

"PREPAREDNESS"

SERMON BY REV. R. C. BLAGRAVE, B. A., D. D., OF CHRIST CHURCH, BELLEVILLE, ON TIMELY SUBJECT

"Preparedness" was the subject of a sermon delivered at Christ Church by the Rev. R. C. Blagrove, B.A., D.D. "Preparedness" is a word, he said, to reckon with these days. We hear it on all sides, and we have become acquainted with its significance on such a scale as to give it full meaning. There can be no mistake, even in the popular mind, at least in the living present, as to the value and importance of it. Since the commencement of the war the burden of our lament has been Britain's unpreparedness. If we had been prepared for war, as our enemies were, it is said, there would not have been any war, or if there had we would not have suffered the anxiety of the first twelve months, when flesh and blood alone had to resist the efficiency of the perfected machine. If we had been prepared Belgium would not have been overrun, nor would the thundering Hun hordes have advanced to the vale of the Marne and the gates of Paris. Thousands of the noblest and bravest lives of Britain and France have been sacrificed because these nations were not prepared for the initial iron stroke of the German machine. Hence it is that we know from bitter experience what our unpreparedness has cost us. It has afforded indeed one of the most decisive proofs, that Britain and France were not responsible for the war, and that Germany was, but it is far too great a price to pay for the proof. In one branch of service we were prepared and by a comparison of its efficiency with failure in other directions the importance of preparedness becomes the more evident. Our navy, in bulwark as well as the cement of our Empire, sweeps clear the seven seas, and declares to a questioning world that there is such a question as British efficiency too, and that Britain knows well the indispensable asset to her imperial existence.

Tonic Preparation. The great surprise about our enemies is their capability to sustain from within, by their own resources and energies, so long and so persistent a warfare, surrounded as they are by so threatening a band of steel. But from the beginning it was evident that Germany had made preparation for almost every emergency, and her own internal resources were not overlooked in the calculation. The strength of her resources in munitions and in the manufacture of all kinds of explosives, together with the furnishing of all the essentials for them, independently of shipping and imports, is the most telling example of preparedness the world has ever seen.

Readjustments After the War. The world is already seriously taking to heart to apply this lesson so recently and so bitterly learnt. We are already making preparation for the end of the war. The readjustment of the world's life which will follow the declaration of peace cannot, without grave peril to the wellbeing of the European nations, be left to chance. The reopening of channels of trade and the resumption of industrial activity must be anticipated, and efforts must be made to avoid the clogging of the wheels of commerce, and the paralysis of economic activity which are certain to take place without intelligent and systematic preparation. A Paris conference has been held with a view to coordinating the economic interests of the Allies, as against those of the Central powers. Sir Rider Haggard has been sent around the world to appraise the possibilities which other parts of the Empire afford for rapid and efficient distribution and settlement of returned soldiers, and for industrial cooperation and development. It is most important that these matters should be taken up and properly organized, so as to bring order out of chaos as speedily as possible after the war. We have learned the lesson of preparedness very well so far as our national and material interests are concerned, because we know from experience the fearful cost of not being ready.

Preparation in Spiritual Sphere. But there is a sphere in which we may quite unwillingly fall to learn, or to apply, the lesson, and where failure involves just as grave and serious loss and pain as in the matters we have been considering. We may fail to realize that the law holds good in the weightiest matters of the soul and spirit. A warning has been sent out, and has been heralded incessantly since the beginning of the Christian era, a warning which no one can plead ignorance of, and about which no one can say, as has been often said with regard to England's unpreparedness for war, why were we not told? or why, if told, did the people not hear? They have been told and they have heard, even though they have not heeded, the warning that came from the heart and mind of Christ Himself. "Be ye therefore ready."—Ready for what? "For in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." And what does that mean? It means judgment. Be ready for judgment; all the time ready. It is the same thing as to say be ready to die. Be ready to die, did we say? No, that is not what is meant. Be ready to live. The warning is to be ready to live hereafter—live so here as to be ready to enter into the fullest, freest, most glorious life, hereafter. The warning is personal and individual, but it is also national. The individual is the unit. The nation and the world is made up of so many individuals, and the urgent appeal to prepare for the fullest, freest life, hereafter, is for the nations and the world to make the greatest preparation here. But hereafter the individual is not lost in the mass and each one's own personal life is at stake under the great summons. It is none the less worthy because individual; none the less the most sacred obligation in the world because it means looking after one's own salvation, because that is the way the whole is saved, for looking after one's own involves the losing of it in the service of the highest end. It is the antithesis of personal interest, or narrow selfishness. We are saved by service; saved by the greatest effort that is possible to be made in resisting wrong and upbuilding right.

