

Baptist Church Welcome

To me has been assigned the honour of joining with representatives of other Christian communions in welcoming home our troops from overseas. Because I saw your life in camp and hospital, in trench and rest billet, on duty and at play, in safety and in danger, in health and in suffering, I cannot too warmly welcome you home. Because I know what kind of men you are I bid you thrice welcome. Because it was your duty you endured discomforts and hardships, and braved danger and death, and you were not willing to come home until you had finished your task. The stern experiences of these years has changed boys into men, while the men have been sobered and ennobled by the things which they have done and suffered.

Having heard many of you of different ranks talk in England and France of your hopes for Canada I know something of your high purposes as you return to civil life; as you made your influence mightily felt in war so now you will make your influence mightily felt, for good, in peace. On behalf of the Baptist Churches of Canada I welcome you to the joys of home life, the sacred responsibilities of Church life, and the great opportunities of the industrial, commercial, social, and political life of this prosperous new country. I pray that the God who has made you mighty men of valour in war may abundantly prosper you in peace, enabling you to become an unspeakable blessing to Canada.

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