

ed and now she is prepared to bid him Godspeed.

Oh, mothers of Canada's bravest and best, you have given much that Liberty and Justice may yet have a place in the world; and when our boys come home it will be a proud time for you that you did not, through any selfish love, stand in their way of doing what was right. Above and beyond all others you have been "just as brave."

Oh, men, men, arouse yourselves from the apparent lethargy that has atrophied your sense of national duty. There is the call. You must have heard it. Then do not let any mistaken sense of duty or obedience to parental wishes hold you back. There may be, surely will be, that first sharp wrench of pain, then it will pass away and *your* mother, too, will be able to say, "He has gone, but, 'just as brave.'"

#### ANDREW D. WATSON.

There are in every branch of humanity's activities men and women who quietly and unostentatiously go about their work and do what is there to be done very efficiently, yet who in the midst of a busy life find many, many things to do for others, perfectly satisfied to have as a reward a sense of something worth while, well done.

Such a one is Andrew D. Watson, Actuary in the Insurance Department, whose address on "A Financial Scheme of Retirement" delivered before the National Assembly of Civil Service Commissioners is concluded in this issue of *The Civilian*. One cannot help but marvel at the multiplicity of detail touched upon in this address. Apparently every phase of a complicated, vastly important theme is dealt with. Yet all of this was assembled by Mr. Watson with the sole object of directing thought, of helping the serious-minded to reach some conclusion.

This is only one service. Many others have been done. It would have cost Civil Service organizations many hundreds of dollars to obtain the actuarial advice that they have received from Mr. Watson for a "Thank You." This, too, at the sacrifice of many hours of social activity and physical and mental relaxation.

#### THANKS!

*The Civilian* thanks those friends who, in response to recent appeals, have sent in lists of enlisted men, casualties and other information. Some of the names received were already on record and will not be published again. These duplications are by no means valueless, as they enable the editors to check and verify or correct the former entry. Very often they add new details to the information on file concerning enlisted men. Several departments in Ottawa,—notably the Post Office, Naval Service and Inland Revenue,—do not keep records of the units with which their men enlist, and *The Civilian* is always glad to get that detail from other sources. It is better to have a man's name reported three times than to not have it at all. The Civil Service has done a great work for Canada during the first two years of the war. *The Civilian* is making up the only record of that work. It is to the interest of every civil servant to have that record complete and accurate. Co-operation of readers with the editors will insure the desired result.

The Government has decided to admit to the Service men of more than thirty-five years of age, who were heretofore excluded by regulations under the Act of 1908. One more excuse for the employment of young slackers from the outside is removed.

Many Canadians have recently been decorated for gallantry at the front.