

Pastora Address

TO THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

Assembled once again in Annual Conference, we take the opportunity of addressing you in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom we have received grace and apostleship. After the toils and triumphs of another year we are reviewing its work, taking sweet counsel together, and in the spirit of dependence upon God, with a renewed consecration to His service, we are deliberating as to the requirements and possibilities of our beloved Church in the days that are to come.

"We are living, we are dwelling, in a grand and awful time; in an age of ages telling; to be living is sublime. Oh! let us stand with you for the truth's sake go abroad. Strike! let every nerve and sinew tell on ages, tell for God."

"A sacred burden is this life ye bear. Look on it, lift it, bear it voluntarily. Stand up and walk beneath it steadily, fastly. Fall not for sorrow, falter not for sin. But onward, upward, till the goal ye win."

In the task with which God has entrusted us, we are confident we have your fullest sympathy and prayers. You are sharing with us the joys and sorrows, the privileges and responsibilities, the victories and defeats of the cause of our Master and King. We pray you may share with us in the day of the great awakening, the commendation of the Lord—"Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world." "The end, then, let us live and labour; it is only in so far as we are faithful will shall succeed in our life's great work."

Our sessions are being held during the trying times of a great war. This is the fourth Annual Conference with its shadow of the great war, the clash of arms, the awful carnage with the sacrifice of noble manhood has made our earth desolate. We deprecate war with its horrors, suffering and bloodshed, however much we believe our cause is just. The present conflict is for spiritual ideals, liberty, righteousness and truth. These were the principles which Britain first gave the call to arms, and in the words of ex-Premier Asquith, let it be again said: "We shall never sheathe the sword which we have not rightly drawn until France and the rights of the small nationalities of Europe are placed upon an unassailable and lasting peace is secured for the world."

We rejoice that Methodism has recognized, and has responded to the call of the land that gave its birth. Methodism within the bounds of the Empire has realized the gravity of the present situation and she has made a generous response to the Empire's call, placing upon the altar of sacrifice many of her noblest and brightest sons. Let us remember no service too great, no sacrifice too heavy, can aid not only our Empire's cause, but the kingdom of God.

"For doubts that led us to the larger trust, For hills to conquer, for the love that fights, For that stronger faith that vanquished axe and flame, And gave us Freedom for our heritage. We thank thee, Lord!"

The call of the Ministerial roll has brought with it feelings of sorrow and regret, all have not been privileged to reply. Two of our brethren have transferred to other fields of toil. Rev. F. R. Matthews, B.A., having supplied our most important service given to the highest honor his brethren could confer upon him, goes to a field of labour in the Montreal Conference. Rev. H. Scott, after thirty-four years of arduous service given to some of the most trying fields of Newfoundland, goes to the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference. Rev. N. M. Guy, after eleven years of faithful and efficient service, goes to the Nova Scotia Conference. We pray that God's blessing, the Holy Spirit's guidance, and the joy of heaven may be theirs in their new sphere of service.

Our Honored Dead. During the year death has made its toll upon our homes in general. In all who mourn the loss of loved ones we extend our genuine love and sympathy. We think particularly of the call that has come to our "brethren in Christ."

Our beloved Superintendent Emeritus, Rev. Dr. Carman, has passed away. Dr. Carman was an able statesman, devoted to Christ's cause and in achievement. He was a statesman, administrator, preacher, patriot and a Christian. His faithful years of service have been translated to the higher service of the Kingdom of God. Time is too limited to set forth the details of his service in such a way as to show the complete range of his influence. We can truly say, however, "He, being dead, yet speaketh" and Dr. Carman's association with Methodism can never be obliterated.

Rev. J. W. Baggis, a probationer of the Conference, died of wounds, received somewhere upon the battlefields of France. We have lost a promising young man as Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our brother, who has been chosen, could have been with us to-day for Ordination, but he heard the call of duty and has laid down his life upon the altar of sacrifice, and service. He lives with the immortals who counted not their lives dear unto them.

