

Church of England Welcome

On behalf of the Church of England in Canada, I extend a most hearty welcome to our soldiers on their homecoming from overseas. We have followed you in our thoughts and in our prayers during your absence. The Parishes from which you went have missed you much, but they were proud to look at the Honor Rolls of their heroes and on every Sunday they remembered you reverently and affectionately before God. As each message, ringing with your triumphant achievements, reached us, we rejoiced with great joy and our hearts were filled with exultation. By your conspicuous gallantry you have made the name of Canada shine with a lustre that will never be dimmed in all the annals of the world's future history. We thank God for all this, and thank Him also for sparing you to come back to us. Our first desire is to show our gratitude to you for what you have done and we feel that we can best do that by seeking to make our country, as Lloyd George expresses it, "a fitting home for heroes to dwell in." And, my brothers, we want you to co-operate with us in this. You can do it by bringing into the battle for making life in this Canada of ours purer and better and nobler the moral equivalent of those high qualities which rendered your work great in the battle lines across the seas. In the confident assurance that you will do this, I again extend to you in the name of the Church our warmest welcome. May God bless you. I am,

Most sincerely yours,

S. P. MATHESON,

Primate of the Church of England in Canada.