

"Woe unto you that are full, for ye shall hunger."

Luke 6: 25.

Not spiritually (although even the penalty of remorse may follow your neglect of this national warning) but ye shall hunger in the trying physical sense in which hunger now grips the peoples of Europe.

We know "it is difficult to talk to the belly which hath no ears," and it is just as difficult to persuade a person who has a full dinner before him to-day that he may want for food next month.

But you may as well let this fact sink into your mind—the last people that Canada and the United States will allow to suffer for want of food are our fighting men, and if a sufficient exportable surplus of food cannot be raised and saved by voluntary efforts, then very drastic rationing measures will be enforced.

It may astonish you to learn that in 1917 Ontario did not grow enough wheat for its own needs. Consequently every Ontario farmer

whose land is suitable, has been urged to sow 5 acres more spring wheat this year so that Ontario's demand for wheat shall not be met at the expense of that portion of the Western crop that should more rightfully be shipped overseas.

For this same reason every householder who has a garden or a piece of vacant land is being urged to grow vegetables, because the more vegetables that are grown and eaten in Ontario, the less wheat and meat there will be consumed, and that being so, the Ontario wheat crop should then be sufficient to feed our own people, and leave more Western wheat and other foods available for export.

If you have not yet decided to plant a vegetable garden make up your mind to do so now. You will not regret it. There is still lots of time. Potatoes and beans may be planted up to June 1st and these are the best substitutes for wheat and meat.

For good, practical advice upon how to lay out and cultivate a Vegetable Garden, write for a free copy of the booklet entitled: "A Vegetable Garden for Every Home." This has been prepared by the Ontario Department of Agriculture for the guidance of citizens who will respond to this call for increased production.

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Sherwood Spring

April 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stewart spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown, Riverside.

Mrs. Annie Eligh and little grandson, Harold, were guests on Friday last at Mrs. Howard Trickey's Malorytown Landing.

Mr. Robert Heaslip and family are this week moving to the house recently vacated by Mr. Harry Darling and family.

Mrs. Geo. Langdon and son, Lewis, of Addison, were guests of Mrs. H. Clow on Friday last.

Mr. Wesley Buell has been spending the past few days with relatives here and at Yonge Mills.

Mrs. E. P. Eligh and little son, Harold, have returned from Athens where she has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Gainford.

Our Sunday school has been reorganized under the able management of Rev. Dr. Saunders, who has moved to his summer residence at Butternut Bay.

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Pa—I am afraid that boy of ours has been reading some of this German propaganda.
Ma—Why so?
Pa—When I took him out to the woodshed just now he said he didn't think relatives ought to fight relatives.

Some Boy.
Raleigh Fox, age seven, who weighs 227 pounds, was seen walking down the street in Pottersville, Mo., where he was visiting, crying because his shoes hurt and his father would not carry him.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE IS HELD FOR GORDON KELSEY

Killed in Action in France, March 28, 1918.

This solemn memorial service took place in the Athens Methodist church on Sunday, April 28, at the hour of ten-thirty o'clock a.m., when a large, appreciative and sympathetic concourse of people filling the sacred edifice to the very doors, assembled to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of this noble young hero, who gave his life in defence of right and righteousness on March 28.

Rev. T. J. Vickery, pastor, conducted the service, preaching a most impressive sermon, giving special emphasis to the words: "He died that we might live," and also read a number of letters from army officials and the chaplain (addressed to Pte. Kelsey's mother), all speaking in very high terms of the character and deportment of Gordon Kelsey, and tendering deepest sympathy to the family.

Rev. G. Victor Collins, pastor of the Baptist church, assisted in the service.

The profusion of flags, and the flowers with which the church was draped and decorated, gave evidence in silent eloquence of kindest regard for the young soldier, and of the stern experiences through which he was called to pass. The choir very tenderly gave selections adapted for the occasion, among the number being a solo, "When the angel of death shall call," by Sgt. D. E. Abrahams, recently returned from overseas.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NOTES

Children's Day at the Women's Institute has become an annual event, anticipated with pleasure by young and old alike.

Ideal weather conditions prevailing on Saturday last brought out a large gathering of school pupils rendered an excellent program of literary and musical numbers. Recitations were given by Miss Edna Eaton and Master Sidney Burchell, vocal numbers by Miss Zella Topping and Miss Gwen and Master Hope Swayne, an instrumental duet by Miss Hazel Smith and Miss Marian Robinson. Principal Snowdon, of the public school, gave a short but very interesting talk on "Children's plays and pastimes." He contrasted the primitive toys of pioneer days with those in use at the present time and developed the thought that the character of a nation's games denoted the character of the people.