To the loved ones of our two brethren we offer the comfort of the Holy Book, the Holy Spirit, and the strength of Christ. "He can give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

The Spiritual State. We have made a survey of the work of the year, but have recognized that tabulated facts do not accurately represent the toil, consecration, prayers and service rendered, in the establishing of the Kingdom of God amongst men. Upon the shores of

eternity we shall learn just what Methodism has stood for during the Conference year that has closed. There has been given the joy of harvest, to others, it has been a season of sowing; let the sower and the sower rejoice together. We acknowledge the faithful service rendered by our loyal lay workers at the remote outposts of the Church. But for this loyal band of consecrated men and women, our Churches and Sunday Schools would have desolated forces and Methodism could not stand so strong a force for righteousness as it does to-day throughout Newfoundland.

The supreme message of the Church must be for the full surrender of the life to Jesus Christ as Saviour, Lord and King, and the maintenance of Godliness in the heart of the individual. An age of re-construction is said to be dawning, but the great fundamental doctrines of the Christian Church will abide as the unchangeable Son of God. "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

If there are to be social changes, let us give our fullest support to all which have the Spirit of Jesus at their heart. Jesus Christ may enter into some homes and lives through feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and healing the bruised bodies of humanity. A wounded German soldier said to the Chaplain who was ministering to him on the field of battle: "If there is anything in your religion that makes a man feed his enemy, give him drink, and give him his coat to keep warm, if there is anything in your religion that makes you do what you are doing, you may talk to me about it."

We have little influence or power over the person to whom we have not been of some service. We are saved to serve, and new opportunities are being ushered in with the new day that is being born. "I will, therefore, that men pray everywhere," says the Apostle Paul. Let us learn that the more pressing become the obligations of our modern life, and the greater the distraction of the world, the greater the need to enter into the inner chamber and shut the door, to pray unto the Father and through fellowship with Him find comfort, rest, inspiration and strength. Our Missionary Zeal.

We rejoice in the ever increasing zeal and enthusiasm in the great world-wide cause of Christian Missions. During the past four years of world war, subscriptions for the extension and consolidation of the work of God have increased year after year. By an unanimous resolution at the last Annual Conference we set as our objective for this year the amount of \$21,000. The Missionary Barometer shows that we have gone over the top, and report an increase of \$4,953. This is only a small proportion, however, when we think of the \$400,000 which the objective of the whole Church throughout both Dominions. Christian civilization is in danger, Christianity has not failed, but the peoples it has not been tried, and if the Church fails in these momentous days, her opportunity for the world's evangelisation in this generation is lost.

We are asked to broaden our vision and liberality, \$1,000,000 is the goal for the year upon which we are entering. Can we reach it? We reach it if we will. The Mission Board's Home Base Standing Committee's report contains the following paragraph: "We reassert our conviction that the standard of missionary giving to be kept before the whole Church should be not less than an average of ten per cent. of the total income. With our present membership of 381,601 the realization of this standard would furnish a total missionary revenue of \$1,948,802. For the year 1918-19 we recommend the adoption of an objective for the General Fund of \$1,000,000 for Missions." We have every confidence that Newfoundland Methodism will do its bit. The objective for 1918-19 is \$30,000.

Social Service and Evangelism. After eighteen months' trial we can be thankful for the success of the Social Service Act. This Act may not be perfect; it may not be ideal; it may not be satisfactory to all classes. As members and adherents of a Church that has been always to the front in Temperance and Moral Reform, it is our duty to see that the law is fully enforced.

The City of Saint John's and the Outports are the better for the passing of this Act, and the elimination of the saloon is a step nearer the establishing of the new Jerusalem. The Social Service Congress held last November proved a mine of information as to the possibilities of the usefulness of this department of our Church. Its gatherings were attended by large and deeply interested audiences. The experts in the various sections of Social Service brought to the Congress the best results of their close observation and investigation. The great appeal is for the practical christianizing of all life—economic, social and political—the greatest good to the greatest number is the ideal and test of all social institutions, and let legislation be for the uplifting and refinement of all classes.

