

A MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

The keynote of last year's Budget Message was "Love". This year it is "The Conquering Christ". He conquers through sacrificial love. Never since Calvary has the word "Sacrifice" had more meaning than to-day. Millions of the World's noblest are risking limb and life that liberty and justice may triumph. Many of those who have left us have given up lucrative positions, and if they come back will come much poorer than they went away. They are denying themselves cheerfully and uncomplainingly and their loved ones at home, though torn with anxiety, are doing the same.

What are we doing, who are left in comfort, to make our country worthy of the blood that is being shed for her? Are we doing all in our power for the institutions on which her welfare depends? The Church is the most vital of these institutions. She, more than all others combined, has laid in our land the foundations of true greatness. Shall we not, by our gifts, in this time when she is so severely tested, make her strong so that her trumpet call to duty and victory will be heard in the remotest parts of our land, and the lands beyond the sea? Should not a spirit of gratitude cause us to give? Christian people all over the country raised their hearts and voices in thanksgiving to God for the spirit of reconciliation and unity which characterized our last Assembly. Shall we not give evidence of our gratitude by placing on the altar offerings worthy of Him Who was so wonderfully manifest in all our meetings, Who through His spirit, guided us to wise decisions? Shall we not do more for Him than we have ever done, Who has done so much for us?—JOHN NEIL