Formerly on these occasions, a treat was provided the young people who provided the program, but in accordance with the conservation idea, the children were willing to forego the accustomed luxury, and do their bit with no other recompense than a cordial expression of thanks.

The business of the day included the reading of several letters from our boys overseas—one from the late Pte. Gordon Kelsey, who was killed in action shortly after he had acknowledged the receipt of a pall from the local Women's Institute. A letter has been forwarded the bereaved mother, expressing the sympathy of the society.

During the month, one hundred and sixty-one pairs of socks have been handed in.

Other Red Cross work for April reported by the Secretary is as follows: Shipped to Ottawa, 78 prs. pyjamas, 24 stretcher caps. In hands of workers, 24 prs. pyjamas, 18 stretcher caps. Shipped from Institute fund, 3 quilts, 9 prs. pyjamas, 14 hospital shirts, 1 roll of linen, 9 comfort bags, value \$45.90. In hands of workers from Institute fund, 28 prs. pyjamas, 2 hospital shirts, 18 pillow cases, 18 towels, 12 stretcher caps. Have cut and on hand 21 hospital shirts, 11 stretcher caps. Received as donation from Rockspring through Miss Stevens, president of their Sewing Club, 16 stretcher caps, 7 comfort bags. This month shipped 33 parcels to our boys at the front, value \$66.

Cash on hand, March, \$271.00, handed in from March canvass \$9, received from Mrs. Thompson for quilting \$3, H. S. Penny Bag \$5.28, Hard Island 55c, ladies contributing to Prisoners of War fund \$10, total \$298.83.

Expenditure—R. C. material, \$92.38, pails \$18.25, postage \$7.92, yarn \$23.95, piano tuning \$2.50, Prisoners of War fund \$10.00, total \$155.00.

Total cash on hand \$143.83. Red Cross Canvass of March was \$147.05. Red Cross Expenditure—Mdse. \$92.38, pails \$18.25, postage \$7.92, yarn \$23.94, total \$142.50. Balance of March canvass on hand \$4.55. Amount collected during canvass of April 25, \$123.95.

Ladies are requested to remember that there is much work to be done on Wednesday of each week.

Nearer to the Boys

An Interview with Ralph Connor

By PETER McARTHUR

When I was told that if I went to a certain office at a certain hour, I would have the pleasure of meeting the Rev. Charles W. Gordon (Ralph Connor), I accepted with joy. I wanted to meet him for two reasons. I wanted to meet him because he is our most distinguished Canadian novelist, and also because in my boyhood I wrangled on hard, uncompromising benches, listening to the same stern ministers that he "sat under." I had listened to them in both Gaelic and English, and wondered if he would have a fellow-feeling for one who had gone through the same boyish experiences. As my eagerness had brought me early to the place of appointment, I had a few minutes to wait, and fell to wondering what he would be like. Unconsciously I associated him with those old-time Free Kirk ministers and wondered if he would be like the Rev. John Ross, of Brucefield, or the Rev. Lachlan MacPherson, of East Williams. So my surprise was complete when a brisk man in khaki uniform stepped into the room. He did not look enough like those old ministers to make my heart come into my mouth with terror as I faced him. Neither did he look enough like a military martinet to make me click my heels together and come to "attention." And there was absolutely nothing to suggest the producer of "best sellers." It took less than a minute to discover that "Ralph Connor" is, first of all, a fellow-human being, who is ready to take a glance at anything from any man's point of view.

A reference to the old ministers gave us an instant point of contact, and with much laughter—kindly and reverent—but still laughter—we compared notes and exchanged reminiscences of the good men who made the Scotch settlements where we had both been brought up, the places of stern discipline we remembered so well. The hour that had been promised to me was gone and part of another hour with it, before I remembered that the man who arranged the meeting had not done it out of pure kindness. He wanted me to interview Ralph Connor about the war work of the Y.M.C.A. By the time I remembered my duty we had reached a point where I felt that I could ask him about it from a rather daring point of view. I began with a straight question:

"What do you think of the work of the Y.M.C.A. in the war?"

He hunched his shoulders slightly and slipped down a trifle in his chair. From the expression on his face I was afraid that he was going to offer an unfavorable criticism. But his answer made it clear that that was not what disturbed him:

"It is doing a lot of work that the church should be doing."

Now you can understand why my question caused him a shade of discomfort. The minister in him—a touch of the old Free Kirk spiritual guide that made him feel the responsibilities of his calling—made him regret to confess that a purely lay institution is carrying practical Christianity to a point that is as yet impossible for the churches—"beating them to it," as the soldier boys would say.

"Don't misunderstand me," he protested. "The churches and their chaplains are doing a wonderful work, but the Y.M.C.A., being without a propaganda or dogmas, is able to adapt itself instantly to any needs that may arise, either at the battle-front or wherever the boys may be located. It meets them at all hours and in all places with a spirit of good cheer, comfort and helpfulness."

