirit should prevail in the church which abounded in the army. If the people of the churches remain indifferent to their need for comradeship or fail to show them that a genuine interest is being taken in their social, spiritual and even physical well-being, they will be apt to remain outside our communion altogether. Nothing could be more fatal to the future of the Christian church than to lose their assistance, the new vigor and the ideals of practical service which they can impart to the life of the congregation. No one can estimate the new power which will come to the church, the larger charity, the freer and more helpful spirit which will be infused into the body of Christ in this land if they can find the atmosphere of brotherly love in our midst. To this end the Christian Men's Brotherhood Federation wishes to group together the church members of all denominations in extending cordial propaganda among the returned soldiers and in setting up for them every helpful agency that can be devised. In furthering communal work of this nature our Federation is already suggesting