

Phillips Brooks once said: "Take that task of yours, which you have been hesitating before, and shirking, and walking around, and on this very day lift it up and do it."

We are called to be volunteers, not leaders. Our prayers should not be that God may do our will, but that we may do His.

"Follow on, follow on, till the night is gone,
Till the long hard quest has its end in rest,
And the Vision of Christ is won."
DORA FARNCOMB.

The Windrow

Seventy-four firms in Toronto are now making munitions.

Over three thousand graduates and undergraduates of Toronto University are now on active service.

When the new span for the Quebec bridge is built rolled steel will be used instead of cast steel. This, it is thought, will lessen the danger of accident.

Dr. Evelyn Windsor, of Calgary, is going on active service. She is the first Canadian woman to go to the front as a doctor. Her work will be at the dressing stations.

The loss in materials of the span of the Quebec bridge which fell recently when being lifted into place, is estimated at \$600,000, the total cost of the bridge, when finished, having been placed at \$17,000,000. If completed, this structure would cut 200 miles from the railway distance between Halifax and the West.

A new type of ship, whose hull is entirely built of concrete except for the ribs, which are steel, arrived recently at Christiania, Norway, from the shipyards of Christianiafjord. It is the first stone vessel ever floated, and its builders claim that it is much safer than vessels built of wood or steel.

The New York Central Railroad has announced that its engineers have perfected a process for eliminating the hidden flaws in steel rails. The discovery was made by Dr. P. H. Dudley, consulting engineer of the road, who has been at work for 40 years in a study of the cause and prevention of rail-breaks. He is 72 years of age, and for 33 years he and his wife lived in a specially equipped car in which he could carry out his investigations.

An odd state of affairs exists in the vicinity of Salonika, where men from twelve nations have been brought to fight over neutral territory, which belongs to none of them and to which none lays claim. The nations are: Allies—French, British, Serbs, Russians, Albanians. The Central Powers—Germans, Bulgars, Austrians, Hungarians, Turks.

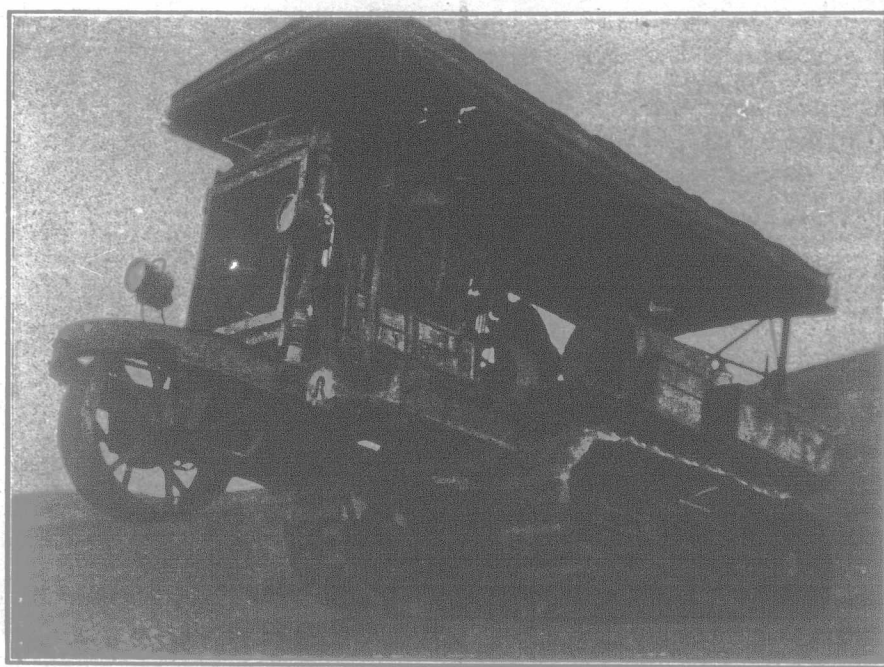
"The war has done wonders in removing anti-feminist prejudice in England. It has been discovered that women are useful as well as ornamental, and that the nation needs them. Premier Asquith, formerly a pronounced opponent of equal suffrage, has declared that the women must have recognition in the new electoral bill. The trade unions, once so ungenerous toward the weaker sex, have at last allowed them to enter the workshops."—The Independent.

According to an official Yellow Book, recently issued in France, the manner in which the German authorities deported the inhabitants of the cities in the captured areas of the north—25,000 from Lille, Roubaix and Tourcoing alone—was heartless in the extreme. Families were ruthlessly torn apart, all capable of working, between the ages of 15 and 55, being taken to work in fields and factories for the Germans. The French people are greatly incensed over the details of the book.

