

fail to be impressed with his appeal, nor could any fail to realize the grave responsibility on the shoulders of those not going to the front. Yet we have reason to doubt that every man in the Postal Service, with a regular salary such as he has, realizes that responsibility.

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The next issue should be better than this one—maybe you think it needs to be. Well, it's up to you. See that your office furnishes all the interesting news that it possibly can.

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One of the most astonishing things of to-day is the average man's apathy towards the affairs around him that concern his own welfare and go towards the betterment of his own condition. Scandals in the administration of either Government or civic affairs, which alas! occur from time to time, can in most cases be shown, more or less directly, to be the result of the public's indifference to those affairs. A man will pay whatever is asked of him as city taxes, not worrying an awful lot about what use is made of the money, until one day he wakes up to find that his city is on the verge of bankruptcy, and then he kicks—when it's too late. It is not financial support that will have sent that city bankrupt, but, indirectly, moral support. There are no end of clerks who would wake up and kick if they suddenly found their association bankrupt. No, not financially bankrupt, oh! no, for those men would have paid their dues regularly, but morally bankrupt, simply because the members had not given of their time or brains, but had left it to those other boys "who liked that sort of thing," etc., etc.

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In a recent edition of *The Civilian* there appeared what was called "The Federation Ten Commandments." It is respectfully pointed out that the Ten Commandments are usually permanently, conspicuously displayed. The Federation commandments are too good to die in one issue.

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Great encouragement has been given to those chiefly concerned in the editing of this supplement, by the letters received from the different city offices. If all the letters have not been answered personally, it is hoped that "pressure of business" or "the war tax" will be accepted as the reason for it, and that the offices referred to will accept this note as their acknowledgment.

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The following extract, taken from an article written recently by F. F. Riley, chairman of the Executive Committee of

the Postal and Telegraph Clerks' Association of the United Kingdom, may interest some of our readers. Mr. Riley in referring to the granting to postal clerks of a war bonus, which was obtained solely through the efforts of the association, said: "Who is going to get this bonus? Practically every subordinate in the provinces, and a very large number in London. Who obtained it? The combined members of the various associations. The non-members did not though they will also get the pay. . . . The non-member has folded his arms, taken his ease, looked on while other people have done the work, and then come along to share the harvest. Now is the non-member quite easy about this? If so, he is an extraordinary person. If there is a single person amongst us who has been opposed to our principles as trade unionists, and who takes this bonus with a good heart and conscience, then we are a queerer class than I thought we were. If there is a single non-member amongst us who thinks that he has a right to this bonus, then I think he should admit our claim that, having sown the harvest which he is now reaping, we have the right to expect and demand that he should come in now and do some plowing for the next harvest."

BRANCH NOTES.

Secretaries please note: Send in your news to the editor of the "Postal Journal," Calgary, Alberta, as frequently as possible and it will appear in the next issue published after receipt, if at all possible.

Brandon.

Mr. W. J. Quinn, who was a temporary helper in this office, has quit the service to join the colors and is now at Sewell Camp. Mr. Bain was in Calgary recently for a few hours and paid his respects to our brother members in that city.

Calgary.

Still the boys continue to exchange the handling of mail for the handling of a rifle. Among the most recent to leave us are Messrs. Webster, W. Ripley, H. Ripley, Chudley, all of the Despatch, and Messrs. Clelland and Cousins of the Registration. Geo. Chudley, the last day or two, is to be seen walking Main street with his three stripes on his arm. Congratulations, George! Mr. H. Webber, otherwise "The Duke," is at present having a most enjoyable time. Having taken Miss Wright of this city to the altar on the 27th of last month, Mr. and Mrs. Webber are now studying harvesting operations in the foot-hills.