Social Service stands for "equity of the home," "rights of childhood," "equity between employer and employee," "the care of delinquents and defectives," "the redemption of criminals," "suppression of the drink traffic," "gambling, social vice, and every menace to society."

It is to be hoped the Social Service Council for Newfoundland will be actively engaged in the protection of the larger interests of humanity. Sabbath Observance. The Church as the chief conservator of the institution of the Sabbath must stand on guard for the preservation of this priceless heritage. Its sanctity is imperilled in many ways. The emergencies of the war have thrust upon us many problems which have caused us to neglect the Sabbath. We must not allow the day to be utilized for the enrichment of the capitalist, or for the gratification of the pleasure seeker and selfish

ends. We would not seek to legislate as to the rule of conduct in the abnormal conditions brought about through the war, but we call upon every representative of Christ's Church to give earnest endeavor to preserve the Sabbath as a day made for man for the development of spiritual ideals, and to give unnecessary engagements upon an institution that stands out as the great essential to our physical, political and national well being. "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father." Is. 58: 13-14.

"Bright shadows of true rest! some shoots of bliss, Heaven once a week; The world's gladness preposited is this; A day to seek; Eternity in time; the steps by which We climb above all ages; lamps that light; Man through his heap of dark days, And full redemption of the whole week's flight."

Worship and Praise. The Psalmist said: "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem." It is necessary to emphasize the necessity of attendance of the Sanctuary. Are there complaints of deserted congregations on the Lord's Day? Is the service of such a character as to be helpful to the worshipper? The Pastor in charge of the service should can answer these questions. We are the stewards in Holy Things, let it be seen in us that we are faithful.

As Methodists let us see that the family occupies the pew at the Sunday morning service. The call to worship is real, the soul requires the bread of life as it is dispensed by the Christ in the service of worship and praise. We can ill afford to neglect any of the means of grace. King George said a few years ago to the people of Great Britain: "Wake up! May we not repeat this call to the members and adherents of the Methodist Church. 'Wake up!' 'Hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown.'"

The mid-week services, Class meetings, Sabbath School, Young Peoples' Societies, Missionary Auxiliaries, Circles and Bands are spiritual life in life, they are means to the great end, namely, the enrichment and ennoblement of a perfect character and personality.

The Hymn Book. Hymns rather than Church polity or creed show the essential unity of all true Christians. In psalms and hymns and spiritual songs the many sections of Christ's Church respond as with one voice in the service of song.

The Hymn Book Committee believe the wisdom shown in the wide range of hymns chosen from every branch of the Christian Church, bringing us into a fellowship with all who love our Master and Lord.

The finest hymns of Charles Wesley have been preserved to us; hymns that have moved congregations, awakened sinners, brought comfort to the distressed, and have built up men and women in the Holy Faith, are found in the new book. We commend this book to your use, trusting it may be a source of inspiration in worship and a faithful companion in the pilgrimage of life.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." This is the testing time. Our foundation, our building, our pillars are being scrutinized. Christianity will not fail. We need not fear the scrutiny; the more intense the research the clearer the power of the Eternal Christ shines.

Jesus Christ has never been known to fail. He responded to the "appeal" of the world. He gave sight to the blind. He imparted comfort to the distracted sisters at Bethany. "He is the same yesterday, to-day and for ever." Had Jesus Christ been known to fail? Have you known Jesus Christ to fail? The battlefields of Europe, vacant chairs, disappointed hopes, broken hearts, lonely lives and sorrowing mothers have put to the fullest test. Ask that mother sitting in the loneliness of her chamber looking upon the portrait of her boy who is sleeping somewhere in Germany or France. What is her reply? Jesus did not fail.

He has a gospel of hope. We have a Christ who is alive for evermore. He has the keys of hell and of death. He has burst the powers of the grave. There are not times for Christian despair, this is the time for Christian faith and fortitude. Clouds and darkness are in the sky but "follow the gleam." "The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge." "Be still and know that I am God."

Let us watch, let us pray, let us labour and let us live that His Kingdom may come. His will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Then the kingdom, the power and the glory shall be His for ever. Amen. L. CURTIS, President. HARRY ROYLE, Secretary.

