

## THE KING'S CALL TO PRAYER

His Majesty the King has issued the following Proclamation:—

**TO MY PEOPLE:—**  
The world-wide struggle for the triumph of right and liberty is entering upon its last and most difficult phase. The enemy is striving by desperate assaults and subtle intrigue to perpetuate the wrongs already committed and stem the tide of a free civilization. We have yet to complete the great task to which, more than three years ago, we dedicated ourselves.

At such a time I would call upon you to devote a special day to prayer, that we may have the clear sightedness and strength necessary to the victory of our cause.

This victory will be gained only if we steadfastly remember the responsibility which rests upon us, and in a spirit of reverent obedience ask the blessing of Almighty God upon our endeavours.

With hearts grateful for the Divine guidance which has led us so far towards our goal, let us seek to be enlightened in our understanding and fortified in our courage in facing the sacrifices we may yet have to make before our work is done.

I therefore appoint January 6—the first Sunday of the year—to be set aside as a special day of prayer and thanksgiving in all the churches throughout my Dominions, and require that this proclamation be read at the services held on that day.

GEORGE R.I.

November 7, 1917.

## Personal & General

Friends in Canada of the Rev. Canon Welch, now Vicar of Wakefield, England, and formerly Rector of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, will rejoice to learn that he has recently been elected Proctor in Convocation.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Porter, of Wingham, recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding at the old family homestead in Huron County. The family have resided in this County for five generations, and they were amongst the first settlers there.

Mr. R. H. Price, the organist of Bishop Carmichael Memorial Church, Montreal, was recently presented by the members of the choir with a handsome electric reading lamp. In the absence of the Rector, Rev. Canon Horsey, the presentation was made by the Rev. J. Kenworthy.

The importation of intoxicating liquor into Canada has been prohibited by Order-in-Council on and after December 24th, 1917. Total prohibition of both the sale and the manufacture of liquor will also be put in force throughout the whole of the Dominion at an early date.

That well-known ex-prison Chaplain and friend of criminals, Canon Horsley, is also a zealous disciple of Izaak Walton. Recently he spent two or three days at Kingsdown, near Walmer, and landed 172 whiting, 7 cod, 7 flat-fish, 7 pouting and 1 dog-fish. Canon Horsley is now the Vicar of Debting, near Maidstone, England.

Captain the Rev. E. Appleyard, M.C., was recently invested with the Military Cross for bravery at Vimy Ridge by the King at Buckingham Palace, and he is now on his way out to Canada. He has resigned the Rectorship of St. Matthew's, London, in order to accept the Rectorship of New

St. Paul's, Woodstock, Ont., to which he was lately appointed.

The offering on Christmas Day at St. Clement's Church, North Toronto, amounting to over one hundred dollars, was generously given by the Rector, Rev. A. J. Fidler, to the assistant, Rev. Charles Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter devotes the major part of his time to the Mission in Bedford Park, which will probably become self-sustaining during the present year.

In reference to the Federal Government's new policy in the matter of the liquor traffic, Archdeacon Ingles, hon. secretary of the Council for Social Service of the Church of England in Canada, sent the following message from Toronto to Ottawa: "With sanction of the Primate, the chairman of the Executive and other members of the Committee, I desire to express on behalf of the Council for Social Service of the Church of England in Canada, our high appreciation of the action of the government re the liquor traffic."

Responding to the King's call to Prayer, the Bible Class Federation of Toronto has arranged for three union prayer services, from 4.15 to 5 p.m., on the afternoon of Sunday, January 6th, in the following churches: St. John's Presbyterian, Broadview Avenue, for the eastern section; St. Stephen's, College and Bellvue, for the central area, and Parkdale Methodist, King and Dunn Avenue, for the Parkdale district. Returned officers or Chaplains will speak at each gathering. The meetings are not intended for Bible Class members only, but for all adults.

Foreign Mission funds in the United States and Canada received total subscriptions of \$20,407,861 in 1917, of which \$19,166,864 was from the United States, and \$1,240,997 from Canada, according to a report by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. Nineteen organizations in Canada and 178 in the United States are represented in the figures. While the combined total is almost exactly that of a year ago, the figures show that Canada, regardless of the burdens of war, subscribed approximately \$100,000 more than a year ago, while the United States contributed the same amount less. "There are at work in the Mission lands of Asia, Africa and Oceania," the report continues, "8,576 missionaries from the United States and 782 from Canada. The native staff working with these North American missionaries number 40,502. In addition, there are 1,559 American and 104 Canadian missionaries at work in Latin-America, and 250 in certain of the European countries. There are 498 physicians, including 167 women, at work in 363 hospitals and 537 dispensaries in areas where medical need is the greatest. More than 1,100,000 communicants are related to the growing churches in the various lands which these missionaries from North America are helping to organize and develop."

## NOTICE

The next meeting of the Toronto General Ministerial Association will be held in Central Y.M.C.A., 40 College Street, January 7th, at 10.30 a.m. The meeting will be addressed by Rev. Thomas H. Mitchell, M.A., Old St. Andrew's, on the subject, "Thomas Carlyle and the Labour Question."

A special meeting for prayer under the auspices of the above Association will be held at Central Y.M.C.A., Saturday, January 5th, from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. Ministers of all denominations are earnestly invited to both meetings.

C. J. Dobson, Secretary.

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