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Why He Enlisted

He was born in South Africa but was the son of an American gentleman, whose residence was in California, and who had large interests in mines and railways. He was also the nephew and heir of a well known mining engineer who is still living on the Pacific slope. His education began in California and was continued in Beaumont College, England. He learned there to appreciate the history of England, her people, her government, her methods of Colonial administration, her love of healthy sport, and being called upon very early to manage his father's estate, he exhibited a fine business ability which would have enabled him to accumulate great wealth.

But when the news reached San Francisco that England had declared war against the nation which, in violation of a sacred treaty, and after the manner of the barbaric Attila, had sought to crush the little kingdom of Belgium, he at once determined to put himself on the side of the Allies. He received his first commission in a Warwickshire Regiment, in the early part of 1915, and has now made the supreme sacrifice to his adopted cause on the blood-stained field.

In one of his early letters he gives the reasons for his enlistment, as follows:—"I am now no longer untried. Two weeks' action in a great battle is now to my credit, and if my faith in the wisdom of my course, or my enthusiasm for the cause had been due to fall, it would have done so during that time. But it has only become stronger. I find myself a soldier, among millions of others in the great Allied armies, fighting for all I believe right and civilized and humane against a power which is evil and which threatens the existence of all the right we prize and the freedom we enjoy. * * * I tell you that not only am I willing to give my life to this enterprise, (for that is comparatively easy, except when I think of you), but that I firmly believe, if I live through it, to spend a useful life with you, that never will I have an opportunity to gain so much honorable advancement for my own soul, or to do so much for the world's progress, as I have here daily defending the liberty that mankind has so far gained against the attack of an enemy who would deprive us of it, and set the world back some centuries if he could have his way * * * Yes, my dearest folks, we are, indeed, doing the world's work over here, and I am in it to the finish."

This confession reveals a noble spirit. It was not the love of war, or the love of adventure that took him across the ocean. It was the love of right, of truth, of liberty, of honor. And, without doubt this is the spirit of many Canadian boys and English boys who have been proving their valor and their moral courage, by deeds which have won for them an enduring fame in the history of these sad days. It is this spirit, too, which will bring a final success to the arms of the Allies.

"Thrice is he armed, that hath his quarrel just,
"And he but naked, though locked up in steel,
Whose conscience with injustice is corrupted."

Reprisals

It is not to be wondered at that some of the English people, especially Londoners, who have been kept in a state of fear and peril, and have seen their fellow citizens killed and their property destroyed by zeppelin raids should advocate reprisals. But it is to the credit of those responsible for the direction of affairs, that they have not yielded, and are not at all likely to yield to this demand.

These Zeppelin raids, if they aimed at the destruction of munition plants, gun foundries, aeroplane shelters, or even of armed men might be justified.

Indeed, some of the allies have used their aeroplanes with considerable success for such purposes. The destruction of war supplies of various kinds tends to bring an end to war. But, the murder of women and children and unarmed citizens and their homes is not war, as understood by international laws and regulations. This German method is a relic of barbarism, and is just of a piece with the "frightfulness" which has shown itself in so many ways. It began when a solemn treaty was declared to be a mere "scrap of paper," and the German hordes swept down upon undefending Belgium. The treatment of Belgian women and children, the cruelty to interned prisoners of war, the piracy upon the high seas, the poisoning of wells, and other barbaric methods which have been established by documentary evidence have followed in rapid succession. They reveal a set purpose in defiance of obligations to public opinion, and, have produced the conviction in almost every nation that the peace and progress of the world can only be secured by the destruction of the system of military despotism which is responsible for the war.

Reprisals against these Zeppelin raids on British towns would not be a sure remedy for the evil. Probably they would only provoke more frequent raids. At any rate, reprisals against this method of German barbarism would justify reprisals against all other methods, and distressing as is the present condition of the contending nations, it would be made much more distressing by the general adoption of this or any other form of German barbarism.

Despite the German effort to prove that Germany did not want and did not begin the war, the historian of the future, after a frank examination of the documents, will have ample proof of the contrary, and ample proof that the relation of Great Britain to the war has been in the interest of international justice, righteousness and honor.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH PAROCHIAL MISSION

The series of Mission Services conducted by Archdeacon Martell, of Windsor in St. James Church came to a close last Sunday evening. As intimated in our last issue great interest was being taken in this mission not only because of the personality of the Missioner but also because of his message. Continuing the course of his addresses on Wednesday evening the Archdeacon spoke on "The Malignity of Sin" and this very naturally lead the subject for Thursday evening—viz., "Repentance". In the clearest possible terms the speaker pointed out the great and vital difference between worldly and godly sorrow the former thinking chiefly of itself and of self the latter of the wounded heart and the slighted love of the Heavenly Father, the blessed Saviour and the Gracious Spirit. This is the great and vital difference between false and true repentance, the latter always involving a turning to God, definite confession, and restitution—restitution applying to all our relationships in which we have done any wrong that can be righted.

On Friday evening the subject was the invitation to that great means of grace—the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

On Saturday evening no mission service was held.

On Sunday the day began with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a. m. This was followed by a second Celebration at 11 a. m. when the Archdeacon preached a most impressive sermon from the words—"Died Abner as a fool dieth?"

At 2 o'clock a special Children Service was held and the Church was well filled with children and friends.

At 7 p. m. the closing service of the mission began. The Church was crowded to its utmost capacity. The subject of the address was "The Last Judgement" in clear and forceful terms the missioner pointed out how that just as we are writing certain books here, so we are preparing our own particular judgment there. He also emphasized the certainty of the justice and inerrancy of God's judgment thus brought about and how this will stand out in the strongest contrast to the judgment of men which, at best is faulty and from appearance rather than motive.

This sermon was a fitting close to a course which has meant an uplift and inspiration to all who have heard them.

On Monday morning the "Mission" Committee waited on the Archdeacon and on behalf of the congregation, thanked him for the splendid service he had rendered the Parish by his visit. This was accompanied by an appropriate worded address; to which Dr. Martell made a very feeling reply. He returned to Windsor on Tuesday.

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