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True Nobility

Who does his task from day to day And meets whatever comes his way, Believing God has willed it so, Has found real greatness here below.

For great and low there's but one test:
'Tis that each man shall do his best.
Who works with all the strength he can
Shall never die in.debt to man.

-Edgar A. Guest

The Forward Movement

The Forward Movement means that the church is setting itself to put more of the War spirit into every part of its life and work. Unselfishness, self-sacrifice, enthusiasm, courage to face any obstacle or peril,—how magnificently these qualities have been shown on the battlefields and in the trenches of France and Flanders! Only let the church be set on fire with the spirit that won the great War, and its victory is certain.

It can never be forgotten that the War spirit was seen at its finest in the boys who braved all the deviltry of the brutal German foe,—and, not less, in the girls, their sisters, who knitted and sewed and saved and wrote bright letters and sent parcels and helped in a hundred other ways. It is up to the boys in the church just becoming men, to the girls growing quickly into women, to carry the same spirit into work for Christ in Canada and throughout the world.

The Forward Movement must begin in the individual life. No more wonderful thing could happen than that the great host of older boys and girls in our church should give themselves, with their splendid endowment of youthful vigor and hope, to the service of

Christ and his church. Millions of money could not compare with such a gift as that.

Of course this gift must be made in practical ways. Boys and girls live in homes. They have daily work to do in school or in place of business. They belong to classes in the Sunday School of their church. The Forward Movement for them, therefore, means, that they will be loyal and true in all family relationships, that they will be absolutely faithful in every day duties, that they will put their best into the studies and activities of their class week day and Lord's Day, that they will live as under the eye of the great master.

Many a boy is sorry that he could not take part with his older brothers in the actual fighting of the War. There are girls who are tempted to think with envy of their older sister's opportunities. The message of the Forward Movement to the boys and girls in their teens is, that the door is wide open for them to live and work in the same spirit that gave their brothers undying fame. And the War has taught us that it is the spirit that counts.

Replacing Man Power By Rev. J. B. Fraser, M.D.

When it is remembered that not less than 60,000 lives have been lost to Canada alone, and the effective working power of twice as many more seriously impaired, the necessity of the utmost that can be done to replace them will be realized. This cannot be done without giving serious thought to the situation. The problem of replacing the lost man power can be solved only by boys who are the men of to-morrow.

The normal boy wants to do things, wants to count for something, to be "in it." Nothing