The most worthy purpose in all the world is this very one. It is the heavenly, the supermundane one. It runs through or rather lies back of everything notable that has ever been achieved. All truly great efforts turn upon this centre. Everything worthy that the world or men have ever done, has a religious motive—a supermundane motive. It is surely the other world and not this which is the inspiration for every noble purpose. When we are urged to be ready for the life to come we touch upon the centre from which all truly great efforts must eternally radiate. Nothing temporal or evanescent is truly worthy in and of itself. It is only so when it tends to serve the eternal. It is only the eternal thing, the abiding thing which ultimately is worthy of us, or of our best. This is true, whether we are conscious of it or not, in every walk of life. The look is upward and forward. The motive is supermundane and eternal. Every great political ambition such as the state may conceive of, or aspire to much, is a foreglimp of Heaven. Every attempt at social reform is the call of the Divine to preparedness. No social reform is of value in itself except for what it accomplishes in the lives of men for all eternity. It must look beyond itself for its object as it looks about itself for its motive. Every aspiration of the human heart which may succeed in expressing itself in moulded clay, in musical sound, or in rhythmic verse, or which, as most often happens, never succeeds in expressing itself at all, is the striving of the eternal. The nations' effort in this great crisis is the same. It is the effort after the eternal. Various reasons are urged for men to enroll themselves in their country's defence. Every one who uses them when they are all exhausted, knows they are inadequate for so great a sacrifice, whether it be that our country may be free, or that the dread thing called Prussianism may be dethroned, or that our posterity may live in peace, and may pursue, unmolested, the ideals of life, personal and national. All of these things, in themselves, are insufficient for so great an offering. In themselves they are unworthy. What is the value of Britain's greatness or Canada's freedom? Is it for their own sakes? Is it worth fighting for and dying for to be great or to be free in themselves? What good after the freedom is dead is either greatness or freedom for him? We find ourselves striving after some further reality, some elusive thing which like a shadow passes on before and eludes our quest. As a matter of fact none of these things could ever drive a nation to war, the inclination to fight apart, unless there was some eternal purpose. We want Britain to be great that it may redound to the good of mankind. But what is the good of

mankind if only temporal? It is a shadow, a delusion. No, it is the eternal good of man, the good of the soul of man, and of the souls and spirits of men, that warrant any true glorying in any nation's greatness. The people will only die for something that will live, and live for ever. Every sacrifice worthy of the victim must have an eternal value. The only adequate ground, if we would dare to express it, if we would dare enough and be brave enough to say it, upon which any people can justifiably go to war, or any one can be asked to give himself for his country's service, is the religious one; it is because he has accountability not to man directly, to whom the relation ceases at death, but to God the Eternal with whom his relation of responsibility never ceases. It is a nation's accountability to him who has endowed it with gifts, and called it into existence, and give it a place in the world as a contributing factor to the eternal sum of life, that furnishes a truly justifiable ground for any great effort which involves sacrifice. Thousands of men are laying down their lives today altogether unconscious that, whether in them or not, the only motive that explains their country's cause, as seen from a material point of view, greater than the time-honoured chivalry of our people, greater than the valour so highly prized among us, greater than the honour for which we are in the war, greater than all these except in so far as they have a transcendent sense, and are known to spring, as they really do, from Heavenly sources. They are doing it, whether they or we realize it or not because God is above and both they and we are accountable to Him for the investment of ourselves. In other words, the religious motive is the only one in the long run that adequately and worthily explains and justifies. The eternal thing, the thing that lives with God for ever, is the only thing worth while. If this is so it will readily seen what a transcendent significance what an eternal value, for everyone of us, Jesus' warning and exhortation was: "Be ye also ready." Preparedness for the judgment to come, and the life to come, is the highest purpose to which we can apply ourselves. And let us be forewarned that neglect on our part in this regard, carries just as certain penalties and regrets as in any other. Let this then be our just and greatest duty of all, as it is paramount in all realms of thought and activity, over all other things whatsoever, the greatest and most worthy of all, to be ready against the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

