

Congregational Church Greeting

The Congregational Churches join with all the other Churches in giving you a warm welcome back to Canada.

We welcome you from Battle to Peace, pleased that your own courage and sufferings have won.

We welcome you from the hardship of the camp to the comforts of the home, the home you have helped to keep inviolate and safe in the sunlight of Freedom.

We welcome you from a life of separation from the Church to the old familiar ways of worship. We trust you will bring to the Church a fresh impulse to service. You were never forgotten by it. You were in the heart of its people all the time you were away. They are most joyous over your safe return. They will prize most fondly whatever service you may be able to render.

We welcome you from the duties of the soldier to the duties of the citizen. You have had a wonderful experience. You have gained an enlarged vision of the world and of life. You have undergone a discipline that must have given new force to your will and greater efficiency to the powers of your mind. All this should make you stronger to play your part in the battle with those evils that menace the welfare of a nation, stronger to build up those principles and those agencies which are essential to its life. The return of three or four hundred men from the front should be a mighty factor in strengthening the front of every righteous cause.

We welcome you. From our hearts we welcome you.

HUGH PEDLEY.