

72 G

151

Ridley College

A Memorial Service

for

Old Riddleians

who gave their lives in the war



June 22nd, 1919

St. Catherine

891043

FORM OF SERVICE

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| PROCESSIONAL HYMN | No. 380 |
| COLLEGE CHOIR | |
| SPECIAL PSALMS | 23 and 121 |
| FIRST LESSON | Isaiah xl. 1-11 |
| CADET STRINGER 303 | |
| HYMN (instead of Magnificat) "God of Our Fathers" | No. 358 |
| SECOND LESSON | Rev. vii v. 17 |
| CADET OSBORNE | |
| NUNC DIMITTIS | |
| HYMN | "O Valiant Hearts" |
| ADDRESS | |
| THE PRINCIPAL | |
| OFFERTORY | "Abide With Me" |
| CAPT. LEONARD BISHOP | |
| SPECIAL MEMORIAL PRAYERS | |
| "LAST POST" | |
| CADET WILLIAMS | |
| HYMN (to be sung kneeling) "Sleep Thy Last Sleep" | No. 282 |
| FUNERAL MARCH | |
| MR. W. T. THOMPSON | |
| RECESSIONAL HYMN, "For All the Saints" | No. 219 |

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

WE are met today to do honour to the memory of our glorious dead. From time to time, as one by one they have fallen on the battlefield, passing on the torch to those who succeeded them, we have commemorated their individual achievements and sacrifice; we have thanked God that they met the supreme test and were not found wanting, and have asked Him to fill the hearts of their sorrowing loved ones with the Divine consolation.

To-day our purpose is somewhat different. As we sit here quietly in God's house, we desire to recall them vividly to our remembrance, and to enter into communion with them. To-day we want to look at these sixty heroic souls in the mass, as a company, just as we might look upon our Cadet Corps, to which they once belonged, drawn up for inspection. If you can imagine them standing before us in serried ranks, eager to spring to action at the commander's voice, animated by a single purpose, moving as a single living force, unterrified, confident, resolute to achieve, you will begin to understand the power of their unified spirit, and the tremendous spiritual energy that they have bequeathed to us, and to this beloved land in which we dwell. Are we worthy of this bequest? Are we capable of putting it to its intended use?

What is the intended use of this spiritual power of the group, which is like the power of confined waters ready to fall with immense impact upon the assembled turbines for the release of mass energy and the creation of light to lighten up the dark places of the earth, and by its radiance to dissipate evil? As it was the purpose of our men when they went to war to fight against a great and threatening power of evil, so it is the purpose of this grouped spiritual power bequeathed to us through the sacrifice of these heroic lives that we should bind ourselves into a fighting force to strive against the kingdom of evil in our midst.

What is this kingdom of evil? When those of us who are no longer young were children, the kingdom of evil was represented in our minds by the terrible Satanic individuality of the Devil, who went roaming up and down the world seeking whom he might devour; little children, those who had grown aged and strong men and women who knew not God. All sin was personal and all evil individual.

But in our day we have come to recognize more clearly than

did former generations that a large part of the evil of the world is super-personal, and must be charged against the group, the community, the nation. It becomes characteristic of the mass, and infects, with some exceptions, the individuals within the group. We may place different constructions upon the terms "original sin" and "the natural depravity of the human heart," but common sense teaches us that many sins are bred in us by infection, from the environment in which we are born, and brought up, and in which we carry on the activities of our lives.

Let us glance for a moment at a few of those super-personal sins which constitute the kingdom of evil, against which the spirit of our dead bids us marshal our forces and arms us to fight for the Kingdom of God.

1. The Spirit of Militarism. This is the spirit which made the world-wide war possible, which spilt the blood of those we think of to-day, as it did of many millions of others, innocent of any criminal intent. Up to this time this spirit has been, throughout the world's history, the supreme national spirit of evil. It was the military power that arrested Jesus, stripped Him, beat Him with leaded thongs, pressed into His brow the wreath of thorns and drove the spikes through His hands and feet. We may hope and pray that the ocean of blood shed in this war has quenched that evil spirit; but it is not really so. It will lift its head again. The spirit of our dead calls to us to strive against that evil spirit as one of the chief citadels of the kingdom of evil.

