

The Chaplain's Corner

The results of my appeal last week, to men who can sing, to assist me in the Sunday Services in the Granville Recreation Hall and in the Chatham House Chapel, were not such as to give me a "swelled head" or as the Psalmist puts it "a proud look and high stomach" on account of personal popularity. Four good fellows came to my assistance at the Granville and *One* at the Chatham House. I want twenty-five at the former and ten at the latter.

I am certain that it was more shyness or bashfulness—than unwillingness to help the "Padre", which produced such small results last Sunday. Do let me have what I have asked for on Sunday next.

"An honest man's the noblest work of God" well I am realising more and more that to be a "true man" is about the highest aim anyone of us can have. I was awfully pleased to be asked within the past few days no less than three different times. "I beg your pardon Sir—but what church do you represent?" It pleased me because I try to be all things to all men—it is quite by accident that I discover any particular man's religious denomination, for I never ask it. We are all men together, no one of us any better than he should be, and to be a better man is or should be the endeavour of all of us. I always address you as "men" or "brethren" or "my sons". Let a man come to me if he needs my help or counsel and I will treat him as I would my own son.

A propos of my reference last week to Charlie Chaplin. I love the old yarn from the Front, of the Sentry who in the dusk as some one approached, challenged "Who goes there" and was answered (Meekly of course) "The Chaplain" quick as a flash the Sentry called "Pass Charlie, and all's well." Forgive the "Chestnut" and apply the moral.

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