HOTEL RATES GOING UP. With prohibition coming two weeks from today, Cobourg hotels are preparing to boost the rates for transients, in order to make up for the falling off in the revenue from the bar trade. Hotels that were \$2.00 per day, the British and Dunham, will boost their rates to \$2.50 per day while those that were \$1.50 per day will raise to \$2.00, and charge 10c for yard room, which formerly was free to guests of the hotel. The hotel managers state this raise must come into effect, if they are going to keep hotel.

HAYFORK ACCIDENT NEAR MILLBROOK. Mr. W. T. Donaldson met with a painful accident recently. They were working the hayfork and he was standing at the door on a plank where the pulley was fastened. The pulley fastener pulled out of the beam and took the plank with Mr. Donaldson on it to the top of the barn. His head was bruised and his hand badly mangled.

THE VOICE OF THE SOLDIERS. Sir Robert Borden's government has lived long enough in a fool's paradise. The alleged popularity of Sir Sam Hughes, K.C.B., among the Canadian soldiers was and is an artificial product. The voice of gentlemen who have acquired commissions or promotion or other gentlemen who are expecting commissions or promotion is not the voice of the soldiers any more than the voice of honorary colonels or of gentlemen who were favored with contracts or hope to be favored with contracts is the voice of the country. —Toronto Telegram (Con.)

APPRECIATION OF SOLDIERS

Useful Gifts Were Sent To Men in the Trenches.

Miss Hurley, Queen Street, has received a letter from the front expressing appreciation for comforts sent to the men.

August 19th, 1916.
Miss A. M. Hurley,
48 Queen Street,
Belleville, Ont. Can.

Dear Madam,—
I beg to advise having received from you through the Canadian Field Comforts Commission, Shorncliffe, four boxes containing field comforts to be distributed among the Belleville boys. I have already distributed some of the parcels and while I am not sure whether I will be able to reach all the boys from home that I have seen out here, I can assure you that I will do my very best to get them all distributed. I might say that every thing you sent will, I am sure be greatly appreciated by all the boys.

With regards to the socks that you spoke of sending I would be only too glad to distribute as many as possible to the boys. At present however things are kind of unsettled around here, so if you will kindly wait until you hear from me again, before you send any socks, I would be greatly obliged to you. Again thanking you for your kindness and assuring you that these comforts will be appreciated by all the boys, I remain,
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France.

A young man named W. H. Teake, who has since gone to the front and has been taken prisoner by the Germans, also writes:—

Bramshott Camp
England, June 14, 1916

Dear Madam,—
I beg to inform you that I received your parcel today 14th inst, and I do not know how to thank you for it, but everything that comes from Belleville I think more of than any parcel that I received. I may also say that I have seen all the Belleville boys in the regiment and the way they speak of the presents they receive from Belleville, they will always remember the Women's Patriotic and Red Cross Society.
I remain
Yours truly
W. H. Teake.
No. 70 8th Inf. Bri. C.M.R., 3rd
Division.

