

In Pulpit and Pew

METHODIST NATIONAL SERVICE.

To the ministers, members and adherents of the Methodist church:

The government of Canada has issued a call for the mobilization of all the manpower and all the resources of Canada for the prosecution of the war to a speedy and successful issue. To us as representatives of the Dominion, the call appears to be based upon the truth of God's word. It is scriptural. The Bible has no place for shirkers. "If any man will not work, neither shall he eat."

It is scriptural too because it demands that each man should work according to his ability, doing the thing which he can do best, and the thing which is needed most, seeing that we are "members one of another" in our life as citizens of this great commonwealth.

If any man will not make gain for the community, he has no right to derive any profit from the community. If he will not sacrifice for liberty, when liberty is in danger, he has no right to the blessings that come to him from dwelling in a free nation. It is immoral for any man to enjoy the blessings conferred by the community, and not contribute his utmost to its welfare. The system of national service gives practical effect to these propositions.

I would go further and extend this righteous readiness to the land. That is scriptural too. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof," and the various governments of our country, dominion and provincial, are trustees of the Almighty, ordained of God to perform the duty of seeing that the land is so administered as to yield equal benefit to all the people who do their share of the nation's work. That is in accordance with Christian brotherhood. It is righteous political economy; and if the national service movement helped to bring about this condition, it will be a great blessing to all the people, the haves and the have-nots alike.

The national service movement also rests upon the Scripture "Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven," and the material blessing in due measure will follow. If ye seek righteousness and peace, if ye stand for liberty, duty and sympathy for the weak, ye shall be prospered materially. If ever a war in all history was seeking first the Kingdom of God, this is it. We shall be engaged in it. If we win, we shall have material welfare; if we lose, we shall descend into economic, if not personal slavery.

If we willingly join hand in hand to seek this Kingdom, it will make better men and women of us all. We shall find the heavenly wisdom that the real use and enjoyment of life consist not in an abundance of things, nor in a multitude of changing excitements, but in a broad sacrificial service to humanity. Thus, while we are defeating militarism, we will find our own mammonism destroyed. The whole-hearted, enthusiastic response of Canada to the appeal of our Prime Minister will be our answer to the righteousness of Germany and the vain boasting of its Kaiser.

I would, therefore, carry out the request of the director general of national service by asking our ministers everywhere to stimulate conformity to the desire of the government in this hour of national peril, and dwell upon the virtue of individual self-sacrifice in the interest of the world.

I am, your obedient servant,

S. D. CHOWN,

General Superintendent,

Wesley Building, Toronto.

December 29, 1916.

The Rev. E. H. Creed, who enlisted whilst pastor of the Hampton Methodist church, and went overseas with the 55th and was transferred to the 26th, has passed away in France. On Thursday, the 18th, there will be a memorial service in the Hampton church. Rev. Thomas Hicks, president of the conference, will conduct it and it is expected quite a number of the members of the district meeting, clerical and lay, will take part.

No intelligent student of history can be at the same time a pessimist. It is true that there have been very many tragic pages in the record of human life upon this planet. It is true even today there are many clouds in the sky, and that it must be admitted that we have not yet come very close to any very satisfactory goal in human goodness and well-being. But we cannot read history with open eyes and not see in all its stirring movements some reaching out after the better things. Human history is not a movement in a circle, there is in it plainly a tendency upward as if a Divine spirit were seeking through it an ever higher and better and holier expression. Even in the midst of the present great war we can plainly see a divine goodness patiently trying to reap a rich harvest of human well-being out of all the terrible sowing of strife and struggle. And it is becoming increasingly manifest that He is not to try in vain. We never could be surer that God was in human history than we can be today. God has been and is ever will be in history.

PRESBYTERIAN

Of Raymond Robins of Chicago, who is to be one of the special speakers at the Social Service Congress in St. John, Jan. 22-24, the Presbyterian and Westminster of Toronto, has this to say in last week's issue: "Mr. Robins is a unique personality, was a minister, a millionaire, a finished orator, a careful thinker, who in the love of Christ is willing to enthusiastic self-sacrifice to help the masses up. Those who heard his great addresses at the Western Congresses say they

would cross the continent to hear him again.

