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The Outlook

War and Unity

One of the most encouraging results of the present war has been the effect it has had in uniting all sections of the people. Nothing has been more striking than the remarkable response of the colonies on behalf of liberty and justice, and there are other hopeful signs all around. The other day a Presbyterian Clergyman in London, England, threw open his Sunday School premises for the shelter of Belgian refugees. But when they came he discovered that they were all Jews, so he sent for a Jewish Rabbi to minister to their religious needs. Then he had a second batch of refugees to care for, and this time they were Roman Catholics, and the Clergyman sent for a Roman Catholic priest to conduct their devotions. It is said that the Jewish community in London has shown their gratitude by sending a contribution to this Presbyterian Church to help them to care for the Roman Catholic refugees. "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

A Historic Incident

Among the many touching incidents of the last few weeks nothing quite equals the impressive conclusion of the historic session of the British Parliament. No one could have imagined in the earlier part of the session when strife reigned and raged that so dramatic an ending would have been possible. The account given in the "Times" is particularly interesting and impressive. After the reading of the King's speech.

"Mr. Crooks, the well-known Labour leader, astonished the House by asking

the Deputy Speaker whether it would be in order for the members to sing 'God Save the King.' The Deputy Speaker did not answer the unprecedented question. Nor did the House wait for an answer. Mr. Crooks had struck a chord that vibrated in all hearts. With one consent Ministers and members, strangers and journalists, rose to their feet and, with bared heads, joined in as he intoned the first notes of the National Anthem. The noble music, which no Englishman can ever hear quite unmoved, has been sung generation after generation by untold millions of our race on the great occasions of our wondrous story. But never has it been heard at a time more solemn or momentous, in circumstances more impressive or pregnant with deeper import, than when the British House of Commons, with one mind and one heart, made the roof of the Chamber ring with the notes, well-nigh sacred to us all."

It must, indeed, have been a moving scene. Mr. Crooks is a general favourite in the House, and it is worth remembering that this man, from the very heart of the people, reared in the parish poor house, led the ancient Mother of Parliaments in its anthem and prayer.

Sunday Scholars and Belgian Refugees

Canada is being invited to help the poor Belgians who have suffered so much through this war, and it is interesting to observe how widespread and keen is the sympathy. Even among children this is seen, and a Sunday or two ago a service was held in a Church on behalf of the refugees stranded in the particular neighbourhood. At the commencement of the service the whole Sunday School marched past, each scholar placing some little gift on a table. At the conclusion the table presented a varied appearance, every kind of article being represented, from a cabbage to a tooth brush. A similar splendid response had been made by the scholars of the local public schools. At one place where children of the poorest inhabitants attend, children had actually brought up little paper packets of salt and mustard, and one little girl brought a cent enclosed in a letter "with her love." Such a spirit of intense sympathy cannot fail of blessing both to giver and receiver.

A Serious Charge

At the recent Convention of Baptist Churches held in Toronto, Dr. Mabie, of Boston, warned his hearers against the dangers of German theology and German influence in the mission field. He said that he knew of a letter written from Germany to mission stations in the East, alleging that English and American missionaries were simply utilizing their position for the purposes of political propaganda on behalf of their two countries. Dr. Mabie is the last man to make a charge of this kind without warrant. And the seriousness of the information is evident to all. It only shows what difficulties are being placed in the way of the native converts and inquirers when such baseless statements can be made by a presumably Christian people. But once again we shall doubtless have the experience that "truth is mighty and prevails."

German South West Africa

It has long been known, and recent events have only given force to the conviction, that German culture and civilization do not seem to

fit her for successful work among inferior races. In South West Africa the Germans have found the labour difficulty very serious, and indeed almost insuperable. It is curious that in 1904 the very Colonel Maritz, who has now rebelled against Britain and joined the German forces, was "lent by Britain to Germany to help to subdue the natives which Germany admitted its own inability to do. And now we have the testimony of a German expert who was called in to instruct the members of the Reichstag on the principles of colonization. These are his words with regard to the native people, the Hereros:

The Hereros must be compelled to work, and to work without compensation and in return for their food only. Forced labour for years is only a just punishment, and at the same time it is the best method of training them. The feelings of Christianity and philanthropy, with which the missionaries work, must for the present be repudiated with all energy.

When a German General was sent among them he issued a proclamation ordering these people to leave the land under penalty of death, announcing that he would take charge of no more women and children, but would drive them back to their people or let them be shot at. This was done, and we are told that thousands were killed and thousands driven into a waterless desert where they perished of hunger and thirst. All this seems to have happened without public protest or official rebuke. It would seem as if official Germany has regarded the milder colonizing method of Britain as weakness. Under these circumstances it is impossible to avoid feelings of profound satisfaction at the news which comes almost every week of the capture of German colonial possessions. The Divine law of humanity in relation to weaker races will always rule effectually, and mankind does well to heed the counsels of necessity and sympathy.

A Timely Message

The hero of Mafeking, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, has written a little book intended for young officers and recruits. It is entitled "Quick Training for War," and it is illustrated by pen and ink outline sketches. Sir Robert deals chapter by chapter with the "Four C's of Soldiering"—Courage, Common Sense, Cunning and Cheerfulness. The book is the outcome of his own wide, practical experience. With very little modification these requirements may be adapted and applied to the work of Christian warfare. We certainly need courage to fight manfully under Christ's banner. We also must have common sense in dealing with the various problems that face us. And although the word cunning does not sound particularly Christian, its counterpart in tact and wisdom is certainly essential. Then, cheerfulness is one of the supreme requirements in all that we do for God, since not only is the joy of the Lord the strength of the worker, but he is able to recommend the Gospel as "glad tidings of great joy."

National Self-preservation

"Do not be afraid of emphasizing the sacred duty of national self-preservation," writes Bishop Moule, of Durham. "I have long thought that the Germanic Power has aimed at the political ruin of Britain. The evidence is now overwhelmingly complete, while the fact is psychologically quite credible. Is it Britain's duty to resist this aim to the uttermost? Yes, a thousand times over. I say