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(September 27th.)

Holy Communion: 235, 397, 429, 585.

Prayer: 406, 448, 494, 653.

Offertory: 367, 388, 567, 641.

Children: 688, 699, 700, 729.

General: 523, 650, 654, 725.

## The Outlook

### The Chaplain General's Message

Bishop Taylor Smith, who is well-known in Canada, has just issued a letter to the Chaplains of the British Expeditionary Force and, although it has special reference to the circumstances of the War, its message is equally applicable to all who serve in the sacred ministry of the Church. It is worth quoting in full, and tells its own story:

Dear Brother,—

I cannot but write to you a few lines as you go forth to your unusual ministry.

In one sense it is no different to your daily work of bringing men back to God. On the other hand, the circumstances are such that the realities of life and death must be clearly stated, and with all love, wisdom, earnestness, and haste, not knowing what one hour may bring forth.

Take to all your comrades in the service (regardless of rank) a loving message by life and by lip of Jesus Christ, a personal Saviour, who has identified Himself with us that we might be made like unto Him, "partakers of the Divine Nature."

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem—"Emmanuel," God with us.

Tell of His death at Calvary—God for us.

Tell of His Heavenly gift at Pentecost—God in us.

I think I hear you making reply, "Who is sufficient for these things?" He says "My Grace is sufficient for thee."

You will not misunderstand me if I add one brief word of warning—it is concerning your own personal life. There will be very many who will never hear your sermons, but they will read your books, your life, your actions, and will thereby be greatly helped or hindered.

See to it that they find faith and hope and joy and the love which never faileth as they behold in you Christ's representative.

At noon each day let us specially remember one another and increasingly pray that "Christ may be magnified in our bodies whether it be by life or by death."

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection I commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you.

Believe me,

Yours in Christ Jesus,

J. Taylor Smith, Bp. C.G.

"Whom God calls, He equips."

### The Deserving Poor

The response all through our country to the Patriotic Funds has supported the best traditions of things Canadian. It is only right that those who depend on our volunteers should be placed beyond want. Now there is another task awaiting us. The deserving poor must be provided for. We are not speaking now about the hobos, drunks, and ne'er-do-wells which are always with us, but we are thinking of the men who, through no fault of their own, are out of work. Thousands of men in our country have lost their work on account of the depression caused by the war. What are we going to do for them? Employment and not charity is the better method of relief undoubtedly. Money is needed in either case. As we said in last week's issue, this is a matter for the municipality and province. The churches will have their hands full looking after those who would be unable to work if employment were offered them. The municipality must tackle it by something larger than House of Industry methods. An appropriation or public subscription must supply the money. Let it be as generous as our Patriotic Funds. The cause is equally deserving.

### "A Scrap of Paper"

At the final interview between the British Ambassador at Berlin and the German Chancellor, the latter exclaimed, "Why should you make war on us for a scrap of paper?" The Ambassador replied that this "scrap of paper" bore the signature of England (and of Germany also) guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium. This reveals the spirit of German policy and it was rightly described by the British Prime Minister as "infamous." And yet, in the face of this fact, leading German scholars can charge England with following a lower ideal of culture in siding with the Slav against the Teuton. But it is well to remember that morality is the same for nations as for individuals and what is wrong for individuals is wrong for communities. The "scrap of paper" has already become a historic phrase and is noticed with apt scorn on both sides of the Atlantic. It will serve as another reminder of the profound truth that what is morally wrong can never be politically right.

### "Armageddon"

This word is being very generally used to describe the present terrible war and a correspondent in one of the English papers actually writes to enquire as to its meaning. The Editor referred him to Revelation xvi. 16. The employment of the word at present is a striking testimony to the influence of the Bible, but the struggle mentioned in the Apocalypse is, of course, a very different battle to the War which is now proceeding. It points to a still future time when Anti-Christ will gather his forces against the people of God in the neighbourhood of Jerusalem. Yet the vastness of the present strife makes the word "Armageddon" a natural application and if it leads people to think more seriously of some of the great prophetic realities of Scripture, its use will not be in vain.

### The War and Missions

The Church Missionary Society of England has issued a statement on the effect of the War on its fund and outlook. Every organization in the United Kingdom is affected by the terrible blow and the outlook is by no means cheerful, because people who give to Missions will have less to subscribe in view of the drain caused by the War Funds. The summer months are the lightest so far as subscriptions are concerned and Societies which receive most of their income during the last few weeks of their financial year may find it difficult to obtain their customary advances from Banks and, in any case, will have to pay a higher rate of interest. Missionaries in the field will perhaps suffer even more than their friends at home owing to the shortage of funds and interrupted communication. Now is the time for all Missionary Societies to be liberally supported. God's work should not be allowed to suffer beyond that which is absolutely necessary.

### German Missions

German Missionaries are in a serious position owing to the War, and facts are given illustrating the manner in which they are cut off from their home base. In India, Germany has 400 Protestant Missionaries and in South Africa probably the same number. These are Moravians, Lutherans, Baptists and Methodists, and their work is highly esteemed by their English Colleagues, with whom they cooperate in unity and amity. At present these 800 missionaries cannot communicate with their headquarters nor can they obtain their usual remittances for their salaries and for the upkeep of the missionary propaganda. The position is so abnormal that the Standing Committee of the Conference of British Missionary Societies is considering the question of opening a fund in order to assist the Continental missionary organizations. Already a gift of \$1,000 from a generous layman has been received in view of such a fund being started.

### Daily Cost of the European War

Professor Charles Richet, in Dr. David Starr Jordan's recent book, "War and Waste," thus tabulates the expenses of the proposed general war. Number of men likely to be engaged: Austria, 2,600,000; England, 1,500,000; France, 3,400,000; Germany, 3,600,000; Italy, 2,800,000; Roumania, 300,000; Russia, 7,000,000; total, 21,200,000.

Daily cost of a great European war: Feed of men, \$12,600,000; feed of horses, \$1,000,000; pay (European rates), \$4,250,000; pay