

COME ACROSS—IT'S YOUR DUTY

Remember Horrors of War-Torn Europe

Think of Safety and Comfort Here—Then Join the Red Cross.

The good people of this community once more commemorate the nativity of the Christ Child with merry-making and gifts.

Ours is a prosperous community. None of us is likely to suffer this winter for want of food, clothing or shelter, though high prices and certain forced economies will make us realize the United States is at war thousands of miles away. A few of us who have given our boys to the nation may less them. But generally speaking, we shall feel perfectly secure, and when we stop to think about it, we shall thank God more or less heartily for his blessings.

Over in France, which has a total population of about 35,000,000, probably 3,000,000 are in the army fighting off the invader. About 3,000,000 more—mostly women and children—are absolutely down and out. They are a part of the inhabitants of the great industrial district devastated by the German savages. Now these people are homeless, hungry, naked and sick. At least half of them have tuberculosis, with scarcely a fighting chance for life. The whole of France is making unheard of sacrifices to save the nation.

Poor little Belgium is a wreck—a dying wreck. Her small army has been practically exterminated. Her boys and old men have been shot down in cold blood by the Kaiser's heroes. Her daughters have been dragged into slavery worse than death. Her babies have been impaled on bayonets and nailed to barn doors by playful Teutonic soldiers. About all that is left of Belgium is her desolate spirit.

And Serbia. Serbia is now but a name in history. A nation become a slaughter pen and charnel house. A people wiped clean off the earth.

What has been said of France applies equally to Italy, Roumania and Russian Poland.

Europe has been a hell of suffering and grief for three years. What have the last three years meant to the United States? Prosperity and peace.

Today all stricken Europe is uttering that age-old lamentation, "Out of the depths, Oh Lord, have I cried unto Thee; Lord hear my voice." And the American Red Cross is the instrument through which Providence is answering the prayer.

The Red Cross is "over there" now, performing a labor of mercy and paying a debt of fellowship on a scale never before known. But it must have your help and mine in order to carry on its vast enterprise in the name of humanity. So the organization is campaigning the nation for 15,000,000 members.

Every man, woman and child in this community ought to belong to the Red Cross. The membership fee is \$1.00. Another dollar brings the member the Red Cross Magazine for a year.

Every \$1.00 or \$2.00 membership helps just so much to back up our American boys in khaki—helps just so much to take the frightful curse from the lives of millions of homeless, starving, freezing, diseased mothers and babies in devastated France, Serbia, Belgium, Poland and Roumania.

The finest Christmas gift you can make is a Red Cross membership. Don't fail to come across by Christmas eve!

STRICKEN EUROPE NEEDS OUR HELP

American Red Cross Answering Appeal on Wonderful Scale—Finest Peace Work in History.

Now Red Cross Asks You and Me to Confer There—Just Join.

And today there are millions of babies and children in Europe who are suffering from actual starvation. They are ragged and emaciated. They are diseased and dying. They are being starved and broken.

That is America and save months of the allies have led. Made years, our own and now, fighting and fame. I and our wives worship and babies may not Elsewhere cruelties at the Paul's, Wages.

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is already well under Red Cross is helping all people on a great scale. Cross must not fall down You and I are responsi- ness of the enterprise. can't go over there, and in "houses" need, food nurse the sick. But we can back up the great machine already in the field and at work.

What can we do—just and I? Well, first of all we must be members of the Red Cross. At this writing the organization needs millions more of us on its muster rolls. We compose the army at home support- ing the army in the field—both peace- ful armies. At home here we form chapters and circles that furnish cloth- ing and hospital supplies for soldiers and civilians in Europe. We must provide funds. We must show direct, intimate, personal interest in what the Red Cross field organization is doing. We must knit and sew and save and give.

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PIPER CAMERON "WENT OVER THE TOP" WITH HIGHLANDERS

For twenty-two months Piper Charles Cameron, of 79th Queen's own regiment of the Scottish Highlanders "went over the top" with Tommy Atkins at the battles of Marne, Arras, Lille and Vimy Ridge.



He was in the thickest of the fighting—and he speaks with fervent prayer that the Boche, who knows no humanity, no international law—will be pushed back across the Rhine and forever put down as a military power.

Piper Cameron will be in Downers Grove at the Curtis Theatre Saturday.

Cameron volunteered at Montreal when the war broke out. He was transferred to his old regiment, the 79th, the "Queen's Own," as they called it in England and Scotland. He landed just at the tail end of the battle of the Marne and helped General Joffre push the Huns back from Paris. From then on he saw 22 months of service, being discharged last June on account of "shell shock"—they call it over there the "jiggers."

This, he explained, "is very prevalent with the men in the trenches who have seen a good deal of service, and especially with the older men, whose nerves are more easily shattered."

"The things we got to see, while at the front, of German atrocities are enough to instill in every British and French soldier—and soon you Sammie—the desire to kill every German fighter," declared Piper Cameron. "Why the Boche snipers will pick off stretcher bearers, will shoot down Red Cross workers and stop at nothing in carrying out their program of frightfulness."

Pipers are very much in need over there, he explained.

"My duty was to play that old Scottish air, the 'Cock O' the North' just when the troops 'went over' to inspire them," he said. Then after that we were stretcher bearers and

assisted in caring for the wounded.

"The trooper over there suffers more from the lack of tobacco than from anything else—might say from all other things," declared the Scottish Highlander. "Tobacco quiets the soldier's nerves more than anything else. They almost have to have it."

