SOLDIERS INDIGNANT OVER THE WORKING OF GRATUITY RULE

Complaints have been heard, also, rom a number of officers who, through o fault of their own, never went to be not also, when the support of no fault of their own, never went to France, but who were used after the M. S. A. went into effect as draft-conducting officers between Canada and England. About a dozen such officers in this district, nearly all of whom served with one of the battalions raised in the district and who were dropped out as surplus to the establishment, were subsequently given appointments in the W. O. R. and proceeded to England, believing that they would eventually reach France in the ordinary course. Instead of this, they were returned to Canada and retained for concourse. Instead of this, they were re-turned to Canada and retained for con-ducting duty across the Atlantic. Their argument is that, as they actually did duty while in England, they should be entitled to consider that part of their service was overseas. However, a clause in the order-in-council defines "overseas service" as meaning attached for pay and allowances to a unit which was out of Canada or the United States at the time such pay and allowances

Both the conducting officers and those men who served in England and were discharged before November 11 urge that, having relinquished civil positions in order to serve, and with the full expectation of serving at the front, it is just as difficult for them to re-establish themselves in civil life as the man who was fortunate enough to he on the strength of some unit while England, and that they are as much in need as these men of a gratuity to browde for the time which may elapse between their discharge and the obtaining of another civil position.

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS INDICATE PROSPERITY OF THE FOREST CITY

Yet another instance of the prosperity of London is seen in the amount o property that changed hands during the year 1918. There were 886 transfers, the assessed value of the property being \$1,098,213. The total sum paid by the purchasers was \$1,460,853.

During December of this year, \$146,-325 worth of property was sold, the as-In 1917, there were 873 transfers of p operty, the total assessed value of which was \$1.044,462. It was sold fo \$1.398.874. During December of the year, 75 sales were made, for a total of \$80,665, for property that was assessed for \$60,050.

for it is anticipated that there will be a fair movement of real estate in London this year. Already there are many inquiries being received regarding city lots that are on sale.

NORWEGIAN MEATLESS DAYS. ristiania, Jan. 7.—The Norwegian commission will soon issue a decree lishing three meatless days a week tels and restaurants, it is an-

THE MORNING AFTER

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POLLING IN SCHOOLS KEEPS BALLOT DOWN, **GENERAL INSPECTION** SAYS ALD. MANNESS

Shown.

OFFICERS' GRIEVANCES

Some Neglected Are Entitled

To Be Considered Over
Seas Men.

Some confusion apparently still extension apparently apparently

plenty of room in the halls for the waiting electors. It is probable that a combination of the two schemes may be used, as he suggested, next year.

BY GENERAL HUGHES

War View of Mayor W. W. Rowson, district pary and war of seen service in an actual theater with the mean who were dischard in the case the same with the mean who were dischard the with the month's post-dischards and the complainants of the compla

SUPPORTERS OF MINISTER ADMONISHED ON CHARGE OF HERESY SPRING TO HIS DEFENCE

newspaper discussion and has not made any statement to the press throughout the entire controversy extending over more than three years, we, the undersigned, being fully conversant with all the facts of the case, feel that in the interest of truth and justice and in all fairness to Dr. Knowles and the local church the following statement, for the accuracy of which we accept full responsibility, should be made.

On or about April 30, 1917 charges were preferred by William McIntosh, J. A. Lancaster, J. M. Morris and Dr. R. M. Calder against Rev. Dr. Knowles were found out on behalf of the court it was pointed out on behalf of the complainants that if Dr. Knowles were found guilty of any of the heresy charges the to submit the whole matter to a court of arbitration, composed of the follow-ing six ministers:

Rev. S. W. Muxworthy, president of conference: Rev. J. C. Reid, chairman of Straithroy district; Rev. Dr. Manning of Straithroy district; Rev. Dr. Manning of Straithroy district; Rev. Dr. Warner of St. Thomas; Rev. W. E. Pescott of London, Rev. R. G. Peever of London.

Agreed to Accept Finding.

