

PADRES RENDER A NOBLE SERVICE

Canadian Chaplains Do Great Work in France—Inspire Workers UNITY AND HARMONY Different Denominations Work Together Without Friction

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Writing on the work of the Canadian chaplains in France, Captain Charles G. D. Roberts sends the following to the Minister of Militia:

The work of the Canadian chaplain service has been so successful, so rich in results, and conducted along such broadly human lines, that it is impossible to do anything approaching justice within the space of a newspaper article. Only the full story of it comes to be written will it appear for what it truly is—a thing on which Canada may not less pride herself than on the splendid achievements of her sons in the fighting lines.

There are few things more futile than to attempt to raise a noble structure without preparing for it a sound foundation. The soaring spire or campanile must have the broad and stable base. The chaplain service in France of the Canadian army is a spiritual edifice built upon the foundation of a minute and thorough organization, so practical in its working that it has resulted in an immense extension of the chaplains' field of usefulness, and its success has led to a considerable increase in the chaplains' establishment throughout the British expeditionary force in France.

Unity and Harmony On such a foundation of practical efficiency it is that our "padres" are affectionately and familiarly dubbed a "padre" have based the more spiritual element of their labors. The cement of the whole structure has been a unity of purpose and a harmony in effort which are a constant influence for good among our men, and which may well serve as an example to the churches at large.

This unity and this harmony, it is to be observed, are maintained among our "padres" without any sacrifice of those particular principles or doctrines which dogmas, as may be, on which each communion bases its distinction from the rest. The representatives of each church or creed are supreme within their own fold. The organization of the Canadian chaplain service as a whole guards the interests of each communion, and guards them impartially. I have seen an energetic young Jewish rabbi coming to a young Jewish rabbi for assistance to enable him most effectively to minister to his scattered Hebrew flock. All rivalries are strictly eliminated, except the high rivalry of zeal, self-sacrifice and courage.

Proportionate Representation The representation of the different churches upon the establishment of the C.C.S. is strictly proportionate to the strength of their membership among the troops. That church, whichever it may be, which sends the smallest number of adherents into the field naturally requires the smallest representation among the padres. Any form of sectarian propaganda is firmly ruled out, for the whole spirit of the administration of the C.C.S. requires each padre to be as jealous for the rights of his colleagues as for his own. In all matters that do not touch the special concerns of their own communion, the padres work together in a most loyal and hearty co-operation. In their deliberations there is neither Wesleyan nor Anglican, neither Roman Catholic nor Presbyterian nor Baptist, but only a brotherhood, united in effort for the spiritual and bodily welfare of our Canadian soldiers in the field. To say so much may well sound like an exaggeration, like the expression of a dream rather than the statement of a reality, but from all that I have been able to observe it would be less than justice to say less. It is probably owing to this spirit of harmony more than to anything else that the influence of the padres is so strong and vital throughout the Canadian force.

Inspire the Workers. But it is when a battle is on that the church militant peculiarity justifies its title. Where the wounded and dead are falling, there you will find the "padres." They are by no means confining themselves to the spiritual functions. They are helping and inspiring the stretcher-bearers, the ambulance men, the surgeons. Their activities are limited only by the needs of the situation. For instance, during the second battle of Ypres the padres in different quarters of the battlefield, organized voluntary stretcher-bearer parties, guided them up into No Man's Land, and worked them night after night in finding and bringing out the wounded. In this task one of the padres was taken prisoner, of the padres was taken prisoner, organized a rescue party, led it up under deadly shell fire and brought back ten wounded men who had been lying in a trench for four days. The trench was one cut off from our lines and occupied in part by the Germans. Another of our padres was wounded while rescuing an Australian wounded at Mouquet farm. It would be contrary to the whole self-sacrificing spirit of the C. C. S. to single by name any of those who have distinguished themselves by deeds of individual heroism. In some cases such achievements have received official recognition. In other cases they have escaped, or evaded such recognition. Suffice it to say that three C. M. G.'s and five Military Crosses have been awarded among the padres, while many more such honors have been amply deserved. It is significant to note that of the thirty padres who left Canada with our first contingent, in September, 1914, there are now only nine remaining in the field.

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Rippling Rhymes

When I was young the farmers' shacks were sky by costly tomes, and only last year's almanacs were found in many homes. I used to work for Uncle Hi. I plied the hoe with speed; and when "night came how I would sigh for something fit to read! A weekly paper Uncle took, and it was always stale, but for a magazine or book he would dig up no kale. We fed the hogs their luscious stows, and gave the hens their hay, and never heard the great world's news till it was old and gray. Oh, countless farmers lived like this in that fine old time; they held that ignorance was bliss, and reading was a crime. My Uncle Hi is now on high—at least I hope he's there; his generation had to die, as men must, everywhere. 'Tis but some thirty years ago since Uncle cashed his string, and faded from this vale of woe to play a harp and sing. How times have changed! The farmer's lair has reading, now, to burn; the farmer, in his easy chair, today's hot news may learn. My Uncle Hi would find things strange, if he could be our guest. How times have changed—and every change seems always for the best!



The Fairy Bug

Dear me, if Anna hadn't picked up the peacock feather! But there it lay in the moonlight beside her bed and she did pick it up and that's all there is to it. And if she hadn't, she'd never have seen the fairy Princess marry the fairy Prince.

Now, the minute Anna picked up the peacock feather, in through the window came galloping six peacocks and they drew behind them a golden chariot with fiery lamps and feins of dewdrops.

"Once before, Anna," said the first peacock severely, "we came for you because the Princess wanted you for a bridesmaid, but you yawned and wished you were in bed and every wish is granted in the fairy forest."

"I know," said Anna sadly, "I whizzed right back through the air to my bed."

"And the Princess had to postpone her wedding. She's waiting for you now."