"The tobacco fund should be boosted. A soldier stays in the front line trenches during a heavy engagement only about 45 hours. Then he is sent back to a rest station where he recuperates for at least 85 hours. While he is in the trenches food is brought to him—and it is good food, too, five times a day. The men, most American truck drivers, of course under fire and unarmed, but they do it in the bravest fashion. I have a world of praise for them."

Cameron saw five years with his regiment in the Egyptian campaign from 1882 to 87, being honorably discharged at Cairo. He is 56 years old, too old to enlist, but not a volunteer for a short time.

He claims he has led a "charmed life," for all through the Egyptian campaign of five years and twenty-two months in France he has never been hit by an enemy bullet.

CHURCH NOTES

NOTE—These columns are for the use of all churches, without charge and the co-operation of the pastors and church people is invited in the way of making this department of interest.

TED BRETHREN CHURCH OF EAST GROVE

School, 10:30.
Sunday service, 11:30.
Evening service, 7:30.
Welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Wm. Gray, Pastor.

Sunday School
Morning service, 9:45 a. m.
Sermon by at 11:00 o'clock.
"Contentment, Pastor. Subject: Christian Endowment of Life."
p. m. Topic: Phineas at 6:30 ture." A special for the Fu-
Evening service 7:30
The speaker at this 10 o'clock- the Rev. Frank Newhage will be for a number of years, D. D., historic Union Park Co. of the church, Chicago, and also engaged in important work, time Dr. White is an eloquent speaker. It is hoped that every one can will attend this service.

S. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Hugh M. MacWhorter
Priest-in-Charge

Sunday Services.
Dec. 23rd, 1917. Fourth Sunday in Advent.
9:30 a. m. Sunday school.
6:30 p. m. Bible school.
7:30 p. m. Evening Prayer and sermon.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Norman Gould Oliver, Minister.

End the old year in the public worship of Him who gives all the spiritual blessings that man receives.
Morning worship at eleven o'clock with sermon by the Pastor. Subject "Walking in The Light."
Evening song and sermon at 7:30. Subject "Retrospect and Prospect."
Begin the day with Sunday school at 9:45.
Five minute sermon to children at 11:15 a. m.
Prayer service, the first of the new year, next Wednesday at 8 o'clock. You cannot afford to miss the warmth of these Wednesday meetings.
Juniors on Wednesday at 3:30.
The Pastor and his family will be at home to their friends on New Year's day at 115 So. Washington St. Keep in mind the vocal recital at the church two weeks from tonight.

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Grove St.

Paul Crusius, Pastor.

Sunday school as usual.
Morning service in German.
Evening service in English.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Eneas B. Goodwin, Pastor.

Sunday—8 a. m., Mass, reading of the Gospel and Epistle of the day, sermon; 10 a. m., High Mass, reading of the Gospel and Epistle of the day, sermon; 3:30 p. m., vespers, benediction, sermon; baptisms, 2:30 p. m.
Week days—Holy Communion, 7 a. m.; Mass, 8 a. m.
Men's Sodality meets on the fifth Sunday of the month; Married Women on the first Sunday; Young Ladies on the Second Sunday; Boys and Girls on the third Sunday.
Holy hour adoration every Friday from 3 to 4 p. m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

Sunday service, 11 a. m.; Wednesday, 8 p. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m. The reading room is open to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays from 3 to 4 p. m. The Bible and Christian Science literature may be read or purchased of the one in charge. Visitors are welcome.

FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH

9:45 Sunday school.
11:00 Preaching service.
6:45 p. m. Young People's meeting.
Thursday 8 p. m. will be the third quarterly conference regular preaching service followed by the business session. Every member of the quarterly conference is urged to be present, as well as the members of the church for the important business to be transacted in the interest of the cause.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Thomas Freeman Jenness, Minister.

The pastor will preach at both services next Sunday. The themes of the services will be as follows: Morning, "A Great Gain and the Greatest Loss" Evening, "Singleness of Purpose."
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship 11:00 a. m.
Epworth League 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.
Watch night meeting Monday night from 9 to 12 o'clock. Social features during the first hour and a half. Refreshments at 10:30. Devotional meetings from 11:30 to midnight, the end of the old year.

LIBRARY NOTES

Hours
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday,
Three to Nine P. M.

CRUEL JOKE ON A SQUIRREL

Naturalist Replaces Nuts With Stones—Repents When He Sees Hungry Frisky Dig Snow Away.

Most squirrels keep two or more stores of food. Rev. J. G. Wood, the naturalist, tells of a friend who found one of these reserve stores, which a squirrel had provided for an emergency and, in a moment of thoughtlessness, the man determined to play a joke on the squirrel. He accordingly replaced the nuts by small, round stones and carefully concealed all evidences of his visit.

One cold day in winter he passed the spot and found that the squirrel had called there a short time previously. This he knew by the fact that ten inches of snow had been scratched from the top of the hole, outside of which the stones had been cast by the disappointed animal.

This struck the joker with remorse. He said: "I never felt the folly of practical joking so much in my life. Fancy the poor little fellow, nipped with cold, and scanty food, but, foreseeing a long winter, resolved to economize his little hoard as much as possible. Fancy him at last determined to break this—perhaps his last—magazine, and cheerfully brushing away the snow, fully confident that a good meal awaited him as the reward of his cold job, and after all finding nothing but stones. I never felt more mean and ashamed in my life."

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