

Appeal for Funds.

The original appeal for a Church to be built at Ypres was made by the late Field Marshal The Earl of Ypres on the 4th August, 1924. Since that appeal was made it has been decided that the Memorial to his memory should be placed in the Church at Ypres.

We appeal with confidence to all branches of the Christian Church to join us in this effort. The Memorial Church (as in the case of Garrison Churches) will be available for use by all religious denominations, and it is believed that the privilege is one that will be both valued and used. It is felt that the scheme will at once commend itself to the religious instincts of all. The Ypres Salient, where no less than 260,000 British men lie sleeping (one-fourth of our total British casualties in the Great War) is the place above all others where there should be a Memorial of a definitely religious character, especially as it will provide a deeply felt need.

The Church will be used of course by the thousands of "Pilgrims" and tourists who pass through the city, but this is by no means the only or the greatest reason for its erection. In connection with the care and upkeep of the British War Cemeteries, there are a large number of British families living in and around Ypres, forming a British Colony of over 600 souls, many of whom are children. Surely it is a national duty to provide for the spiritual care of these who watch over the graves of our dead. There could be no better Memorial to those who gave their lives for England, than to secure for the British children who in consequence are living in the Salient, that they be brought up in the faith of their fathers, and trained in the ideals and loyalties for which so many gave their lives.

Further, we feel very strongly that, if only as a matter of National honour, we should forthwith pay this fitting tribute to the memory of the thousands to whom we owe our all.

**Cheques can be sent direct to the Ypres Memorial Church Fund, at Lloyds Bank, Ltd., 6, Pall Mall,
London, S.W., or any other branch of that Bank,**

OR

to the Honorary Secretary, Colonel F. G. Poole, 9, Baker Street, London, W.

N.B.—This circular is being sent to all those who have already subscribed as it contains a good deal further information and some corrections.

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