2. The Mob Spirit. The mob spirit as we ordinarily understand it is the social spirit gone mad. The social spirit acts so powerfully upon individuals when the restraints of self-control are withdrawn that the crowd becomes drunk on its own emotions. At the present time the mob spirit is the most dangerous of the powers of evil in almost every land. We usually associate it only with the labouring class. But this is a great mistake. It may break out among trained and disciplined troops. It may show itself in a great university, or even among school children. It may be found among associations of leaders of industry and combinations of capitalists. It is present wherever the deliberations of any group of men are controlled by passion and the determination to conquer at any price. It was the mob spirit that shouted for the release of Barabbas and for the crucifixion of Jesus. It is Hell let loose for assault upon the Kingdom of God.

3. The Spirit of Covetousness. Greed of gain is in the beginning an individual passion. But it becomes a super-personal spirit when it animates a group of men who combine for the

exploitation of men or of natural wealth. It is one of the great evils of our day and one of the prime causes of the unrest that seems at times to threaten revolution. The group spirit of the money-changers who obtained a footing in the temple courts was one of the causes that led to the arrest and death of Jesus.

4. The Spirit of Ostentation. Another evil spirit that is abroad, twin-sister of Greed, and breeds bitterness and hatred, and threatens worse, is the spirit of ostentation, or the vulgar display of wealth, coupled with the insatiable craving for pleasure. It becomes super-personal when it is dignified by the name of the Fashion, for only the very strong-minded—the remnant—can resist the fashion, which wields an immense influence over the majority. This evil spirit engenders class pride and its obverse, class contempt. These are the negation of the solidarity and Christian love of the brotherhood. They are the denial of human fraternity. When Jesus was nailed to the tree He bore in a degraded form of death that contempt for the lower classes which de-humanized the upper classes of His day.

5. Selfishness. A clear understanding of the teaching of Jesus and the purpose of His life leads us to appreciate the meaning of sin. Reduced to its simplest terms, sin is selfishness. To be in a state of sin is to be rooted in self. It is the all-pervading weakness of mortal nature from which no one is exempt. It becomes a super-personal spirit when it embraces the group, the community, the nation. We have seen it on the grand scale in the slave traffic, the opium traffic, the Congo rubber traffic, colonial exploitation, and in a thousand other forms. We have seen it at the Peace Conference; we see it everywhere. We feel its effects in every department of human activity, and in every walk of life. It was this spirit that paralyzed the work of Jesus and prevented the coming of the Kingdom of God during His life-time.

How are we to fight against these evil spirits that afflict humanity and hide from us the face of God? This is the great social problem of the Church of Christ. This is the real problem of social service, namely, to develop a super-personal spirit of righteousness, of brotherhood, of good-will, to resist, to attack, to overthrow and cast out these evil spirits that resist the coming of the Kingdom of God.

For you and for me, as we are met here today, to renew our memory of the achievements, the self-denial, the self-renunciation and sacrifice of our little company of sixty, for the most part in the first blush of manhood, we realize that there has been created and released for our help and use a corporate, God-like

spirit that has the power in our struggle against sin to make our strength as the strength of ten. Take the single instance of the spirit of unselfishness that they have bequeathed for our appropriation. It was no part of their obedience as soldiers. It was not laid down in the soldier's hand-book. It was never promulgated in general orders. It was never urged by any captain or platoon commander, and yet this Christ-like quality of unselfishness was universal throughout our armies. It pervaded all ranks and all grades of the service. Many a cross on the battlefield marks the deliberate sacrifice of a life that some other might be saved.

The symbols of the corporate spirit that our beloved dead have left us are the poppy-lighted crosses of France and Flanders. The men who fought and bled and died there have redeemed us with a price that we cannot yet begin to estimate. We shall never be able to reckon its full total. In all the world's history there has been no redemption from evil without suffering and sacrifice, and the shedding of innocent blood, and this redemption only typifies for us the great world redemption won for us by the Cross of Christ.

Try to conceive once more that little company of sixty souls, as a unified spirit, almost for us at this moment a corporeal presence. As we sit here in God's house can we not feel that presence? Can we not feel that spirit brooding over us? Can we not feel it filling our hearts? Can we not realize it as a holy inspiration? If we can, then the spirit of our dead is a sword placed in our hands. It is a shield for our protection when we are in danger of assault. We can feel that protection as did our sorely harried troops at Mons who thought they saw God's angels in the sky.

"The silent legions of the Lord
Came riding by—
The blinding flash of the flaming sword
Under the flaming sky.
A handful passed from the jaws of death
And stumbled by,
But a host was quelled by a fiery Breath
Under the flaming sky."