On the assembling of the court it was pointed out on behalf of the complainants that if Dr. Knowles were found guilty of any of the heresy charges the court had no authority to enforce its on which charges a trial was held in the town of Strathroy in the closing days of May, 1917, and the following days of May, 1917, and the following days of May, 1917, and the following over discounts of arbitration, composed of the follow-ing six ministers:

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verdict mendered:
Strathroy, Ont.
Session of the trial proceedings
of W. M. Meintosh, J. M. Morris,
J. A. Lancaster, R. M. Calder, M.D. complainants; and the Rev. R Complainants; and the Rev. R. W. Knowles, M.A., Ph.D., defendant, being held at Strathroy Methodist Church, Strathroy, Ont., was opened at 11:45 a.m. May 31, 1917. The presiding officer, Rev. J. E. members of the committee being present. The chairman having opened the session, inquired of the committee whether they had reached a verdict. In reply the committee rendered the following decision:

dered the following decision: Methodist Church. Methodist Church.
London Conference.
Strathroy District.
Petrolea Circuit.
In the matter of W. M. McIntosh, J. M. Morris, J. A. Lancaster, R. M. Calder, M.D., complainants; and the Rev. R. W. Knowles, M.A., Ph.D., defendant.
The committee selected and summoned to try the charges in this matter having assembled at the time and place appointed for such trial, were thereupon attended by the said complainants and the said defendant; and having heard the evidence adduced by the respective parties and what was al-

spective parties and what was alleged by them and on their behalf, we, G. N. Hazen, A. J. Langford, W. J. Ashton, A. I. Brown, F. Louis Barber, the said committee find that none of the said charges ruled as major by the presiding of-ficer, namely: those under groups A, B, C and D re the Deity of Christ, Total Depravity, the Status of Christ, and the Virgin Birth, 1espectively, are sustained and proved, and that the defendant is acquitted and that none of the charges designated under the groups E and F re destructive teaching and conduct respectively. ruled by the presiding officer as that the defendant is acquit-

As to the other charges designated under group G re introduc-tion of books, ruled by the presid-ing officer as minor, we find that they are sustained and proved and upon them we find that the deupon them we find that the defendant is guilty.

And we adjudge that the said defendant be admonished.

Given under our hands at Strathroy this 31st day of May, 1917.

(Signed) G. N. Hazen. W. J. Ashton, A. I. Brown, A. J. Langford, F. Louis Barber.

I hereby certify that the above I hereby certify that the above a true copy of the decision of the committee in the above mut-

(Signed) A. E. Jones, presiding officer. (Signed) J. E. Holmes, substitute presiding officer.
Not Permitted to Appear.

This verdict came before the annual onference in the regular course of dispipline, and it was moved, seconded and

cipline, and it was moved, seconded and carried, that the findings of the committee of trial be accepted. An appeal was then taken on behalf of the complainants to the court of appeal, at the sitting of which court Dr. Knowles was not allowed representation.

The finding of the court of appeal was reported in the Guardian of January 30, 1918, and read as follows:

"The first case presented was that of William McIntosh of Petrolea against the action of the London Ministerial Conference anent the trial of Rev. R. W. Knowles, Ph.D. Mr. McIntosh introduced Rev. E. G. Powell of London as his counsel. Rev. S. W. Muxworthy of Exeter, the present president of the London Conference, introduced Rev. D. N. McCamus (the ex-president) as McCamus (the ex-president) as counsel for the conference. counsel for the conference.

From the evidence submitted to
the court, it appeared that owing to
the illness of the chairman of the
court of trial that had been originally called to consider Mr. McIntosh's

ly called to consider Mr. McIntosh's charges, a new chairman had been introduced, but that the evidence had not been again presented in any way before him; that the proceedings at the court of trial had not been adequately taken down, and that on appeal to the conference, the ministerial session had upheld the findings of the trial committee without the evidence leading to such findings being submitted to it. The judgment of the court was that ahe appeal be sustained on the that the appeal be sustained on the grounds of irregularities in the trial and subsequent proceedings and the court, therefore ordered a new trial. The matter rested there until early Apr II, 1918, when an agreement was

Continued From Page One.

were found guilty he would promptly resign from the ministry of the Methodist Church. Both parties having submitted all the evidence, the closing words of the complainants were the reiteration of their solemn pledge that they would loyally accept and honorably abide by the decision of the court whatever it might be. The following are the findings of the committee:

ngs of the committee: London Conference, Strathroy District, Petrolea Circuit. In the matter of William McIntosh and other complainants, and Rev. R. W. Knowles, Ph.D., de-

