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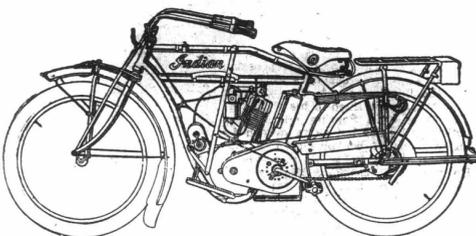
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Neglect of Worship

By Rev. A. M. Hubly, Pastor Emmanuel Church

The neglect of worship by Christian people has come to be one of the greatest evils of our day.
Christianity seems to have become only a thing of the earth earthly.

If it stands in the minds of most men, even in the minds of men who are leaders in religious thought, for respectability for intellectual honesty, for morality, for reverence, for courage, and to stand for those things against all opposition.
It may be asked, "What more is needed?" In answer to the question, I am confident that this high moral standard, commendable as it is among men, does not meet the requirements of a Christian life. It does not touch the essentials of religious worship according to scripture, nor to the experimental knowledge of a redeemed life.

Among professing Christians there are ten who are conscientious to every one that is devout. Nine out of ten will obey, go, show themselves to the priest, but only one will pray and give glory to God for His cleansing. Communion with God, in which lies the highest joy, and the holiest and loftiest practical attainment of a Christian believer's life does not take in church-going as it should.
The weekly call to prayer does not stir the hearts of "believers" (so-called) with glad expectation of meeting with and receiving the blessing of the Saviour, who has given His word to meet, with even the "two or three who gather together in His name."

The opportunity of fellowship, in the study of the Holy Word, is largely set at naught by the greater number of those who are divinely exhorted to "Desire the sincere milk of the word, that they might grow thereby." How wondrous to God, who broke in love, for men, on Calvary, and adding to the worshipping angels about the throne, as it must, also to the true worshippers on earth, to see on Sabbath mornings doors of God's great temple of worship thrown open in vain for so many who have, by profession, numbered themselves among the followers of Christ, who suffer and die, even the death of the cross—that He might bring us to God! The apostle knew well what he was talking about when he said "Let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is."

There is no doubt in my mind that the highest importance, the greatest characteristic, the chief aim and occupation, when assembling ourselves together for religious purposes, should be worship.
That this is not the general view of even those who are church-goers, may be learned by listening to their conversation regarding the things in which they are most deeply interested in connection with religious gatherings. That it is not the view always held by those who arrange for, and superintend church services, may be gathered from church advertisements and public notices. The solo by some opera star, or singing by a famous quartette, or a choir of so many voices, led by professor—(name unpronounceable) with professor— (another puzzling cognomen) at the grand organ, are the prominent features of many church announcements.

If the preacher is thought worthy of public notice, his eloquence, or his intellectual attainments, his pleasing physique, together with his power to elicit his discourse with entertaining anecdote and humorous sayings, are the things made prominent to commend him to public favor.
A short time ago, I was in a church where one of the very much advertised Christian workers was conducting a "Christian Citizenship Campaign." Among a number of written questions presented to the hearers and eloquent orator was this—"Should a person go to church where neither the preacher, nor the sermon are interesting?"
What a grand opportunity was here given to a servant of men for Christ sake, to press home to that audience of twelve hundred people the true