September Brides
ALEXANDER-BOWYER

A quiet, but very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bowyer at high noon on Wednesday, September 6th, when their daughter Myrtle Elizabeth was united in marriage to Mr. Percy Alexander, of this city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Blagrove, of Christ Church. The bride who was given away by her father, entered the drawing room to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march played by Miss Jennie Bishop. The bride was gowned in a beautiful dress of white tulle with trimmed with shadow lace, and carried the white Prayer Book, and beautiful bouquet of white asters. The young couple were unattended.

The groom presented the bride with a beautiful silver mesh, chatelaine. After a very dainty repast was partaken of, the Rev. Dr. Blagrove made a very appropriate toast to the health and happiness of the bride and groom which was responded to by Mr. Darragh, brother-in-law of the groom. The esteem in which the young couple were held was manifested by the numerous and costly presents received.

Amid showers of confetti and good wishes, the young couple left for Niagara Falls and Western points. Upon their return they will be at home to their many friends at 120 Chatham street of this city.

SAFECRACKER NOW IN CUSTODY. About a month ago burglars attempted a wholesale clean-up in Cobourg, Dobensky's store and Henderson's planning mill being entered, though the booty did not amount to anything, and Dundas' store had a rear window broken. Chief Russ has been quietly working on the case and the party who did the deed is now in custody, having been arrested on another charge and while in custody talked too much. The same night the burglaries were attempted here, a bicycle was stolen at Senator Oliver's farm on which the burglar made his getaway.

DO LONG BREATHS HURTY DANGEROUS PLEURISY ALWAYS BEGINS THIS WAY.

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Probably got overheated—cooled too fast—now there is congestion, tightness, such soreness you can't draw a long breath.

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CELLARS ARE BEING STOCKED. Prices on all sorts of brandies whiskies, wines and other imported spirits that were almost sky high before prohibition legislation was passed, are now being reduced. Some of the whiskies are being sold at what the dealers paid for them, and in some cases even less.

The men who expect to close up business in two weeks are making sales—not profits—letting the stuff go in lots, cases, hampers—any way to get rid of it. Some of the shopkeepers, however, fear that they will have a large stock on hand when prohibition comes into effect. The men who will suffer most in this respect will no doubt, be the hotelkeepers. Some of them carry large stocks of case whiskies, barrels of whisky, and other wines, which cannot very easily be disposed of.

There is no getting away from the fact that some people are stocking their cellars. It is the low prices that are now enticing the householders to stock up when the dealers are selling out as rapidly as possible.—Lindsay Post.

THREE PARSONS IN KHAKI.

Capt. the Rev. W. G. Clarke, B.A., pastor of Bowmanville Methodist church, presented the Sunday School on Sunday afternoon with an enlarged sepia photo, framed of the present and two previous pastors—Rev. Clarke, Rev. H. B. Kenny and Rev. John Garbutt—all in khaki, photographed at the Bay of Quinte Conference at Peterborough, in June, by Rev. S. T. Bartlett, Provincial S. S. Secretary. Mr. C. Rehder, associate superintendent, acknowledged the gift on behalf of the school, thanking the donor and expressing the pleasure of all in having such a nice memento to grace the walls of the school room. Capt. the Rev. Garbutt is Chaplain of the 114th Batt., in England, Capt. the Rev. Kenny is Chaplain of the 139th Batt., at Valenciennes and Capt. the Rev. Clarke is Chaplain of the 255th Batt. Bowmanville Methodist church is thus singularly honored in having its three successive pastors doing duty.—Bowmanville Statesman.

