

CANADA



## NATIONAL SERVICE

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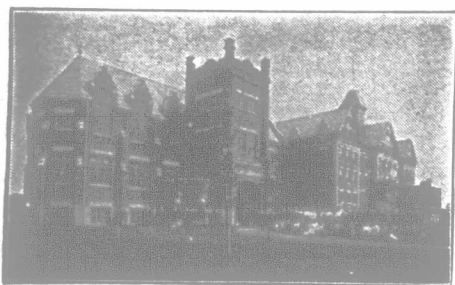
R. B. BENNETT,

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Ottawa, 15th December, 1916.

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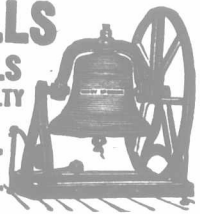
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After a few words by Mr. J. J. Kelso, representing the Canadian Society for the Protection of Birds, the Horticultural Convention for 1916 came to a close, and the delegates departed, more enthusiastic than ever for a beautiful Ontario.

### Hope's Quiet Hour.

Be of Good Courage.

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.—Ps. 27:14.

In God's Book—the order-book of His army—the command to be fearless and very courageous is often repeated. Evidently courage is a quality very admirable in God's eyes, as it is also in the sight of men. When Gideon gathered an army of 32,000 men to fight against the tremendous host of Midian, he was told to send home all who were "fearful and afraid". Twenty-two thousand gladly availed themselves of this chance to return home. Even the 10,000 who remained were weeded down to 300 picked men, who must have been wonderfully brave to attack such a mighty foe. They were fearless because they knew their cause was right and just, and therefore they were sure of God's help. No prayers can bring God's blessing on an unrighteous cause.

But we must never decide by outward appearance that God is for or against a cause. Wasn't it Napoleon who said that God was on the side of the biggest battalions? At any rate— whoever made that remark—it was a very foolish one. Look at the huge army of Germany trampling under foot those lion-hearted Belgian patriots, and say—if you dare!—that God's blessing was upon the largest battalions.

We have only to look at our Leader on the Cross (suffering agony and shame and yet of good courage) to learn that defeat in the world's sight may be really greatest victory, and that outward victory may (even in the world's eyes) be shameful failure.

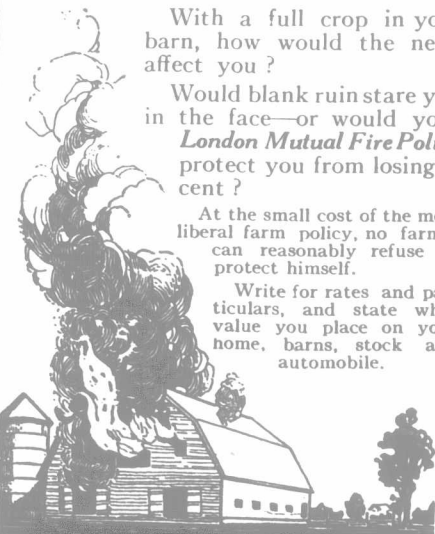
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The only true victory is victory of the spirit. How often it is seen to-day! Our soldiers may be wounded, made prisoners or killed; but as long as they are of good courage they are victorious.

An American, who saw the long trains of wounded enter Potsdam, last August, declared that the sight surpassed in sadness anything he had witnessed in the last two bloody years. These are his words:

"Your Neuve Chapelle wounded were, if not gay, many of them blithe and smiling—their bodies were hurt, but their minds were cheerful; but the wounded of the Prussian Guard—the proudest military force in the world—who had come back to their home town decimated and humbled—these Guards formed the most amazing agglomeration of broken men I have ever encountered.

The Prussian Guard had come home. The steel corps of the army of Germany had met at Contalmaison the light-hearted boys I had seen drilling in Hyde Park last year, and in a furious counter-attack, in which they had attempted to regain the village, had been wiped out. These were not merely wounded, but dejected wounded. The whole atmosphere of the scene was that of intense surprise and depression.

It was not, however, the lines of suffering in those faces that impressed me, but that uncanny sameness of expression, an expression of hopeless gloom so deep that it made me forget that the sun was shining."—(D. THOMAS CURTIN, in the London "Times.")

Why were they so downhearted? Because they, who thought themselves invincible, had been beaten by an amateur army. They had set their hearts on earthly glory and cared for nothing else. When this was lost they thought life was not worth living. They had courage—but not the "good courage" of our text. They were trusting to their own strength, not waiting on the Lord.

It is hard for a man in that state of shamed humiliation to understand that defeat is often a greater proof of love than victory would be. Think of the probable result of victory on men who were already so proud and ambitious! Do you remember the story of Uzziah, king of Judah? He was made king when he was only sixteen and at first he sought God and did that which was right. God helped him against his enemies and he had an army of mighty men. He made, in Jerusalem, engines, invented by cunning men, which he mounted on the city walls to shoot arrows and huge stones at any attacking foe. "His name spread far abroad; for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong. But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction." The rest of the story describes his swift downfall. Because God loved Uzziah. He could not permit him to go rushing on to spiritual destruction. Nothing but a severe shock could teach him humility, and God is like a wise surgeon who cuts very deeply when "proud flesh" is tainting the whole man. Some day we shall thank Him for the reverses which seemed almost unendurable for the moment. In the meantime we can wait His time for victory, and gain courage by remembering that our Leader fought His difficult and painful way through the agony in Gethsemane, and through apparent defeat on Calvary before He rose in triumph from the tomb. It is easy to be brave when we can see that all is going well, but the courage that is highly prized by God is the "good" courage which is undaunted when everything seems to be going "dead wrong."

If our cause is God's Cause we can trust Him to carry it through. If He is fighting for us we can echo the Psalmist's confident words:

"The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: Though war should rise against me, even then will I be confident."

A chaplain of the King's Own Scottish Borderers wrote home a description of a communion Service at the Front. The young men sang the 23rd Psalm, and realized the truth of the words:

"My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes".

They were in the presence of their foes, and yet they found the Good Shepherd had spread the feast of love for them in the crater made by a shell. God sometimes has to lead us into danger