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SPECIAL SERVICES IN HONOR OF SOLDIERS IN CHURCHES

Excellent Sermons and Good Music Attracted Large Congregations --- The Call of the Empire Carried Home in Forcible Fashion.

Honor was yesterday paid to the brave lads in khaki and those who have given their flesh and blood for the glory and freedom of the Empire when, in the various churches of the city, in both the morning and evening, special memorial services were held. The presence of large numbers of uniformed men in the congregations lent a military air to the occasion and was a source of inspiration.

Eloquent sermons dealing with the one gripping problem of the day were delivered from the different pulpits, and the large congregations that attended the services were brought to realize how insistent was the call for men. The remarks of the speakers were received with great attention by the congregations and they undoubtedly left favorable impressions upon those present.

Carleton Presbyterian Church.

A large congregation listened with rapt attention to the memorial sermon preached in the First Presbyterian church in Carleton last night by Rev. Dr. J. A. Morison. The subject of the discourse was: "The great war, how to look at it, and what to expect from it."

The Reverend doctor took for a text, Ephesians 2: 6-12, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers; against the rulers of the darkness of this world; against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Rev. Dr. Morison drew powerful lessons from the war in Europe and in closing Dr. Morison quoted Professor Hugh Black, the great Scotch preacher when he said: "He is blind to the forces at work in our midst who calls this an irreligious time. It may seem like bravado but we assert there never was an age more fervently Christian than this."

Special music was rendered by the choir during the service.

Congregational.

Inspiring addresses, martial music, the unveiling of a tablet and the presence of Lieut. Col. Wedderburn and more than one hundred of his khaki-clad boys in the Congregational church last night were contributing factors towards one of the most solemn and successful patriotic services ever held in the city. Every seat in the church was occupied during the service.

Escorted by the 62nd band the boys of the 115th Battalion marched to the Union street edifice shortly before 7 o'clock. The militiamen were assigned seats in the front half of the church, Col. Wedderburn, with Senator J. W. Daniel and Judge Harrison A. McKeown, occupying places on the platform with the pastor, Rev. Ralph J. Haughton.

Conspicuous among the decorations were the flags of all the nations in the Entente Alliance, the banner of Britain overtopping all from its hanging place above the organist. A tablet, which was unveiled after the service, bears the names of the fourteen young men of the society who have enlisted in their country's cause. A feature of the evening was the playing of the "Dead March in Saul" by the organist, R. S. Coupe, the congregation standing with bowed heads out of respect to the heroes who have fallen in combat with the Teuton armies.

After prayers by Rev. Mr. Haughton, the pastor introduced Senator Daniel. Senator Daniel said he was very glad to have the privilege of taking part in the memorial service and to have the honor of addressing so many men in khaki whose hearts had been stirred up to make brave men and induce them to enter the lists. The Senator said in part: "It is now 17 months since the war broke out. It has embraced almost half of the world and has deluged Europe with blood. Even in Germany and Austria, whose rulers are responsible before God and the world for the greatest crime of all the ages, there is weeping women who are mourning for their children and refuse to be comforted because they are not.

"In Canada there is weeping for those who have lost their lives. Although at all times war is terrible, the war lords of Germany and Austria have added new horrors. These horrors are due to the educated brutality of the German soldiery, who carried out the orders of their superiors. What could surpass the devilish ingenuity by which the inhabitants of the city of Liege were ordered to be in their houses by a certain time at night, the doors to be left unlocked. Thus it was easy for the German soldiery to enter the sacred precincts of those homes in the darkness.

"Take Louvain, at 8 p. m., the bugles blew and every German officer and man left those who had been entertaining them and silently disappeared. In a short time the town was fired upon and the inhabitants massacred and butchered. All international law and regulations for the conduct of warfare were torn into shreds by the Teutonic war-lords. We have to remember these things and we have to be excused if we hope the Almighty will not forget.

