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Four Good Reasons for a National **Forward Movement**

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

DESPITE the four years' fury of War, and the year of uncer-tainty just ended, the people of Canada have prospered. Yet, spiritual glories revealed to us in the great Conflict are being clouded by drifts of class-hostility, mutual suspicion and cynical materialism.

The world is troubled. Old conceptions are giving place to new. Yet, the Kingdom of God remains, firmly grounded on the great principle of love. It has the one remedy for a world diseased:—"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Five Christian Communions—Anglican, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Presby-terian—call their various constituencies and the whole nation to a livelier and more sacrificial Christianity. They are making a great financial appeal. It is fitting that the public should know the reasons.

The Decline The sharp rise in prices the world over has affected injur-

OI the Dollar has affected injur-iously the position of every man working for a fixed salary. Mis-sionaries are in this category. Stipends that were ample in 1900, and nearly ade-quate in 1912, are utterly insufficient in 1920. There has been no general increase in these stipends. There cannot be, until the Canadian people scale-up their giving to balance the decline in purchasing-power of the Canadian dollar. of the Canadian dollar.

International exchange has been unstable. Money for export has been subject to heavy dis-counts. In view also of the increased cost of materials and of labor, any new building pro-gramme abroad has been out of the question. But the need for new buildings is imperative. Some missionaries are living in clay-floored huts.

New Standards are Necessary The Anglican Synods, the Bap-tist Conventions, are Necessary the Congregational Union, the Methodist Conferences, and the Presbyterian General Assembly, have set new standards for the salaries of Clergymen actively engaged in Canada. But, for the Missionaries, and for the Su-perannuated Ministers, no increases have been possible.

One of the aims of the Forward Movement is to show the fine-spirited, generous, Christian peo-ple of Canada that the old standards of giving for Missions must be revised. It is impossible to main-tain existing stations, even on a pre-War basis, without more men and much more revenue.

Coincident with **7** The Call

2 The Home Here in Canada, 3 Responsibility the work of evan-gelizing Indians and Eskimos must

now be undertaken wholly by the Canadian Church. The rapid growth of our cities, the expansion of the West, the great immi-gration of the last twenty years, and the depopulation of rural areas, make a four-fold problem which can be solved only by radical readjustments of policy and greatly increased resources of men and money.

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The Unity of Faith and Prayer These are the facts. Faced with such conditions, the Church lead-

appalled. They went to their knees, first in sep-arate denominational groups, then in company. Putting aside for the time being differences of religious temperament, considering only their common belief in the Everlasting Father, the Almighty Son, and the everpresent Holy Ghost, they prayed together. Then they recent their the