And now look once more at those sixty heroic souls, drawn up so that we may see each one and recognize his features. Pick out the one you loved best, purged now of all earthly dross. Think of his qualities—the honest face, the fearless eyes, the brave and loving heart, the open hand, the attitude of willing service. Can we think of these things without making a solemn vow of con-

secration of our own lives to follow in their footsteps? Can we hesitate to consecrate ourselves, our souls and bodies, as they did, to the service of our fellow-men! I think not.

We cannot conclude this memorial of our heroic dead without a word of sympathy to their parents and relatives. It is hard to give that sympathy any fitting expression, but we wish them to know that their grief is our grief, and that we claim a part in their sorrow, just as we claim a part in the pride and glory that is theirs through what their beloved ones have done for us. And so we say to them in the words of a Canadian poet:

"Not in the horns and trumpets—but e'en as the mourners kneel,
Thus shall a nation whisper: Know ye the pride we feel,
Ye who have paid our ransom, paid it in blood and tears,
Your sons have brought us freedom. Look! They have changed
the years.
And the thing they have brought us is finer than palace, or jewels,
or gold;
The right of the weak to flourish, as the strong have flourished of
old.
Ye,—ye have sown in your tears that a world may reap in its joy,
Ye also have cleansed the years . . . with the life of your boy."

Upon the monumental crosses that mark the graves in France and Flanders are to be carved the words: "Their name liveth for evermore." That is a splendid sentence, a fitting sentiment for the passer-by. But we can offer to every parent who mourns for a son, a message of greater comfort and of deeper assurance. To such a parent we can say with profound conviction, in the words of the Captain of our salvation: "Go thy way; thy son LIVETH."

"O VALIANT HEARTS"

O valiant hearts, who to your glory came,
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to war,
As who heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave
To save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
While in the frailty of our human clay
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

Still stands His Cross from that dread hour to this
Like some bright star above the dark abyss;
Still, through the veil, the victor's pitying eyes
Look down to bless our lesser calvaries.

These were His servants, in His steps they trod
Following through death the martyr'd Son of God;
Victor He rose; victorious too shall rise
They who have drunk His cup of sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
Whose Cross has brought them and whose Staff has led—
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
Commits her children to thy gracious hand.—Amen.

—John Arkwright.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and who hast taught us not to be sorry as men without the hope for those who have laid down their lives for the sake of their brethren, and for the good of thy kingdom, we pray that thou wilt comfort those who mourn their loved ones who counted not the cost, but yielded their lives gladly, in the great cause. Pour into their hearts thy deep consolation; help them to feel the pride, which is our glory, that their dear ones were worthy in the day of trial. Bring them out of their great tribulation into the peace that passeth understanding. We ask it through Him who gave His life for us all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEDICATORY PRAYER

O Lord our Heavenly Father who art always ready to listen to thy children and to receive them when they approach thee, we thank thee that thou hast accepted these of our number, slain in battle, whom we have committed to thy gracious keeping for more glorious service in the state to which thou hast called them. And here, following their example, we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our souls and bodies, a living sacrifice, for the good

of our fellow men and for the increase of thy kingdom upon earth. To-day we offer thee anew this pledge as a fitting memorial of those who have fought the good fight, and kept the faith, and have gone before us to their reward. Lest we forget, renew within us day by day, the spirit of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

IN MEMORIAM

O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever liveth and believeth in him shall not die eternally: We bless thy holy name for these thy servants, once members of this college, departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

"I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me: Write: From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: Even so saith the spirit, for they rest from their labours."

"Last Post," Cadet Williams.

Hymn (to be sung kneeling) No. 282, "Sleep Thy Last Sleep."

Funeral March.

Benediction.