"The onerous task we have is to obtain sufficient numbers to overcome the enemy. We have a great deal to be thankful for, for were it not for the preparedness of the royal navy our safety would be in peril. That navy has kept up a ceaseless vigil and has wiped the German flag off the seas.

"We are here to mourn for the men who fell to protect our homes and lives. It is a wonderful thing that our young men after six months training have been able to take their places in the trenches and face with success the very flower of the German army. Germany found it not so easy to overcome the free men of the Anglo-Saxon and the French races. I say all honor to the men in khaki.

"It is up to us now, to end this war. If we should fail it would mean slavery to our people, seizure of our possessions and even personal outrage. These are things to take into consideration and should make every Canadian of military age eager to take up arms. To finish the war we must have men. The heroic action of our men in Flanders has brought honor to this country and undying honor to the men themselves. Belgium asks us to come to her aid; our comrades in arms beckon to us; Freedom asks us to come over and save her. Let us rally to bring the conflict to a finish with all the strength of our arms and the enthusiasm of our souls!"

Judge McKeown.

In opening his remarks, Judge McKeown said: "We are here tonight to pay tribute to those who have made possible our security. It is because they have done their part that we are safe tonight.

"I will not speak of the grief which has come to those who have lost sons or brothers. Grief is sacred to those who mourn. Precious in the sight of the nation is the death of a hero. Ever will their acts remain as symbols of all that is great in Canadian courage, in Canadian heroism and Canadian manliness.

"The call is for others to stand where they stood. The premier at New Year's called for 500,000 men. We must do our share, and I am sure the Canadian manhood will stand by England. We say to her: 'We are coming to stand with you in the very vortex of danger; we will be with you even to the breaking of our bodies and the shedding of our blood.' It is a magnificent call to an imperial race of men and a call to which we cannot close our ears.

"We have come here tonight to remember those who have given up their lives, so we can take heart for the future. Germany has set up force as her God. We take up arms so that the false dream of Germany will not come to pass. The very foundations of Christendom are rocking under the strain. Shall not Canada respond to that call? There is nothing to fear from the conditions in which we find ourselves. Great preparations have been going on. The manhood and the womanhood of Canada and the British Empire are rising to her defence.

"Our boys know they would sooner die a thousand deaths on the field of battle than have the land they have left become scenes of brutality such as occurred in Belgium. Our young men at the font are acquitting themselves well and I know those here will also acquit themselves well.

"No words of mine can estimate the valor or the sacrifices which our brother nations have made. From this brotherhood of blood will issue a higher civilization, one nobler than the world has ever seen."

Germain Street Baptist.

The memorial service last night was largely attended, the church was nicely decorated and on the platform with the pastor was Chief Justice McLeod and three members of the recruiting committee, T. H. Estabrooks, E. L. Rising, A. M. Belding. The order of service was as follows:

Programme.

Part I.—In Memory of the Fallen.

Organ Voluntary, "Blessed for Ever," Spohr.

Orchestra, "Calvary," Rodney.

Invocation.

Hymn, No. 240, "The Sands of Time."

Roll of our dead heroes, read by Mr. T. H. Estabrooks.

Memorial address, by the Chief Justice, Honorable E. McLeod.

The Last Post.

Solo, "Some Blessed Day," by Mrs. J. W. Griffiths.

Offering.

Mr. Belding, The Sacrifice.

Orchestra, "The Lost Chord," Sullivan.

Part II.—A Tribute to the Lads in Uniform.

Bugle Reveille.

Hymn No. 201, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

Address of appreciation, by Rev. F. S. Porter.

Quartette, "Some Blessed Day."

Hymn No. 205, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War."

Prayer and Benediction.

God Save the King.

Reception to soldiers in the new building, refreshments.

The memorial address by Chief Justice McLeod will remain long in the memories of those who were privileged to hear it.

