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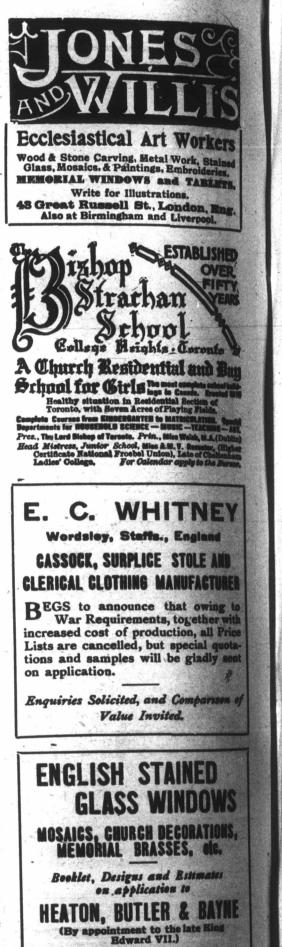
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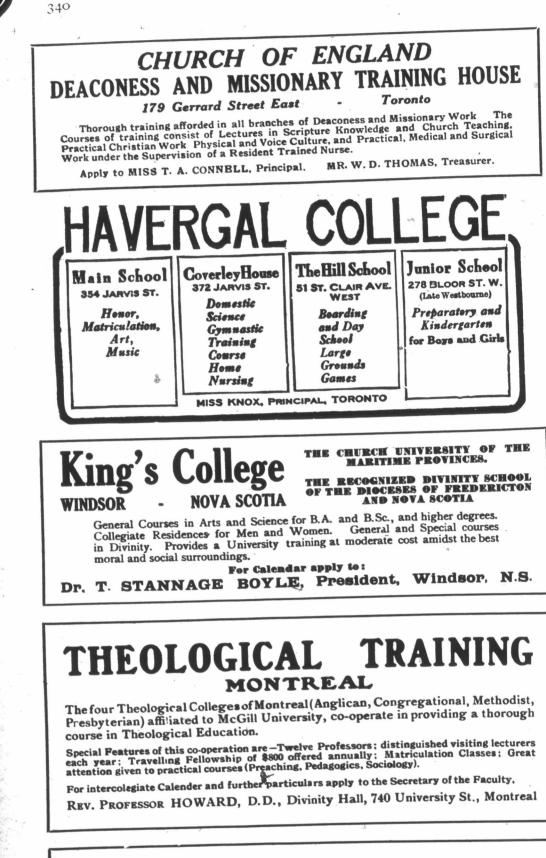
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Practical Christianity

UR laymen love practical Christianity They all believe that the Christianity that is needed to-day in our parishes is something more than Christianity that is merely history, or tradition, or theology; a mere profession of the Creed, a mere posture of ritual. It is the reality of Christianity that counts; and the things that are here told are not told because the doers of them were conscious of any special claim to praise, or expected any plaudits from their fellow-Churchmen, or, for the matter of that, had the remotest idea that they would ever be spoken of. They happened recently in one of our town parishes in the Canadian Church, and are told for the glory of God by one who knows the facts to be true.

Fact One. — A member of the Church, a generous and regular contributor through the weekly church envelope, was hard hit by the war, lost his situation, and was regretfully compelled to give up his weekly contribution. After a couple of years or so, he recovered his financial position and was enabled to contribute his envelope to the Church once more. But he was not content with that. A few weeks ago the churchwardens received a letter enclosing a cheque for one hundred and ten dollars (\$110), covering the back payments for his envelopes for the year 1916, plus 6 per cent. interest, with the promise that as soon as possible he would send a similar amount for the year 1917. There is something to thank God for an example like that. It is good for Churchmen to look upon their givings as debts to God! So many would think they had done well had they but started again to contribute.

Fact Two.—A soldier boy at the front, belonging to the same church, who was confirmed a few months ago, and is now serving as a private for \$1.10 a day, had such a deep and personal sense of God's love in saving his soul and preserving his life that he resolved to give a dollar a Sunday to the Church through the weekly envelopes as a sign of his gratitude to God and his love for the parish church. It may not seem much when measured by the offerings of the wellto-do people, who can easily give their five or six dollars a Sunday, but when we think of it, relatively and proportionately, in the light of the estimate of Christ, it is surely a great gift.

Fact Three.-In the same church a number of boys at the front, nearly all of them privates, are keeping up their weekly and missionary envelopes, and in one case, a soldier, in order to be sure that his offering to Christ and His Church would not be lost, paid a whole year in advance.

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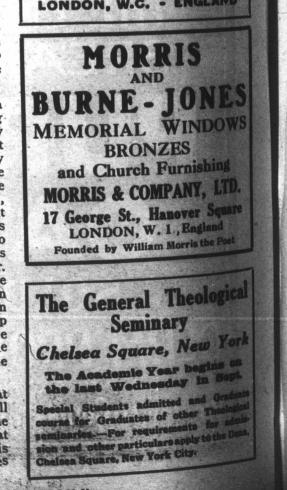
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Fact Four.-In the same church, a Sunday or so ago, an ordinary looking envelope was dropped on the offertory plate. The wardens took it up without any special notice, but when they came to open it, they saw that, in the place for the name of the donor these letters were printed in large letters, O GRATEFULL. They opened it with a certain curiosity. Inside was a piece of paper with the words: "To apply against the mortgage. This is given on account of answer to prayer. Would like to hear a sermon on the basis of the hymn which runs, in part, 'Just Take It to the Lord in Prayer.'" A bank note was folded up with the paper, and you may imagine the churchwarden's surprise when he found it to be a Canadian bank note for-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS!

After all, these are the things that count. These are the things that tell that the Holy Spirit is at work in the hearts of the people. They show that the Gospel of the grace of God is working out in the actual purposes and deeds of human lives.



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