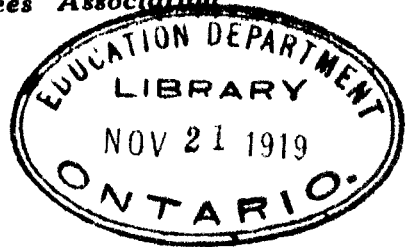


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## HEROES OF PEACE

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**H**AS the spirit of service, the self-sacrificing devotion to duty which was supreme during the war, died in the hearts of our people? That a great change has come about is evident. The pendulum has swung back. Consciousness of duty well performed seems not so satisfying. The demand is for larger material reward. On every hand there is a mad scramble for more money.

In contrast to this prevailing tendency is the attitude of the teachers who have remained at their posts, faithful to the children committed to their charge. They furnish a stimulating example of unselfish, patriotic service. They are not as well paid proportionately, as before the war. Thousands of them have received only slight increases in salary while the cost of living has doubled. They have seen a hundred and forty thousand of their comrades drop out, disheartened, during the past year. They are compelled to pinch and save until they are reduced below their normal efficiency. Yet they hold on heroically, like the soldiers of the Lost Battalion, faithful to their trust, glad of an opportunity to give themselves in service.