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The Outlook

The Church and the War

It has been said in certain quarters that the Church of England has not risen to the occasion in connection with the War and has failed to give a proper lead to the nation. Whether this is true or not, it is hardly possible for us in Canada to decide, but one thing at least is perfectly certain, the recent letter of the Archbishop of Canterbury to Mr. Asquith is couched in the finest terms, and breathes a spirit that should animate every citizen. Here are the words:—

"Our righteous wrath is taking worthier form in the deepening and quickening of our resolve to throw out every ounce of strength into the fight, and to grudge or withhold nothing which can bring about its speedier ending in a victory for the cause of what is honourable in the sight of God and man. We have given freely. But there are great veins of service which are still untapped. On behalf of all, whether men or women, for whom I have any right to speak, and to my knowledge they belong to many denominations, I assure you of our eager wish to make available for the public service whatever knowledge, whatever influence, whatever material resources we possess. We have urged that all those who can appropriately and to the public advantage join the combatant forces should enroll themselves forthwith. Upon those who are precluded by age or health or circumstance from that form of service we invite you to call without hesitation for such aid as they can render by brain or hand, by voice or pen. We await your call, whenever and wherever the occasion bids you make it. To some of us the task is specially entrusted of trying to steady and uplift the national

conscience in the name of the Divine Master Whom we serve. I am certain that in opposing with every power at our command the forces which seem now to have set themselves to defy the sacred principles of honour and right which He taught us for the bettering of the world, we are beyond all question acting as we ought."

This is a noble utterance, and calls for a quick and hearty response in Canada as well as in England. And we believe the response will be forthcoming.

A New National Call

All the English newspapers reproduce in facsimile Lord Kitchener's latest appeal for 300,000 more men for the War. These are his words:—

I have said that I would let the country know when more men were wanted for the War. The time has come, and I now call for 300,000 recruits to form new armies. Those who are engaged on the production of war material should not leave their work. It is to men who are not performing their duty that I appeal.

There is no doubt that the British people are at length waking up to a full realization of the task before them. The sinking of the "Lusitania" and the reverse to Russia in Galicia have brought matters to a head, as they certainly were not before. All this is eminently satisfactory, because, as Mr. Asquith said, this is "a spiritual war." It involves the liberties of the best part of the human race. Actuated by this conviction, the Empire is united as one man to carry this conflict to a righteous issue.

Canadian Honours

The Canadians included in the King's Birthday Honours have naturally been the subjects of much congratulation. Montreal, Kingston and Toronto each has its share and the names of Sir John Hendrie, Sir William Peterson, Sir H. B. Ames, Sir Henry Drayton, Principal Gordon and Sir John Eaton are as familiar as they are honourable, and we join with many in wishing for the recipients years of life to enjoy the honours so fittingly bestowed on them by their Sovereign. Canada rejoices in particular that several of these honours are associated with patriotic efforts on behalf of the War, and thus indicate the way in which the Empire is at one in the gigantic effort before it. The task is calling for all available assistance, and the recognition of this in these Birthday Honours is one way of bracing us all afresh. But the most inspiring thought of all is that, whether recognized or not, we can each and all do our "little bit" for the sake of the nation and Empire, and for righteousness and peace.

Free and Sober

A well-known Bishop (mercifully of a past generation) was reported to have said that he would rather see England free than sober, implying that total abstinence meant the curtailment of liberty. But we are happily long past this cynical viewpoint now, for we realize that men can be both free and sober. But there are still to be found some who insist that interference with the drink traffic means interference with liberty, as though the law does not already do much in the way of control. The cry, "Our craft is in danger," is already being heard, and if we are truly wise we shall not heed it. What is the traffic compared with human lives? And who does not know that the drink interferes terribly and

fatally with the lives of men who are now fighting for national liberty? Let every Churchman free his mind from all unreality on this subject and determine to wage warfare against a foe which is doing infinitely more harm than "war, pestilence and famine combined." As Lord Rosebery has said, if we do not control the drink traffic, the drink traffic will control us.

Life's True Foundation

A writer in the "Expositor" has instituted a striking comparison between the history of the time of the Emperor Julian and the events of the past ten months. In so doing he uses these words, which have an application not only to the War, but also to human life quite apart from present circumstances:—

I believe that when we get far enough away from the present state of things to reflect upon how it all came about we shall perceive that what we witnessed was a deliberate attempt to find a basis other than the traditional Christian basis for human life; and the difficult overthrow of that attempt. . . . A nation which acts upon a reasoned rejection of the Christian way may not immediately be overwhelmed by contrary events; but in the depth of its soul it comes to perceive something which chills its heart and paralyzes its arm.

For "Germany" read "England," for "nation" read "Church," or "individual"; and these solemn words carry their own message. Much of modern criticism of Christ and the Bible is directed or tends to the attempt to find a basis for life other than the true one, and whether it be nation, or Church, or college, or congregation, or person, the result will be an eventual chill of the heart and paralysis of the arm. It is not only of Samson that the words are true: "He wist not that the Lord had departed from him."

True Preaching

A nobleman once referred to three clergymen in the following way: "When I go to hear one, he always tells me what *she*—the Church—says. When I go to hear a second, he is always dilating on *it*—doctrine. But when I go to hear the third, I go again and go often because he always preaches *Him*—Christ." "He, She, It." Perhaps this is the reason why so much preaching fails; it is not a proclamation of Christ. If we preach the Church before Christ we invert God's order, and if we preach doctrine, we endanger God's message. But when Christ is put first, the Church and doctrine, so far from being neglected, find their proper place and power. This is why St. Paul said: "We preach Christ crucified"; "we preach Christ Jesus the Lord"; "Whom we preach." Be it ours to follow the example of her of whom we read: "She spake of Him."

Remoulding Christianity

In the midst of all our criticism of German professors, German philosophy and German theology it is refreshing to recall the utterance of one who was loyal to the "old paths" and nobly witnessed to the truth of the Gospel. Professor Frank, of Erlangen, in his "Critical History of Systematic Theology," in writing of the modern tendency to remould the Christian position so as to win the scholars, thinkers and cultured class of our progressive time, says:—

Oh, for statistics of the actual results of such cheap and ineffectual argumentations! The offense and the foolishness