So Anna climbed into the golden chariot, and this time, by some magic she didn't understand, the minute she sat down, there she was, all dressed in a misty robe of cobweb lace.

On through the moonlight galloped the fairy peacocks until they came to a glade full of fairies. Elves were there and gnomes were there and dwarfs and lovely fairies. And a cricket choir was singing so beautifully that Anna could hardly believe her ears.

Now, while she stared around her at the wedding guests, the fairy bride appeared, dressed in mist and dew diamonds, and from a crystal castle came the fairy Prince in pany velvet. Anna just had time to join the wedding procession herself as one of the bridesmaids when a blue-bell rang out a wedding chime and Jack-in-the-Pulpit appeared in green robes, as fine a fairy minister as any one would care to see.

Now Anna didn't know they were all standing on a rug woven of flower petals. How could she? If she had she might have been more careful about her wish. The plain fact of it is that she should have remembered anyway that a wish in the fairy forest is always granted.

And so when she wished to herself that her mother might see the fairy wedding, you know what happened. Z-z-z-z! straight up into the air went the rug of flower petals with all the fairy folk aboard, and started for her mother's house, and if Anna hadn't had the presence of mind to wish them all back where they belonged just as the house came in sight, her mother might have been frightened most to death!

As it was, Anna saw the fairy wedding and then wished herself in bed.

And then we find fault because now and then there is a wrong item on the bill or a package is delayed, and marvel at the mistakes the clerks "manage to make."

To my mind, now I stop to think of it, there is a far greater marvel than that.

The mistakes they don't make.

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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

SCOTLAND.

(From our own Correspondent)
Mrs. Jas. Eadie and Miss Ruth, of Oakland spent Friday with Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. Jones Smith of the village passed away on Friday morning after a lingering illness. The funeral was held on Monday at 2 o'clock to Wilsonville burying grounds.

Miss Elsie McInnes of Hamilton, is visiting at her home here.

Miss Pearl Thornton, of Brantford, spent Sunday at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cooper spent Sunday visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. T. Messer, of the village.

The farmers institute was held on Wednesday of last week and was largely attended.

Quite a number from around here attended the funeral of Mrs. Jas Riddle, of Wilsonville on Tuesday.

Mr. Thornton is not very well at time of writing.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Central Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Wilson, the president, Mrs. Rose, presiding. The programme was of a patriotic nature. Among the numbers was a song by Miss Sarah McCann and a recitation by Miss Marion McCann, both young ladies appearing to good advantage. Mrs. Yule also rendered a solo, living up to her reputation as a sweet singer. Mrs. Yule promises to be of valuable assistance to the work of the Institute. Dr. Fotheringham, government delegate of Toronto, gave an instructive address on medical inspection in the school and useful health hints which were greatly appreciated by her hearers.

Mrs. J. J. Hurley gave an address on the need of Red Cross supplies. A motion was unanimously carried to continue the monthly contributions to the Red Cross and it was decided to hold a bazaar in the interests of that work, at the home of Mr. A. Coles.

LANGFORD.

(From our own Correspondent)
Onondaga Women's Institute invited the Langford Institute to spend a social evening with them last Wednesday evening. Langford branch furnished the program and at the close were treated to a fine lunch with plenty of hot coffee provided by the ladies of Onondaga. All felt they had spent a very pleasant evening together.

Mrs. A. B. Cornwell was at Paris on Monday at the "At Home" given by Mrs. Elizabeth E. Little, at the home of Mrs. Scott Davison.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Westbrook spent Sunday afternoon in the city. Mrs. John Hunter accompanied her sister as far as Hamilton on Monday on her return to her home in Rochester.

Mrs. T. Langs spent a day last week in the city with her mother.

Mr. J. W. Westbrook was at Ancaster on Saturday.

Mr. Garbott has sold his farm and expects to leave some time in March. Mrs. M. E. Vanderlip spent Sunday in the city with friends.

Miss Bert Lang, Catsville, spent the week-end at Mr. Ed. Langs. Several are suffering with bad colds.

HATCHLEY

(From our own correspondent)
"At Homes" are very fashionable at present, and will continue while the very severe weather, and tremendous snowdrifts prevail.

Mr. N. Rush was badly injured last week while engaged in loading logs.

A jolly sleighload of young people, attended the Epworth League at Northfield last Thursday night.

Mr. G. H. Morris addressed the Farmers' Club at Onondaga on Wednesday, his remarks were on the value and convenience of hydro on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Barnes have the sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement. The late Mr. Cobbe was well known and highly esteemed.

Mr. V. Dean has sold his farm to Mr. Enrich of Norwich.

Miss Erie Lee spent Sunday with Miss Brown of Harley.

The Rush Bros. have purchased the farm of Mr. H. Hill of New Durham.

The village of West Edmonton is desirous of joining the city of Edmonton.

The Drumheller coal fields were obliged to shut down for lack of cars recently.

Edmund Marston, one of Winnipeg's earliest citizens, died recently in his 71st year.

R. O'Loughlin, former wholesale stationer, of Winnipeg, died suddenly in New York.

Edmonton School Board have raised the salaries of the teachers of the Technical School.

Alex. Shields, a well-known lumberman of Saskatoon, died suddenly at the Hotel Vancouver.

The P. Burns packing plant at North Edmonton, will enlarge their plant considerably this year.

A. H. Buller, professor of botany at the Manitoba University, stated that it was probable that the rust which worked injury to the crop last summer was propagated on the leaves of the barberry bush, which grows on the plains of North Dakota.

The C.N.R. have carried coal from the mines of Alberta during the months of October, November and December, 1916, compared with the corresponding months of the previous year: 1916, 287,558 tons; 1915, 189,690 tons; net increase, 97,868 tons, or 51.6 per cent.

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