

CONSTRUCTIVE CHRISTIANITY: SHOULD VANCOUVER DO LIKEWISE?

Trinity Parish in Montreal to Build A Memorial Church to Honor the Canadians Who Died in the Great War.

An enterprise, unique among efforts to commemorate permanently the splendid courage and devotion of those who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, is now well under way in Montreal. A fine church will be built by Trinity Parish Corporation, in the growing suburb of Notre Dame de Grace, which, in addition to making provision for the needs of its own people, numbering many hundreds of families, will incorporate in its architecture, appointments, and arrangements for regular public services, every feature that can be adopted to make it a great Permanent Memorial to those who, in the Great War for the preservation of civilization, gave all that man can ever give, to the last full measure of devotion.

Before the war Trinity Church carried on its work in what was for old Montreal a good and strategic location, St. Denis Street and Place Viger Square. The traditions of "Old Trinity," built up during several decades of steadily increasing usefulness, embodied, as a first principle, the rule that public services, of an inspiring and uplifting character in the church should be followed by every form of public service outside of it, in which its clergy and lay workers had the opportunity to engage. All classes of the people came under the influence of the church, whose activities were probably more varied and widespread than those of any other in the city.

But the constant operation of the law that population in all great cities tends to move westward finally brought the authorities to the decision, regretfully reached however inevitable, that the work of the parish must be carried on from a centre in the west end of the city. A suitable site was selected in Notre Dame de Grace, on the south side of Sherbrooke Street, between Marlowe and Northcliffe Avenues.

As Trinity is one of the most important parishes of the Anglican Church in Canada, it was felt that the new building should be something more than a parish church. At the old headquarters the church had for many years included among its parishioners, from time to time, large numbers of people only temporarily located in Montreal, and representing in the aggregate practically all sections of Canada. So the rapid growth of the city within the past ten years, while it steadily increased the number of such adherents, plainly indicated that if this fine record for making provision for the temporary resident and casual visitor was to be maintained and strengthened, the regular congregation would have to widen their outlook, and establish the "New Trinity" on a much larger and more extensive scale.

It often happens that great ideas largely fail of realization because there is nobody with sufficient faith in the future of the cause which unites the workers to give them an adequate view of the possibilities of that future by what we commonly call "vision." In this case, however, the opportunity and the man with the degree of vision necessary to make it a reality are both at hand, and ready to be used. The rector of "Old Trinity," Rev. Canon John M. Almond, was, and continues to be in his present capacity as rector of the parish which will build Trinity Memorial Church, an unusual combination of initiative and energy, with the added faculty of being able to forecast the development of anything which interests him greatly, and see what it will be ten or fifty years hence. He knows men, their hopes and ways and ideals and temperaments, as few of our Canadian leaders can claim to do, partly as a result of his long and varied experience in his work in Canada's largest city, but chiefly from many years of army life, first as a chaplain to our forces during the South African War, and more recently as "Father John," Director

of Canadian Chaplain Services during the long period of strife which ended in 1918. Like all far-seeing men, he realized that the great Silence of the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of that year, and the subdued rejoicing which marked relief from tension, ushered in a new period of the world's history, a time when those who could not forget would have to learn how to remember. He believes that the church, as the world's greatest institution, should lead in encouraging the building of memorials which will be of great and constant use to the living. The idea entertained by his

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