principle of church attendance, which is worshipping God in spirit and in truth and not selfish interest!
But what was the answer given by this popular campaigner? Here it is: "I would go to every church in the city, even the Roman Catholic church, until I found a minister to interest me."
I doubt the questioner was well satisfied with the answer, a case of "peace, where no peace is," or "a stone for bread."
The great mission of the church is to "convince the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment, through the operation of the Holy Spirit; and to emphasize to its members their need of regular worship—the full sense of what it means—the solemn communion with God through prayer, and adoration, which is the noblest and most elevating act of man."
All men should attend public worship with a fourfold motive—conviction, conversion, consecration and for the glory of God.
There is no one but needs the help of God, and the help of judgment, which human sympathy affords. The company of others immensely favors and helps the soul in looking up to God and in opening heart and life to the ministry of grace, mercy and love.
A company of Christian worshippers gathered on Sabbath morning, all set free from the week-day press of occupation and business care, serious, cheerful, and friendly faces, all consciously joined in the fellowship of a common faith, hope and love; all seeking the presence and gracious favor of one Heavenly Father, through the way of access consecrated by the blood of a Divine Saviour—cannot fail to lift men and women upward into strong and joyful consciousness of Divine things.
In Christian church service, preaching the word is an important feature, music both instrumental and vocal, is valuable adjunct to worship, but the devotional exercise of the congregation, individually and collectively, is of far more importance. What we call worship, may be insult to Him, "Unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid." So let us examine ourselves, and so let us worship!
The Prophet, in relation to neglect of worship, asks "Will a man be careful of his feet, and be careless regarding the matter, if they knew how much they rob themselves when robbing God.
Think of what Sabbath-day worship means, individually and collectively, in the hurly and stress of our daily lives, we need the meditative calm of the sanctuary.
Men may come out from a whirl of business that sweeps through the week; women come from the unending routine of family cares; even secluded and thoughtful people are buffeted with restless, strenuous thoughts in their busy lives. One and all need the hour of worship, that they may find rest from these crowded activities and be lifted up to the peace which comes only from looking up into the face of God, as into the face of a Loving Father, made so to us by the redemptive work of His Dear Son!
In this higher sense, we need, and always will need while on earth, time and room to render thoughtful acknowledgments with God! In the house of worship we do not want man's thoughts preached from the pulpit, so much as we need a consciousness of our Maker's presence, and the Holy Spirit's ministry of quickening grace, making us spiritually responsive to all alike.
It were not hard to worship Him if we could only hear Him speak, and look upon His face most tenderly. If we could see His thorn-crowned brow, and the scars now turned to splendor!
The Sabbath hour of worship to us would be most sweet when we passed through thoughtful acknowledgments in His hands and feet!

LIQUOR MEN BUY WAR STAMPS

For Bottles and Packages of Wine Today—Nothing Definite When War Tax Stamps on Letters and Cards Will be Applied.

The local hotelmen and liquor shop men are busy to-day buying war tax stamps for their wines which they have in stock. Mr. A. C. McFee, Collector of Inland Revenue and his staff sent out word to all the liquor men and dealers in spirits in Belleville. The war tax on wines has gone into effect at once.
The "war-tax" stamps have already arrived and most of the dealers in Belleville have bought enough to cover the bottles of the wines they have in stock. The tax so far does not affect Belleville liquor men very much, for the tax is as yet restricted to wines.
Every bottle or package containing wine, non-sparkling wine or champagne and sparkling wine in the possession of all dealers at the time this provision comes into force shall be subject to the payment of the stamp duties herein provided for and the persons by whom such bottle or package is sold shall forthwith after this provision comes into force in respect of every such bottle or package then in his possession forthwith after receiving into his possession. Any such bottle or package in the possession of a wholesale dealer at the time this provision comes into force, attach to such bottle or package an adhesive stamp of the value mentioned in the

schedule to this part opposite the respective articles named therein:—
Wine non-sparkling, each bottle or package containing 1 quart or less 5c.; Wine, non-sparkling a quantity greater than one quart or every quart in addition for every additional part of a quart 5c.
Champagne and sparkling wine, each package containing 1 pint or less 25c.
Champagne and sparkling wine, a quantity greater than 1 pint for each pint and in addition for every fractional part of a pint 25c.
The war stamp is the ordinary postage stamp with the words "War Tax" diagonally upon it.
Mr. Arthur McGinnis, Collector of Customs, states that goods were being passed through customs subject to Amendment.
While a telegram has been received there was no definite information as to the new customs.
Nothing has been received by Mr. Gillen postmaster to indicate when the war stamps will be necessary on letters and postcards.

At the Traps.
At the traps yesterday afternoon Messrs. James Woodley and Hugh Howie tied the score at 23 out of 25 birds. The latter was awarded the silver spoon as Mr. Woodley had won a spoon at a previous shoot.

Valentine Rush.
The regular St. Valentine's rush at the post office is in full swing. Postmaster Gillen states that thousands are passing through the hands of the staff today.

ACCEPTED CALL

Rev. A. R. Sanderson Will Go to Campbellford.

Rev. A. R. Sanderson, who has been filling a quadrennial term as pastor of West Belleville Methodist Church, has received a hearty and unanimous invitation to become the pastor of the Methodist church at Campbellford.

He has intimated that he will accept the call. At Campbellford he will succeed the Rev. W. E. Tucker, B.A., B.D., who goes to Madoc. It is with the greatest regret that the congregation of West Belleville church is compelled by the exorable rule of the Methodist Conference to part with Mr. Sanderson. His pastorate among them has been a pronounced success. In every department the church work appears to have been amply sustained. In the midst of his term church improvements aggregating nearly twelve thousand dollars were put through and now for comfort and tasteful appearance West Belleville church is one of the best within the bounds of the Conference. All this work was carried through with the utmost harmony and thoroughness. In the Sunday School, the Epworth League, and in all the other manifold activities of the pastor's work, his efforts have been unremitting and have everywhere been crowned with the most gratifying success.