Jack London, the noted writer, is a most enthusiastic farmer. In a valley in California, the original of his "Valley of the Moon," he has a ranch of 1,300 acres, of which he is very proud. He raises the biggest and best crops of hay in his county; his live stock is the best bred, sleekest and fattest; he has a 75-acre vineyard, and a 12-acre prune orchard that yields an annual average of near 12 tons; also he built the first concrete silo in California, 43 feet high and 11 feet in diameter. Seven years ago Mr. London started with 126 acres, but, as he says, he has been "buying beauty ever since."

whom she repulsed after a bloody encounter.

A young girl recently killed herself in an English village. The coroner's jury, however, brought in the verdict: "Killed by idle gossip." The girl had been guilty of nothing actually wrong, but "the gossip disseminated by the women of the village blackened her name until she could bear the suspicious looks and spoken taunts no longer, and so she ended her life." The event caused an antigossip crusade, an account of which appears in Pearson's Weekly (London):



Giant Tractor Used by British Army.

Like a kangaroo, the forward part of the truck rises high in air when it is about to go up a steep grade. International Film Service.

Her Highness the Begum of Bhopal, India, perhaps the richest woman in the world, has given great assistance to the Allies, ever since the beginning of the war. She offered to train recruits for the Government, and the Bhopal Imperial Service Lancers were placed on garrison duty at Meerut. She also sent ten tents for hospital use to France, contributed \$28,000 for the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund, \$3,000 for comforts for Indian troops, and \$1,000 for relief of Belgian sufferers. She set out herself on active service, but was invalidated at Aden. Bhopal is the only State in India where the ruler is a woman, and the present Begum is the only living woman ruler who has been in action with her own troops. During a pilgrimage to Mecca she and her body guard were attacked by Arabs,

"A society has been formed and rules drawn up. The entrance fee has been fixed at a nominal sum, because the society desired to embrace all classes, both rich and poor. Our richer women are just as adept at robbing others of their character as are the women of the working classes who chat with each other from their respective door-steps.

"The organizers are quite hopeful of minimizing the number of gossips, because they are convinced that the worst offenders talk scandal more from a matter of habit than through any really malicious desire to injure another.

"Members must take a vow to avoid either starting or spreading any unkind remarks about any one else, nor will they listen to a person who

tries to tell them. To repeat what they have heard, even if known to be true, is equally as bad as to set the ball rolling. For the first ten breaches of this law a fine is imposed, graduating from a shilling up to the maximum fine of ten shillings. After ten slips the women are to be blackballed as incurables.

"If we pick up mud and throw it at a fashionably dressed lady and spoil her clothes she can get redress through the law; no well-brought-up woman, however, ever dreams of throwing mud at her friends.

"If, on the other hand, we imagine that she is too flighty in her behavior, and in order to strengthen our belief, we repeat all her trivial, little, indiscreet actions, we are flinging mud at her character, and she can get no redress unless it should happen to interfere with the earning of her livelihood, or can be proved a malicious act.

"Idle gossip does more harm than anything else in the world, and if the organizers of the antigossip crusade have only the perseverance and courage to make it universal they will do inestimable good for the general happiness of the community.

"Charity, like all else, should begin at home, and those who cannot join the crusade should begin in their own family circle and resolve not even to think ill of their friends, acquaintances, or those of whom they have little knowledge. When ugly tales are told them these should be immediately forgotten.

"Before making a statement about any one, do not forget to let it pass the three golden gates: 'Is it true?' 'Is it needful?' and 'Is it kind?'

"These form the motto of the antigossip crusade."—Literary Digest.

Common Decency.

(The 'Public Ledger,' Philadelphia.)

Trust in common decency and general fidelity is not misplaced, and if a man thinks there is something radically wrong with the race he had better look within and see what part of his own being needs tinkering.

Most people are doing their best and are trying to live and let live according to the light vouchsafed them. The deliberate evildoers are in the minority, or life would be insupportable. The leaders of the people are chosen from those whose faith in the people is high and fine and strong. The crowd cannot care for a man who does not believe in its essential goodness and honesty.

Does this mean that the only good thing is the popular thing, and that the right way is the way the crowd takes? Not exactly. It means that if you have something better than the rest have you may not hug it to yourself and



Serbians Arriving in Salonika, Ready to Fight Again.