In response to a request made to In response to a request made to us, on behalf of both parties in the above named case, asking that we act as a committee of arbitration to settle the differences between them, and accompanied by a signed guarantee that each party would loyally accept, and honorably abide by our decision we the underby our decision, we, the under-signed ministers of the London con-ference, after carefully considering all the evidence submitted to us by both parties concerned, do find

as follows:

1. First—That, in the matter of the James Allen books—"Out of the Heart" and "As a Man Thinketh"—which the defendant admits having introduced for study in a society in his church; while the said books contain certain statements which are imperfect, and which, if taken alone, would be misieading, and which we could not indorse as satisfactory explanations of the and which we could not indorse as satisfactory explanations of the whole teaching of the Gospel, they are not necessarily heretical. Moreover, it has not been shown that the defendant did isolate and indorse the objectionable passages in these books, but that he rather recommended the books as a whole, and as a means of studying the ethical truth and life lessons with which they profess to deal; and in this, we adjudge that he is not guilty of an offense against the law of God, or the discipline of the Methodist Church.

2. Secondly—We find that the defendant admits having on some occasions, in private conversation with his brethren, discussed certain theological questions in such a

with his brethren, discussed certain theological questions in such a way as to arouse suspicion in their minds as to his orthodoxy; but, he affirms that he was at the time passing through a phase of mental agitation concerning these things, and we, therefore, helieve his conduct worthy of kindly according these and we, therefore, believe his conduct worthy of kindly consideration
and treatment, and we, therefore,
most earnestly and lovingly warn
the defendant of the danger of such
a course, and urge him to be
more careful in the future, that the
ministry not be blamed.
3. Thirdly—We find that there
is some evidence of indiscretion and is some evidence of indiscretion and laxity on the part of the defend-ant in matters of administration, which widened the breach between which wheeled the breach between him and the complainants.

We find further upon this charge, that it is Methodist usage for a superintendent to vacate the chair, and allow a recording steward to put a motion affecting himself, and that it doing this the defendant

put a motion affecting himself, and that in doing this, the defendant was instified, and cannot be held accountable for what took place. Also, we find, that in calling a special meeting of the official board to consider the pastor's teaching, and the suitability of the pepresentative to the district meeting, he did so in response to a written request, signed by eight members of the board, but the evidence is not sufficient to show that he instigated this procedure, and is, therefore not guilty of an offence against the discipline.

We find that the evidence in the matter of his personal attitude and conduct toward the complainants is too conflicting to sustain the charges, and we, therefore, adjudge him not guilty.

charges, and we, therefore, adjudge him not guilty.

4. Fourthly—In regard to the charge of his having uttered publicly in the pulpit of the Petrolea Methodist Church, statements which are contrary to the Word of God, and discipline of the Methodist Church, we find; that the evidence submitted to us is too conflicting to sustain the charges; and, that Dr. Knowles' personal written statement to the committee of his heliefs, is clear and positive; and, that the manuscripts of the sermon complained of, having been submitted to us, and, which Dr. Knowles solemnly declares are the original and unaltered manuscripts Knowles solemnly declares are the original and unaltered manuscripts of the said sermons, and, which we have most carefully perused, together with other manuscripts of sermons preached by him in the

same place, and which clearly show the trend of his teaching, remove all doubt as to his agreement with our Methodist doctrine, and, we therefore, direct that the charges be withdrawn.

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We, as a committee, feel it to be our duty to state that Dr. Knowles did give cause of serious anxiety to many persons concerning his beliefs, and that the charges naturally grew out of that anxiety, and that the complainants were acting in harmony with their conscientious convictions in preferring them.

Having reached these conclusions in the fear of God, and the exercise of our best judgment, we do hereby direct, that the president of the conference make known these, our findings in the Petrolea Methodist Church, at a meeting called for the purpose, and, at the same time, entreat all our brethren to banish from their minds and hearts the memory of these things, and to refrain from all conversation concerning them, and public or private allusion to them, as may not conduce to the unity, peace, and progress of the church in the days to come.