In paying tribute to those wearing the King's uniform Mr. Porter said they rendered a two-fold service to themselves and to others. To illustrate the service to themselves he quoted from a letter received from France: "I am enjoying myself here which I could not do at home;" he was enjoying himself because he was doing his duty. Mr. Porter then quoted the recruiting motto: "Khaki quiets conscience," which he said was not only a euphonious phrase but a skillful diagnosis of the workings of the heart; it was the new heart's ease.

Of the service they rendered to others he said they became saviours of their country. "Everybody now in the prime of life has to remember that his country which now calls on him has a past and future far beyond his individual interests. A past enriched by the industry, fortitude and sacrifice of those who went before and a future which it is our duty to hand down as a heritage intact. What is at stake in the present war is not merely the work of us who claim citizenship in the British Empire but the work of men who lived centuries ago and the course of the great conflict will affect not only the participants but our children's children for untold generations."

Main Street Baptist.

At last night's service the large auditorium was filled with people who wished in that way to honor the men in khaki. The platform was decorated with flags of the various nations and the draped photos of the two men who have given their lives were placed one on each side of the pulpit. The order of service was as follows:

Organ Prelude, "In Paridisum," (Dubois.)

Anthem — "What Are These?" (Staines.)

Hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers."

Quartette—"The Hymn of the Homeland," (Sullivan.)

Prayer.

Solo by Mr. Walter Pidgeon.

Hymn—"For All Thy Saints."

Sermon—"The Men We Honor," by the pastor.

Hymn—"Abide With Me."

"God Save the King."

Benediction.

Mr. Hutchinson said: "We honor first the men who have fallen." In this connection he made special mention of Robert Gabrie and Frank Thomas, two members of the 26th. The men who died left behind a legacy of honor and while those who remained would mourn they had the satisfaction of knowing they had done their duty.

Second, the men who are now in uniform and in this connection he referred to the splendid body of soldiers Canada had sent to the help of the motherland, men who with a little training had proved themselves to be the equal of the best troops Germany had. Von Bernhardi had sneered at the colonial troops but by this time had learned to fear them.

Leinster Street Baptist.

Rev. H. R. Boyer occupied the pulpit of Leinster street Baptist church last evening and addressed a large congregation. He said in part:

"The churches of this old Loyalist city have joined hands today to pay a just tribute to their honored dead, and to pray Almighty God to strengthen the hands and the hearts of the brave boys who have left their homes and loved ones in order that the Empire may be preserved; that democracy may be handed down to coming generations, and that justice may be seated upon its throne to establish equity among the nations.

"It is well that Christian people should thus mingle their prayers before the throne of God, for these men stand today as an unanswerable argument to the power of the Gospel to promote the ethics of righteousness in international affairs. Had it not been that with all its faults there had been woven into the warp and woof of our Empire's life something of those principles of righteousness and justice that characterized the life and teachings of our Lord, and that are basic in the kingdom of God, the Motherland would not have arisen in her might when the ruthless heel of Germany crused her small and weak neighbor Belgium. Nor would the Dominions that make up our Empire have responded to the call.

"The end is not yet. This we may say, that while right is right and God is God, no nation can obtain a position of permanency in the sun that ignores the teaching of our Lord.

"It is because the people of Canada have recognized the situation that so many of the best men of our nation have gone or are preparing to go to the front.

"In our meditation today let us remember this, and further that they represent our nation's honor as well as her defence. As we pray that God may keep them pure and make them strong, let us also pray that He who rules over all will help us as a nation eliminate those individual social and national sins that keep us from being our best.

"Let us especially pray tonight for the twelve boys who have gone out of the homes of this people that God's arm may be around them to protect them, and that His saving power may be experienced in their souls."

Centenary Church

In Centenary church the principal speaker was Major Pincombe of the 104th Regt. now on duty at Fredericton. The roll of honor from this church contains the names of some forty-four men on service overseas or in training in Canada, with two of the number killed and three others wounded, as well as two ladies engaged in hospital work. The service included Jenkins' anthem, "Light in Darkness," and a solo, Ashford's "My Task" by Mrs. Crocket. Major Pincombe's address was most eloquent. He has a forceful delivery and an im-

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