

mentation. The meetings held by Mr. Moody, Major Whittle, Dr. Dixon, and a host of others were largely attended and many made profession of their faith in Christ. The soldiers seemed wonderfully receptive to the truth and welcomed those who followed them into camp anxious for their highest good.

The *Christian Endeavor World* thus reports an address of Chaplain Jones who was talking to the men of the Second regiment of New Jersey:

"I am ready to preach," said Paul; how many of you are ready to serve?" There was a volley of enthusiastic responses. "I am ready to suffer," said the apostle. Are you ready to suffer?" The men grew thoughtful as their possible sufferings were painted, but when the question came the regiment replied, "We are." "I am ready to die," said Paul. Can you also say that?" Many eyes grew dim as the preacher pictured plainly this possibility. There were dear ones at home, there were bright careers just begun. But when the testing question came, "Are you willing to die for your country?" the hall was shaken with the confident cries, "We are." Then Chaplain Jones said, "Boys, I have tried to tell you of the readiness of Paul—one of God's minutemen—of his readiness to serve, to suffer, and to die, for his Lord; and I would like, before we leave here this morning, to ask you just one more question. How many of you will promise me that, by the grace of God, you will ever strive so to live that when He calls you to give your final account, whether it be upon the camp-ground, the battle-field, or elsewhere in the world, you will be ready to meet Him?" In an instant five hundred hands went up, and it is said that the entire camp was transformed by this thrilling appeal.

Fortunately, in our land, we are not called upon to face death upon the battle-field, but the same heroic spirit is necessary if we are loyal to our Captain in the battle-field of life, if we are valiant in His service before the ramparts of His foes. His cause must move forward fitfully until the soldiers in His army respond, "I am ready," to the challenge of His commands.

Neighbors.

THE increasing amity between Great Britain and the United States has also led to increasing neighborliness between the two great countries of this continent. There have been times when the people of Canada were almost compelled to think that our neighbors to the south, with their exclusive tariffs and alien labor laws, were doing their best to alienate the friendly feeling that has always existed in this country for the people of the United States. Happily the causes of irritation are likely to pass away in the near future. The Commission which will meet in Quebec to settle all vexed questions will, we trust, do much to yet further cement the two peoples in bonds of true friendship.

Commenting on the indications of a change of

sentiment in the United States toward ourselves, the *Christian Endeavor World* says:

"We regard all this, as we have said, as one of the most hopeful and happy signs of the times. These two nations have the destiny of North America in their keeping; and America, as the swift-moving procession of events has proved, has a great mission to all the world. These two nations, united by ties of kinship, language, and religion, can secure for one great section of the earth's surface civil liberty and religious toleration for all time to come. These two nations can set all the world an example of harmony and good-will in their dealings one with another. These two nations can be to all other races an object-lesson on the value of free schools, free Bibles, and democratic institutions."

With every word of this neighborly utterance we most cordially agree.

During the last dozen years, Christian Endeavor, with its international conventions has done not a little to foster a better spirit in the relations of the two nations. Canadians have thus come in contact with the best sentiment of the United States, and have learned that the jingo utterances do not represent the real sentiment of the people. We have learned to appreciate highly the courage and strength of our neighbors in their efforts after liberty and good government. We feel sure that they will also learn to understand better the sentiments of a people, as liberty-loving and as loyal as themselves, who are working out their own problems in their own way. While seeking our own national welfare let us not be forgetful of each other's interests. Let us emulate each other in seeking the advancement of national honor and righteousness, and down the long centuries may we move along together in the van of progress as Christian nations and as neighbors.

Notes.

A TRUE life is necessary to a true prayer. To pray well, we must live well.

OUR best life cannot be lived alone. The religious life requires fellowship for its highest development. They miss some of God's richest blessings who forsake the assembling of themselves together.

WHAT a scattering of blessings there would be during vacation time, if it could be said of professing Christians now what was said of those of the first century: "Then they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word."

It has been said that the success of American arms in the recent war was due to "the man behind the gun." That is a lesson worth learning in religious as well as military service. Splendid methods are available for all our societies, but it is the man behind the method that makes it effective.