

one in the near future. There is no one who doubts that the Church will be confronted with great opportunities and grave issues in the reconstruction period following the war, and if the Church is to fulfil her great responsibility she must have competent leadership.

WHEN we remember that the minister is the natural leader of the organized religious forces of a community and then realize that practically all our theological students have either enlisted or been conscripted for the period of the war you will agree with me that a paramount task as we face the future is the raising up and training of an adequate force of young men for religious leadership on the home and foreign fields. We should in some organized way seek to solve this problem. The Board of Education in co-operation with other departments should create and disseminate literature to ministers and congregations, supplying information and leading to meditation, intercession and the preaching of a sermon on the question at least once a year in all the congregations. Moreover, we are strongly of the opinion that there should be presented in a sympathetic, tactful way to the students of all our colleges the question of the best investment of life and the challenge for leadership of the Christian Church pressed home to their minds and hearts.

We ought to secure many candidates for the Christian ministry from the hundreds of thousands of our noblest young men who know the deep meaning of service and sacrifice from their overseas experience.

Whether it be a question of the spiritual leadership in the central churches of the older and better established parts of the country, or moulding the plastic social organism of the growing West into forms of beauty and permanent strength for Christ and the Church, or joining the thin, red line in Japan or China to extend the Empire without frontiers; wherever the field may be, whatever the form of spiritual service, it requires a strong man