The church services have always been interesting and as a result the congregations have grown until now it is one of the largest and liveliest in the city. As an after-dinner speaker Mr. Sanderson was one of the very best, and his services have lately been in great demand as a lecturer. In all his work here he has been faithfully assisted by Mrs. Sanderson. Her efforts, particularly in connection with the choir, had much to do with the general success of Mr. Sanderson's pastorate.

He and Mrs. Sanderson will be accompanied to their new field of endeavor by the very best wishes of a multitude of friends both inside and outside of their congregation.

WILD RUNAWAY

Youth Hurt When Team Which He Was Holding Bolted.

A wild runaway took place last evening on Upper Front street in which a boy, Robbie Barris was slightly hurt. The young fellow was asked to hold a team for a farmer and the animals became frightened and ran down the street. The boy had his ankle slightly injured before he got off the platform of the sleigh near Lott's Woolen mills on Mill street, where the kingbolt of the sleigh came down up. The horses ran on for some distance but were caught. One was lamed slightly but no great damage was done.
The boy suffered a cut on the face and on his return home last night after the experience he fainted a number of times. He is however able to be at school today.

OFFICERS ELECTED

For North Hastings Loyal Orange Lodge on Tuesday.

The annual county meeting of the L.O.A. of North Hastings was held in the Orange hall, Montego, on Tuesday afternoon, despite the bad condition of the roads. There was a smaller turn-out of the members from the various lodges owing to weather conditions than in previous years. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year—
W.M.—R. Robinson
D.M.—D. Rutledge
Chap.—D. Fuller
Sec.—J. F. Tat
Treas.—Wm. Price
Lecturers—R. Vickers and James Quirk
D. of C.—G. Paton
Committee—A. Woodcock, J. McLean, W. Young and G. Twa.
After a lengthy discussion it was decided to attend the county celebration at Belleville on the coming 12th of July.

MAY GO TO FRONT

Local Telegraph Manager Anxious to Serve Country.

Mr. Logan, manager of the Great North Western Telegraph Company's branch in Belleville may go to the front as telegrapher. He would like to join the First Contingent if possible.

Brockville's Unique Position

The town council of Brockville has passed its second regular meeting, and yet there are no standing committees, due to the action of Mayor Donaldson in refusing to allow a vote being taken on a resolution naming the same. The members of the Board of Health and Light and Water Commission were invited to meet the council for a conference regarding the typhoid fever epidemic, but at the outset the Mayor assumed the role of investigator in a cross-examination of the Medical Officer of Health. This was objected to by the members of the two boards, all of whom forth with left the chamber.

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MAJOR-GENERAL HUGHES AND COLONEL HON. C. J. DOHERTY REVIEWED BELLEVILLE TROOPS

Addressed Recruits of Third Contingent--Visited Armouries and Officers' Quarters--Left at Noon Today.

(From Friday's Daily)
Today was a big day in military circles in Belleville, for Major-General the Hon. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia and Defence, and the Hon. Col. C. J. Doherty, K.C. LL.D., Minister of Justice were in the city today and visited and inspected the troops of the 39th Battalion. Major-General Hughes came up by Grand Trunk from Ottawa and the Hon. Col. Doherty, Mr. W. B. Northrup, K.C., and Mr. Ahera, private secretary of the Minister of Justice. The reason for their visit was the fact that the distinguished cabinet ministers were on their way to Madoc and took the opportunity to spend a few hours in Belleville, particularly as this is the center for mobilization of one of the battalions of the 3rd contingent.
The volunteers of the 15th and 49th regiments were looking their best although none had their military uniforms. All the recruits were in line early. Major-General Hughes was the first on the scene, arriving at the armouries at about nine-thirty unaccompanied. He met the officers, greeted them and looked over the troops drawn up. The Major-General then left in company with Col. J. A. V. Preston, Col. Smart, Col. Ketcheson, and others for the cannery factory and inspected the arrangements made for the accommodation of the troops who will soon be arriving in the city.
When the Major-General returned he found the troops drawn up in reviewing order with the following officers Col. Preston, Col. Smart, Major Bywater, Captain Hudson, Capt. Vanderwater, Lieutenants Craig, Hopkins and Allen. Major-General Hughes then reviewed the troops with the Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Col. Preston, Col. Ketcheson, Col. Marsh and Mr. J. J. B. Flint.
The Minister of Militia and Defence was very anxious to meet old soldiers, particularly veterans, and the party passed along the line, the veterans were introduced to the Major-General and received a hearty handshake and a greeting which they will never forget. Some of the men were so pleased that five minutes afterwards they were still smiling. So inspiring was the greeting of Canada's Minister of War.
Sir Mackenzie Bowell was then introduced to the officers of the 39th battalion.
After this for some time the Major-General was busy meeting old soldiers. How he could spot a veteran of South Africa seemed a marvel. He surely made the soldiers feel that they had a friend in the Minister of Militia and Defence.
About eleven o'clock the Hon. Col. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of Canada, arrived at the armouries in his uniform as colonel. He was accompanied by Mr. Northrup and his private secretary. Once again the troops were reviewed this time by Major-General Hughes and Col. the Hon. C. J. Doherty.
The Minister of Militia and Defence in his conversation with officers at the armouries complimented them on their men and said that in a couple of weeks there would be a fine body of men here in the 39th battalion.
The distinguished visitors with military men of note and others then ascended to the balcony where Major-General Hughes took charge of a short program of addresses.

