

methods of dealing with it—and all this in spite of the very best efforts of the leaders of the Churches to obviate these faults, which are faults of a system rather than of individuals.

It is, for example, an opinion widely held by those who have experience, that the best possible results in the Chaplain Services in time of war, can only be obtained by appointing to each unit a "padre" whose job will be to look after that unit and no other. Only in this way can the "padre" get the spirit of his unit. Only thus can he be a vital part of it. Only thus by serving and proving himself through the early stages of organization, and through the stress of hardship and danger, can he grow into that position of confidence which will make him the servant and inspiration of all ranks. But this system cannot be carried out. Why? Because the heads of the Chaplain Services could not organize and direct it? No! There is a sound organizing ability among the clergy, as among the laity. Any one who doubts this need only visit the canteens organized by the Canadian Chaplain Services in France. Is it because the Government will not meet any extra expense involved? No! The reason is nothing more nor less than denominationalism. The Churches will not "get together." The result is that Chaplains are brigaded. They have no unit or mess of their own. They are "nobody's darling." They are supposed to cover a whole brigade when one battalion is all any man can handle efficiently. And if they are able to commend themselves to the mess of some particular unit and join its fellowship, they are exposed to the suspicion of having "slighted" the other units of the brigade, and their work will suffer accordingly. The writer has had experience both under the battalion system and the brigade system, and is convinced for this and many other reasons that the shortcomings of the work of the Churches among the soldiers are to be laid at the door of their unwillingness to "get together."

The Churches have also been learning "what they cannot do when they do not get together" by observation of what other organizations who have this master secret have accom-