Signed this seventeenth day of April, 1918:

S. W. Muxworthy,

President of Conference,

J. C. Reid Chairman of District

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I. Warner.
G. Peever.
E. Pescott.

postponements and adjournments, it finally met in Centennial Church, London, on Tuesday, December 3. After all the evidence on the part of the complainants, had been submitted, Dr. Knowles took the stand on his own behalf. He was still under cross-examination when court adjourned at 11 p.m., December 3. Later that night Dr. Knowles took ill, and on the following morning was unable to appear in court. Dr. Weckes was called and advised Dr. Knowles that if he valued his life and health not to appear again in the case,

might be reached. A statement was then prepared by the president of the conference, the counsel for the defence and the two undersigned and read to Dr. Knowles, who, upon being assured that it was understood to be in ne way an advanced of the conference of the con an acknowledgment of guilt on his part, signed it. This statement was read to the court, but, strange to say, the complainants still demanded their "pound of flesh," and standing upon a point of law refused to permit the introduction of any further exidence upil. Dr. Knowles returned for further cross

Witnesses Were Ready Dr. Knowles notified the court that following the advice of his physician, he would not appear again in the case, with the result that the case was given to the ommittee of trial with full evidence or the part of the complainants and pr the part of the compainants and practically none of the evidence for the defence, notwithstanding the fact that six of Dr. Knowles' witnesses waited all that day in the church in which the trial was being held. With this one side of evidence before them the committee columns of a few days ago, which has amazed the many friends of Dr. Knowles all over the province. We might here add that Dr. Knowles is in his pulpit, and retains the love and confidence of the entire community, more especially that of the Methodist Church, which promptly raised his sal-ary from \$1.300 to \$1.500, making it re-troactive to the beginning of the pres-ent conference year. The members of the official board and the congregation generally know full well that Dr. Knowles is not guilty of the heretical utterances as charged by his Petrolea

G. W. THOMPSON.
J. R. STEADMAN.
Pétrolea, Ont., Jan. 7, 1919.

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FROM ONE WHO DID DRINK FROM ONE WHO DID DRINK.
To the Editor of The Advertiser:
Kindly allow me space in your paper as a reader to make reply to the letter of one Mr. Cook of Mooretown. Ont. which appeared in your issue of January I on the temperance issue. It seems that there are quite a number of die-hards on this drink question, and we have nobody to blame but ourselves. You, Mr. Cook, may blame the preachers and the temperance people in general, but what brought on this great question was the hotelkeepers themselves, and the man who took a drink and could not leave it alone. drink and could not leave it alone. Now. Mr. Cook, do not worry. Temperance is here to stay. All you men say, or I, about the preachers and these noble women will not make one jota of difference with them. I am not a preacher, nor am I a temperance crank, but I wish to inform you that there are thousands of homes today in Canada where the little children have got clothes and shoes, and the father comes home to his wife sober now, whereas in license time the man who drank to excess had nothing for his wife or children. I would like you to drank to excess had nothing for his wife or children. I would like you to give me figures. Mr. Cook, what Canada spent in drink the last licensed year. If you cannot, it may be that the editor may let you know how many millions were spent in this damned stuff that you say the temperance people are trying to take away from you altogether. I might say, Mr. Cook, for your benefit, that I have seen myself hundreds of noble men go over the top of this abyss to death, without hope in this world or the world to come. I am glad today that there are so many noble men and women, who think so glad today that there are so many noble men and women, who think so much about us, who, when we get a few drinks, that we are lost to everything that is pure and good and right. Advise you to shake the dust of the farm off your feet, drop over to Chicago, or Monireal, or Cleveland, or some other large city, and go down among the slums, then come back and write another letter. Respectfully yours, ONE WHO DID DRINK.

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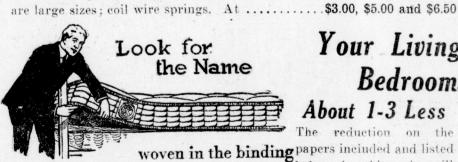
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The officers are: P. M.. Wor. Bro.
L. Tuckey: W. M. A. M. Blair: S.
W. Dr. Gray: J. W. A. Fletcher: S.
W. Dr. Gray: J. W. A. Fletcher: S.
D., N. Currie: J. D., Earl McCallum; were very heartily given by all and V. G., W. Arrand; secretary, Dr. P. responded to in a neal speach by each.

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