

THE PRAIRIE CHURCH

name. Yes, our boy, the only child God ever gave us, was killed upon the field of battle. I am proud that I had a boy to give for my country, and I am proud that he has done his duty.

"Two Sundays after we received the news of his death we had a memorial service, and our clergyman (not the one who was with us when the church was built, we have had several clergymen since then), took as his text St. John 3: 16, and he said that not only was this war bringing our men upon the field of battle to realize more deeply than ever before the love of Christ and the greatness of the sacrifice that He had made in giving His life for others; but that many fathers and mothers were coming to grasp a new meaning of the love of God the Father in giving up His only Son to make that sacrifice. And I think I see it now, and that feeling that God has made the sacrifice of His only Son for us, helps my wife and me to bear the sacrifice that we have been called upon to make. But it has been hard. I cannot tell you what it means for us to see this farm, for which we both have worked so hard pass into other hands. I wanted to see my boy here in my place on the farm, and I wanted to see him take my place in the church. Then I think I should have been satisfied.