ESCAPED FROM ASYLUM

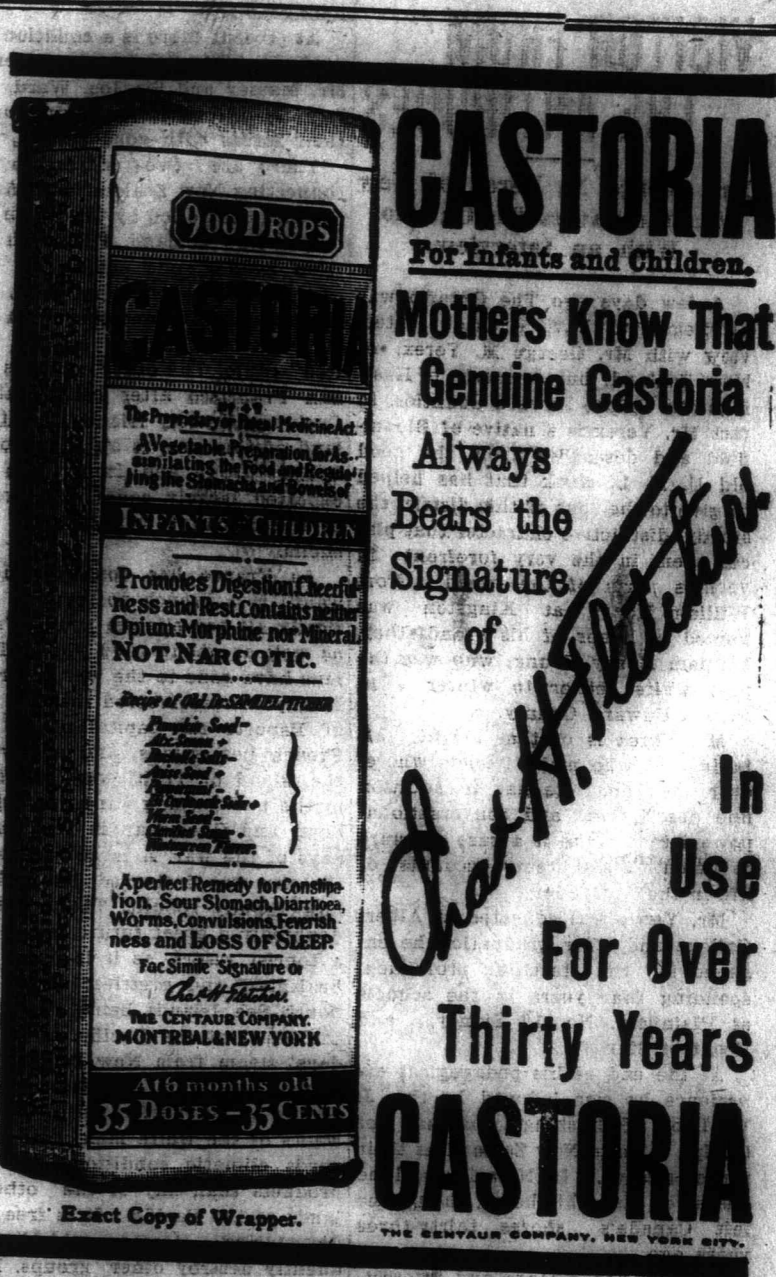
Belleville Man Escape d Watch at Kingston and Returned Home
A well known Belleville resident, who for several months has been an inmate of the Kingston Asylum, slipped away on Wednesday night and yesterday was in Belleville. He was found around the street last evening and was locked up. When the local police called up the asylum to find if he had been discharged or had escaped, this was the first intimation the authorities in Kingston had that he was away.

On Wednesday night, he broke into a stable to get a horse and outfit which belonged to him.

He claims to have secured a ride in an automobile as far west as Nanapanee and to have caught a freight at that place.

An officer of the asylum took him back this morning.

DID NOT PAY HIS FINE
Patrick Hurst who some time ago was ordered to pay a fine for using insulting language, was taken in charge today and committed to jail for thirty days in default of payment of fine and costs.



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HEAVY FINES FOR HUNTING OF GAME.

Germans Find New Means of Preventing Belgians From Saving Themselves from Starvation.

Meat has become so scarce in Belgium that many Belgians were driven to resort to game for food and learning of this the German military governors reserved the privileges to themselves. Not only have they taken away the right to this food from the fathers of Belgian children but they have fixed a fine of 4,000 marks for each violation of the new regulation.

This means that Belgium is driven to the point where it is necessary to rely almost wholly on the imports of the Belgian Relief Committee for food for the seven million people in a Belgian family a whole month.