MAJOR GENERAL HUGHES
The General in addressing the officers and recruits said that he was certain those who had been at the review of the troops were delighted at the showing made. The men were not clad in their regular uniforms and had not yet had the advantages of thorough drill, but under the conditions the review was most creditable. All the men have the inspiration and desire to do their duty for their country and for humanity. He complimented his old friend Colonel Preston on his battalion. As an old member of the 49th Regiment Major-General Hughes took special interest in that corps and in this city. He looked for one of the best regiments on active service for the 39th Battalion which will soon be mobilized here. He had inspected the cannery factory and found that it would be an admirable place for the troops. The distinguished speaker recalled 1870 when the soldiers were assembled on Taylor's Hill at the court house and Sir Mackenzie Bowell announced that the Fenians had invaded Canada. All in those days felt ready to follow their leader anywhere.

COL. HON. C. J. DOHERTY.
Col. the Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice and Attorney-General was introduced as a man who had seen service in the Northwest Rebellion with the 55th Regiment.
The Hon. Mr. Doherty in his opening remarks said he did not think the volunteers expected much of a speech from the Minister of Justice. "I am here exclusively as Colonel because there was no place in the surroundings for a mere lawyer. As a little of an old soldier it did my heart good to see such a noble body of men step forward in this great crisis when the country is calling. It is a great source of gratification wherever we go to find the ready response to the call I have been privileged with Major-General Hughes to visit other places and see gatherings of soldiers and we are proud of the way in which the men are volunteering. But I have never seen a group of men at the outset of their training make so fine an appearance as these men this morning."
Col. Doherty was certain the men would give a good account of themselves. He did not forget that the 49th regiment had given two great men to Canada, an ex-premier, the Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, and the Minister of Militia and Defence, Major-General Hughes.

"We all know you will do your duty in the field to which you are called. We have that absolute confidence in the men of Hastings. You take with you the best wishes of all your countrymen and perhaps more so of your countrywomen. You too will keep in trust the memory of those who love you and thank of you and you will find no greater incentive to do your duty than that."
SIR MACKENZIE BOWELL
Col. the Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell was introduced by Major-General Hughes as "only 91 years of age and still one of the boys." My heart and soul are with the volunteer forces." He wore the service medal. "I hope you all will return with medals of honor. I might be pardoned if I select that company with which I have been associated, the 49th. I hope the 15th and 49th will join together and show the German hordes that they cannot dominate." (Cheers)

MR. W. B. NORTHRUP.
Mr. W. B. Northrup, K.C., M.P., made a very happy speech. "No Canadian could gaze on such a scene as this without his heart swelling. Surely it is a source of gratification when the call to arms is made and the call for men to fight for their country, to find such a response. We wish you all the best of health and prosperity. I pray you will all return, every mother's son."
The Major-General led in cheers for the King and Col. Preston called on the men to give three cheers for Major-General Hughes in appreciation of his visit.

OFFICERS' QUARTERS
The military party then visited the CofE offices where the officers' headquarters will be, on Front street.
Major-General Hughes, Col. Hon. C. J. Doherty, Mr. Northrup, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, and others then left for the G.T.R. station to embark for Madoc, where the armouries were officially opened this afternoon. The Fifteenth Band accompanied them. The party will return by special about midnight.