The finest collection of War Films ever given in St. John's will be exhibited Thursday evening, July 4th, at the Casino. Reserved seats 50 and 40c. July 2nd.



CABLE NEWS.

WAR SUMMARY.

Hurling themselves at the tip of the salient driven into the Allied lines by the Germans late in May, the Americans and French have won important ground near Chateau Thierry. The attack was local in character but its success may prove important in the future operations, in the part of the battlefield nearest Paris. The assault was aimed at the hamlet of Vaux which is situated on the south side of the Chateau Thierry Paris road and on the north slopes of Hill 204. Vaux is about two miles from Chateau Thierry. This was carried by the rush of the French and Americans who also occupied two small patches of wood in the near vicinity. The Germans almost at once began counter-attacks in attempts to regain the lost positions, but their efforts failed. In the initial attack and in their repeated assaults against the new lines held by the Allies the enemy has suffered very heavy losses, at least 500 prisoners being taken by the French and Americans. One entire German regiment is reported to have been virtually annihilated in the battle. Thrilling air battles between nine American planes and an equal number of Germans is reported in the Chateau Thierry region. At least three enemy planes were destroyed, while two American machines failed to return from the encounter. On June 27th the French reported they had taken Hill 204, a height dominating the City of Chateau Thierry. It appears, however, that the Germans have been holding at least part of the height or that they have by an attack which hasn't been reported, succeeded in occupying the Hill once more. The Allied attack on the north side will tend to render the enemy's position on the Hill less secure and may force the Germans to re-locate their front west of the Chateau Thierry, Troy, where the Americans have been successful in several fights and have won important ground. British forces northwest of Albert have been forced to fight to hold the positions which they took from the Germans on Sunday night. A determined attack by the enemy at that point threatened to wrest the captured ground from the British, but heavy counter attacks flung the foe out of all but one of the trenches he had occupied. The French front west of the Chateau Thierry and Rheims has been the scene of considerable local fighting, in which prisoners were taken by the Allied forces. French troops occupied the village of St. Pierre Aigle, southwest of Soissons, which they lost three weeks ago. The German official report of operations on the French front since the Allied attack on various points were repulsed. It specially mentioned the attack west of Chateau Thierry as being unsuccessful. Italian forces near the important Asiago Plateau, have suddenly shifted their attack to the Mont Grappa region east of the Alps. The important Asiago Plateau positions have been carried and nearly 600 prisoners captured by the Italians. Czech-Slovak troops fought in the struggles of the past few days in the mountains. There is still no indication that the German drive is about to be renewed, in spite of the fact that it is almost three weeks since the fighting north of Compeigne came to a stop. British, French and American forces which have been sent to protect vast stores transported there before the collapse of Russia as a factor in the war, probably will be called upon to face a serious attack soon. Despatches from Christiania say that German and Finnish troops are pushing north toward the coast.

AMERICA'S ARMY IN FRANCE. WASHINGTON, July 2.—American troops sent overseas numbered 1,019,115 on July 1st. This was made known to-night by President Wilson who gave to the public a long and important address disclosing a record of achievement which the President said must cause universal satisfaction, and which will give additional zest to our national celebration of the 4th of July.

GERMAN REGIMENT WIPED OUT. WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES ON THE MARNE. (By the Associated Press.)—An entire German regiment has been virtually annihilated in the fighting west of Hill 204, according to official information.

ITALIAN SUCCESS. ROME, July 2.—The Italian forces this morning launched an attack against the Austrian positions in the region of Grappa on the mountain front, and captured important positions. They took 659 prisoners including 19 officers and captured machine guns.

U. S. SHIP PRODUCTION. WASHINGTON, July 2.—Ship production in the United States in June amounted to 280,400 dead weight tons making a total of the 1918 production to date of 1,084,676 tons. The June production which is at the rate of 3,364,800 tons a year is a new record for the United States and is the greatest output of ocean-going tonnage ever completed in any one month. It comes within 15,000 tons of the world's record for shipbuilding made by the British shipyards in May, but which included all classes of ships.