The movement toward the amalgamation of two Presbyterian congregations in the city of Halifax is being watched with interest not only by the people of Halifax but also by the Presbyterians of the Maritime Provinces generally. The two churches concerned are Chalmers and St. Andrew's. The former is the junior Presbyterian congregation in Halifax is situated in the growing residential part of the city and recently became vacant through the removal of Rev. R. J. Power to the pastorate of Avenue Road Church, Toronto. The constituency of St. Andrew's church has recently been reached upon considerably by the construction of the new I. C. R. terminals in that portion of the city. It has been generally felt that an amalgamation of these two congregations would greatly strengthen the cause of the church as a whole in the city. The movement has matured sufficiently to have secured the approval of the presbytery to the basis outlined and the appointment of a commission to effect the union.

Rev. A. Murray Porter has resigned his charge of St. Andrew's Church in the interests of union with Chalmers. This is not the first change of a similar kind in church affairs in Halifax in recent years. Ten years or more ago old Chalmers church in the downtown section was closed, after an amicable coordination of forces was effected with Coburg Road church. Then not far beyond its infancy, the name of Chalmers being transferred from the old to the new Chalmers Church of today.

The conference on "The Church and after the war situation" held in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, Tuesday, by appointment of the Presbytery proved of very great value to all who attended both from city of St. John and from other parts of Presbytery. Prof. J. M. Shaw of Halifax Presbyterian College, convenor of the Synod Commission on this question was present and by his address gave splendid character and leadership to the discussions. Two sessions were held, afternoon and evening, the former dealing more especially with the question from the point of view of the minister and his specific work. The latter relating itself as well to the practical activities of the church and attended more largely by elders and office-bearers. An earnest spirit pervaded the whole gathering and all who attended were greatly benefited. Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, Synod's representative in the presbytery, presided.

Capt. Rev. R. McLeod of the 16th Overseas Battalion, arrived in St. John by S. S. Missinable, Jan. 7, on leave from the front and proceeded to his home in Ontario. He is minister of St. Paul's church, Ingersoll, Ont. During his student days he served as catechist at Andover, N. B., and also at Dorchester and Sackville.

Congratulations are hereby extended to Rev. Bayne D. Earle of River Hebert, N. B., on his marriage Dec. 22 to Miss Annie Boak Umlah of Halifax, Chalmers Church, Halifax. Rev. John N. S. The ceremony took place in Chalmers church, Halifax. Rev. John Forrest, D.D., officiating, assisted by Rev. Chester A. M. Earle, brother of the groom. Mr. Earle's former house is in Passacook, N. B.

Rev. R. A. Macdonald, formerly of Richmond, N. B., now of the Congregational church, Calais, Me., is undergoing treatment for anthrax in the Chipman Memorial Hospital, St. Stephen, N. B.

Rev. T. P. Douma of Moncton, N. B., has been spending a few days in Boston, attending the meetings of the Billy Sunday campaign there.

BAPTIST

The loyalty of India has continued unquestioned and the wave of enthusiasm for the Allied cause, which swept over the country two years ago, shows no signs of receding, as the issues at stake loom up more and more.

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Half a century ago the communists in Protestant churches in India numbered not more than 70,000; today the Protestant community alone numbers at least two million.

Report shows that over 400,000 converts have been baptized during the past five years in connection with the massed movement in North India. It is probable that as many converts have been won during the past fifty years as during the first three hundred years of the Christian era.

Bruce Kinnen in the Watchman-Examiner of January writing regarding the influence of State schools on Christian service says: "In most of our Western States, we have more

Baptist students in State schools than we have in our Baptist schools. During the quadrennium just mentioned there were each year, on an average, not fewer than 5,000 Baptist students in the State schools within the territory of the Northern Baptist convention. Yet only one of these went abroad as a strictly evangelical missionary under our own boards.