CANADAM MORTIENTES RECREARUNT

GORDON, Capt. W. L. L., 2nd Bn., April 23rd, 1915.
JARVIS, Lieut. W. D. P., 3rd Bn., April 24, 1915.
MACKENZIE, Lieut. G. A. G., 16th Bn., May 23rd, 1915.
NOXON, Lieut. G. C., Royal Grens., October 1st, 1915.
CHESTNUT, Lieut. J. A., 35th Batt., R.F.A., December 19th, 1915.
GRAVES, Lieut. T. M., 76th Punj. Pis. April 22nd, 1916.
GRASSETT, Lieut. H. H., June 2nd, 1916.
BOURNE, Lieut. H. H., June 2nd, 1916.
ZIEGLER, Lieut. E. H., June 7th, 1916.
WILSON, Lieut. H. M., 15th Bn., June 7, 1916.
VAN-DER-SMISSEN, Capt. W. H. V., 3rd Bn., June 13th, 1916.
DOBSON, Major W. J., 1st Bn., July 6th, 1916.
BLAKE, Capt. G. E., Oxford and Bucks L. I., July 23rd, 1916.
WRONG, Lieut. H. V., 15th Bn. (Lanc. Fus.), July, 1916.
DICKSON, Pte. C. B., C.M.R., August 18th, 1916.
NORTON-TAYLOR, Lieut. W. H., 21st Bn., September 16, 1916.
INGERSOLL, Lieut. J. H., Lincolns and R.A.F., September 16, 1916.
MORTON, Lieut. B. A. E., 75th Bn., September 24, 1916.
WADSWORTH, Lieut. D. R., 75th Bn., October 13th, 1916.
NORSWORTHY, Lieut. A. J., 73rd Bn., October 13th, 1916.
FATT, Lieut. W. M., 50th Bn. and R.F.C., January 4th, 1917.
MANLEY, Lieut. J. F., 72nd Bn., April 15th, 1917.
JONES, Major R. W. F., April 15th, 1917.
PORTER, A. A., American Ambul. Corps., April 27th, 1917.
TRIMMER, Capt. A. S., M.C. and Bar, 10th Bn., May 4th, 1917.
HART, Gr. J. L., 54th Batty., May 7th, 1917.
WAINWRIGHT, Gr. J., 54th Batty., May 8th, 1917.
JARDINE, Lieut. G., R.F.C., July 20th, 1917.
GATES, Lieut. A. F., R.F.A., August 8th, 1917.
SIMS, Lieut. D. C., R.F.A., August 8th, 1917.
MONTGOMERY, Lieut. C. C. S., R.F.C., August 14th, 1917.
SPENCE, Major F. R., 2nd Bn., August 18th, 1917.
McLEA, Lieut. K. W., 3rd Div., C.F.A., October 28th, 1917.
SCOTT, Lieut. J. G., R.N.A.S., Jan. 13th, 1918.
BOYD, Lieut. H. C., K.O.Y.L.I. Feb. 15th, 1918.
SHAW-WOOD, Lieut. R., R.F.C., Mar. 20th, 1918.
CARPENTER, Lieut. Chas. R.F.A., March, 1918.
TRENCH, Sergt. Archer, 71st Batty., C.F.A., June 3rd, 1918.
NIEGHORN, 2nd Lieut. C., R.A.F., June, 1918.
BARWICK, Lt. R. L., R.A.F., July 5th, 1918.
WOODRUFF, Lt. S. D., 116th Bn., July 13th, 1918.
SCLATER, Lt. A. N., 13th Bn., July 18th, 1918.
IRVINE, Lieut. V. R., R.A.F. (missing), July 22nd, 1918.
GORDON, Lieut. J. A. R.F.A. (missing), July, 1918.
ALEXANDER, Gr. J. W., 54th Batty., August 7th, 1918.
HOYLES, Lt. (Maj.) H. L., 42nd Bn., August 8th, 1918.
THAIRS, Lt. E. F., 3rd Bn., Aug. 8th, 1918.
SCATCHERD, Lt. J. L., M.C., 11th Batt., Sept. 3rd, 1918.
CAMERON, Pte. Ken., 15th Bn., Sept., 1918.
WILSON, Lt. M. M., C.E.F., Oct. 10th, 1918.
HASTINGS, Lt. W. B., U.S.A., Oct. 16th, 1918.
CROSSLAND, Lt. E. F., R.A.F., Oct. 20, 1918.
DENNIS, Lt. H. O., 39th Bn., Oct., 1918.
COOPER, Pte Geo. O., Div. Cyclists, Oct., 1918.
HEIGHINGTON, Lt. Geof., 4th C.M.R., Nov. 2nd, 1918.
NICHOLSON, Lt. L. W., 4th C.M.R., Nov. 4th, 1918.
VAN STRAUBENZIE, Col. V. C., R.C.D., Nov., 1918.
RICHARDSON, Capt. Peter, at Coblenz, Feb. 15th, 1919.
WADSWORTH, Lieut. Livingstone, U.S.A.
FAIRFIELD, Gr. G. A., 1st C.F.A., May 19th, 1919.