"Then you are of the opinion that the man who supports the war work of the church is not doing all he can to help the boys?"

"Assuredly. The Y.M.C.A. is able to go a little farther. Though the work of the church may be nearer to the ideal of what I want to see done, the Y.M.C.A. gets nearer to the boys."

That struck me as a very important point, and I decided to question him from an angle that might not be pleasing to a clergyman.

"You know," I insinuated, in a spirit of half confession, "that there are a lot of boys who would be inclined to look at a Y.M.C.A. at home as a sort of sissified institution, beneath the notice of young men of the world who like to affect a sort of manly wildness. Does the Y.M.C.A. get near to them?"

"Yes," The helpfulness of the Y.M.C.A. has won out, over every obstacle. In the beginning, the officers of the

High Command had something of the attitude you suggest. But whenever there was anything to be done to help the boys the Y.M.C.A. was there to do it and do it well. By its spirit of unassuming helpfulness the Y.M.C.A. has won the hearts of both the officers and men, no matter what their church connections may be or may not be. It gives and it does not ask anything in return. Its sole reward is that it helps freely all who need help. The thing to emphasize about its work is that it gives—it is an organized spirit of giving, and it gives without a string to the giving."



RALPH CONNOR

"But I often hear comments, not always friendly—about the prices that the Y.M.C.A. charges for some of its supplies."

"Such comments have no justification. The prices are as near right as they can be made. If there is any profit on the sales to the boys in the camps or back of the lines, every cent of it goes to provide things free—absolutely free—to those who are in the front line trenches. As a matter of fact, the canteens and other organizations under the control of the churches and chaplains have pretty much the same schedule of prices as the Y.M.C.A."

I could not suppress a smile at finding my ancient enemy the trust or "Gentlemen's Agreement" appearing in so admirable a form. But I made no comment. Instead, I asked a concluding question:

"Then I may tell the people that in its war work, especially in the matter of creature comforts, the Y.M.C.A. is nearer to the boys than anyone else?"

"Yes. It stands nearer to them than anything else except the military organization under whose discipline they live—and die. You see they are specially organized, trained and outfitted for this kind of work—and they are a mighty spiritual force, too."

When leaving him, I stopped to talk to several other clergymen who appeared in the office—it was a place of clergymen—and he stepped from the room. Shortly afterwards he returned with a copy of his latest book, on the fly-leaf of which he had written in memory of the men we had known in our boyhood: "There were giants in those days."

It will be cherished as one of the most prized of a little collection of autographed first editions. And with it I shall cherish the memory of having spent a couple of hours with a well-known man who is doing a noble work himself and is not afraid to give the fullest credit to other men who are doing a noble work—such as the officers and field-workers of the Y.M.C.A., "who play such a great forward line to the Church's backing in the great, great game," as Connor said.

Greenbush

Talmage Smith, of Scarborough, is home spending a couple of weeks with his mother, Mrs. Alba Root. He is brakeman on the C.P.R.

Mrs. Emma Griffith is a guest at the home of her brother, Mr. Norris Loverin.

Mrs. Rhoda Moore, who has been spending the past three months with her daughter, Mrs. Omer Davis, at the 23rd, accompanied by Mrs. Davis and little son, Hubert, who will reside with her mother for some time.

Mrs. Edward Kennedy and her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Hill, were recent visitors at Smith's Falls.

Mrs. Milton Johnston entertained a party of young people Tuesday evening, the 23rd, in honor of her sister-in-law, Nurse Johnston, who has been for the past two months at Mowat Military Hospital, Kingston, and who expects soon to go overseas. A very pleasant evening was spent in music and games. Ice cream and cake were served by the hostess, and were much enjoyed by all. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of "God be with you till we meet again."

Mrs. (Dr.) Smith and young son

have gone to Kingston to spend a few weeks with the Doctor who is in military work there.

The Red Cross Society held an open meeting at the home of Mr. Edward Smith on the evening of April 18. Quite a lot of work was accomplished including the rolling of eighteen dozen bandages and packing seven boxes for the Greenbush boys overseas, each valued at four dollars. Warm sugar was served at the close of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Fretwell, of Maynard, spend Sunday the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Loverin.

Mr. Wm. Tackaberry of Mapleton Farm, has installed a new milking machine.

Captain Duclon and Mrs. Duclon of Alexandria Bay, are spending the spring months at their farm home here.

Mrs. (Rev.) Baldwin is at Lacolle, Que., in attendance on her mother, who is very ill.

Mrs. W. Kerr, of Ottawa, is a guest at the home of her brother, Norris Loverin and is assisting in the care of her mother who is very ill.