GERMAN ATTACKS FAIL. PARIS, July 2. (Official.)—German counter-attacks west of Chateau Thierry, against the positions captured by the American troops have completely failed. The village of St. Pierre is again in French hands.

AVIATION WORK. LONDON, July 2.—British aviators yesterday disposed of 48 German airplanes and three balloons according to the official report on aerial operations issued to-night. Of the airplanes 25 were destroyed, 15 were driven down out of control and two landed behind the British lines where the occupants were captured.

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BLACK and TAN DURABLE COTTON HOSE—Extra good value, fast colour, 25c. and 30c. per pair.

BURSON FASHIONED HOSE—Knit fit without a seam, widened leg, narrowed ankle, shaped foot, 50c. and 65c. per pair.

WHITE MERCERIZED HOSE—Good Hosiery at a special price in this day and time—that is rare. Take hold a pair of these, 25c., 40c. and 50c. per pair.

WOMEN'S FINE SILK HOSE—In shades of Black, Tan and White; silk ankle with fibre top. Just what you want for this warm weather, 45c. and 55c. per pair.

Although there is a shortage of supplies in some of our departments, we have succeeded in obtaining good lines of Hosiery which we offer at special prices.

S. MILLEY.

Newfoundland in Action.

Newfoundland went "Over the Top" with a vengeance in the great Victory Loan Drive. Already, with the campaign but ten days' old, the objective has been reached, and overpass. This will be thrice-welcome news to the boys at the front. This is a message which will ring in their ears, and lead new life to them in the fight. This is a result of which they will be proud indeed. But we must not rest here. The amount of the Loan has been enlarged in order that no subscriber may be disappointed in not receiving the full amount for which he or she has already asked or may hereafter apply. This is only fair to those whose applications may be delayed, or who, through living in remote parts of the island, may not have been able to send in their forms yet. This ready and spirited response on the part of our people to the War Loan appeal is the very best proof, if proof were needed, of the value of the Victory Bonds as an investment, while it also forms another illustration of their devotion to the great Cause for which they have taken up arms. The objective has been reached, but it has now been decided to push on. "Carry on" must now be our motto, and the campaign will be continued until the 27th July, by which time we are certain Newfoundland will have achieved as glorious a record at home as our sailors and soldiers have won for us overseas.

Now Landing: 50,000 Red Brick.

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An Octogenarian. A few days ago we had the pleasure of renewing acquaintances with one of Carbonara's oldest citizens in the person of Mr. Richard Taylor, who at the advanced age of 82 is still hale. At the time of meeting Mr. Taylor he was engaged in painting a fence recently put up by himself without any help. In his early days "Skipper Rich" was a successful planter, prosecuting the fishery at Indian Tickle, Labrador, and at one time owned the three masted schooner "Siren." He has been retired from active employment for some years.

"I Will No Be Responsible. For any debts contracted in my name" That is a declaration which you cannot make in connection with the War. The men who have fought and are fighting for you overseas have placed you under a debt overwhelming in its proportions. It is a debt which you cannot shift to someone else. It is a debt for which you are responsible solely and individually. You are in debt to the valiant living and the glorious dead who have fought YOUR battle, who have suffered while you have dined that they might live. Now an opportunity is offered you to repay in a small way some of the obligation imposed upon you. You can do it by subscribing to the War Loan. And at the same time you are doing your duty by your family because you will be investing in high interest yielding Bonds, backed by the best security in the world. Here is a chance to better yourself, provide for your family, and do your duty by our brave defenders. Avail of it. Do not let a day pass before acting on that impulse. Do it Now, and you will be grateful to yourself ever after.

Just Received! A shipment of goods which we have been short of for some time and unable to obtain until now.

Carbolic Acid. Cod Oil Emulsion. Senns in packages. Shampoo Powders. Nursing Bottles (English and American). Nursing Bottle Fittings (Black and Yellow). Nipples (Black and Yellow). Comforters (all kinds). Fuller's Earth. Seiditz Powders. N. B. — We sell Revenue Stamps.

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