In a certain Y. M. C. A. Association district, covering four central western states, their official report shows that only five per cent. of all students in state schools are looking forward to any sort of definite Christian service, including the associational work. In all other schools, including those privately endowed, 34 per cent., or seven times as many, were preparing for such work. The purely denominational schools would probably show a much higher proportion, and most of these would enter denominational work. The Sunday S. S. Times gives the following figures in a recent issue: "Ministerial students of the U. S. coming from state schools, 6.6 per cent.; denominational schools, 80.9 per cent. Foreign missionaries—State schools, 7.1 per cent.; denominational schools, 8.3 per cent."

Home Missionary returns show similar results.

"I do not know the sources of these figures but give them for what they are worth. It may be our fault, and because we have not adequately cultivated the state schools, but the fact remains that they have yet to prove their value as recruiting grounds for the Christian ministry. One thing is certain, that as far as we can now see, if we are going to perpetuate the Baptist denomination and its ministry and do our share in the world's task, we must maintain Baptist schools and Baptists must provide the money for their adequate endowment and equipment."

Dr. E. W. Sawyer, late president of Oskanag College, Sumnerland, B. C., will have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends in these maritime provinces in the recent death of his wife. Perhaps in a narrower circle, because she was never before the public as was her husband, Mrs. Sawyer will be remembered by many friends in and about Wolfville who knew and loved her well.

The death of Rev. R. D. Porter removes from our midst a mighty man of God. Brother Porter was ordained to the work of the ministry in 1857. His death therefore removes a name that has been there longest. Though well past his four score years he insisted on being appointed only last summer to a home missionary field, and according to reports did his work as thoroughly as a youth of twenty.

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HARCOURT

Mr. Sheridan Polley of spent some time recently here.

Miss Minnie Buckley in Reston a guest of D. Gilvan.

Dr. James and Miss M. returned from Windsor. They were accompanied and Mrs. Anglin, who Year's day at "The Elm home on Wednesday.

Pe. Norval Bryant receiving treatment at the Parks Home, is at home for a few days. Swedish of M. guest recently of Mr. J. Pte. Ernest Pettey of tation, Fredericton, spent season at home.

Mrs. Ezra Kewick is in Mundulville.

Mrs. Barrett and Miss spending some time with sister, Mrs. Fred Moffat, N. S.

Miss Frances Barnes spent New Year's day with mother, Mrs. James Dux.

Mr. W. F. Buckley visited and sister in New Glasgow.

The Misses Althaus, Jennie Wadman entertained at their home "The more, on Thursday evening feature of the evening's was a guessing contest, much merriment. A delicious and delightful meal.

Among those present were May and Mildred Wadman and Miss Baxte. Beatrice and Evangeline K. B. Wadman, Miss Miss Maud and Drucy, Miss Trinda Wadman, Wadman, and Dr. James.

Mrs. Thos. Stubbings the guest of her son, at the residence of the Messrs. Miss Joan Wadman and Buckley returned to New day to resume their studies' Academy and St. vent.

Mrs. Herbert Buckle of Bathurst, were guests of the day of Mr. James McK. Wadman, Moncton on Saturday.

Rev. Alex. Craise, of the Misses Craise, were guests on Thursday.

Mrs. S. M. Dunn entertained in honor of Miss Jess principal feature of the evening was a guessing competition. Louise Cumming was the guest.

Miss Louise Crocker visited friends here on way to Moncton to resume her teaching.

Miss May Ward left day, where she is a "Ladies' College."

Miss Althaus Wadman Fredericton on Monday.

HARTLAND

Hartland, Jan. 9.—A mas wedding was the place at the residence of parents, Mr. and Mrs. man, River Bank, where Mary, became the Perley J. Clark, an enterprising young couple of the immediate future bride and groom. The will be in Hartland, of friends with them ney through life.

Mr. F. G. Scott, the ber of the firm of Hart here last week visited Mr. H. H. Hatfield.

Miss Mabel Hayward the house with a rhe The Sunday school.

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