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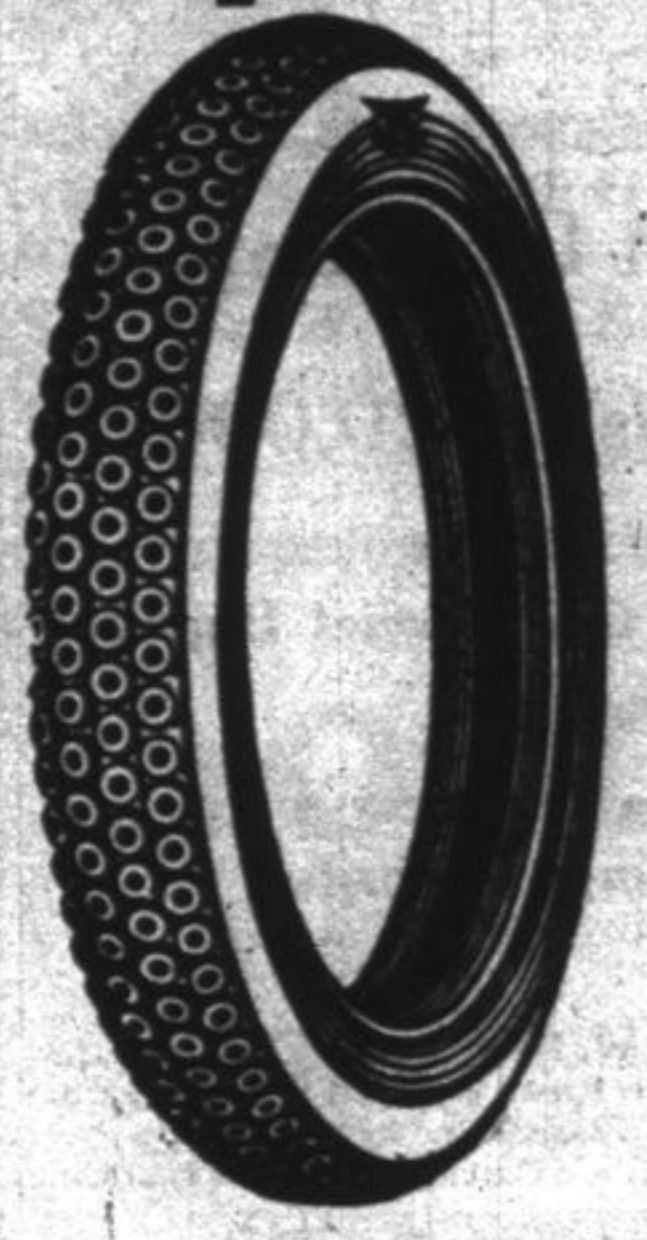
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**A War Time
Pastoral Letter**

The House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church, which met in Chicago in October, issued the pastoral letter which is printed below.

It is required that this letter be read to every Episcopal congregation in the country within a month after its issuance, it was read in Trinity Church on Sunday morning, November 11th. The document is a noteworthy one and deserves careful consideration.

A Pastoral Letter

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity: Our nation is at war in behalf of justice, liberty and humanity. When these are in danger, the Church's station is at the front.

When the nation has with solemn deliberation entered war, voices which have spoken for neutrality, non-resistance or pacifism are silenced. We hate war, and shrink from its horrors, but we who enjoy the privileges of civil liberty won by the blood of our fathers must, when they are endangered, defend them at the cost of our blood. In the overthrow of injustice and inhumanity is the only hope of permanent peace. Loyalty demands of every citizen unconditional consecration to the service of the nation.

We thank God that from their homes and parish churches have gone the boys and men of the Church, eager to do their duty wherever the nation sends them. We watch them with pride as they are mustered into the Army and Navy.

As the nation is preparing to enter the awful conflict, we, your Bishops, remind you of certain definite duties and opportunities:

I. A nation fighting to keep the world safe for democracy must in character and action be true to democracy. Racial strife, class antagonism, impurity and intemperance wreck civil liberty. Before we can conquer injustice and inhumanity in others, we must first overcome them in ourselves. Our guilt in these respects we must acknowledge with shame. We expect of our soldiers and sailors concentration of thought and action, self-discipline, courage and serenity under stress. We can demand no less of ourselves. In humility and sincerity we must live by the principles for which we fight. National character gives thrust and force to the National army. The war with all its suffering and loss may prove a blessing if it rouses us from the indifference to religion, to spiritual concerns and moral issues which threatens our very life.

At the source and foundation of the character of this people are Christ and His Church. If the force of arms is necessary to put down wilful disregard of the rights and decencies of human life, it is only by the persistent teaching of Christian principles that these can be preserved for ourselves or for the world. We need plain teaching of the Christian Religion, with its insistence on the claims of God and the claims of our fellow-men, and on God's present gifts of grace by His Spirit through His Church and Sacraments to enable us to live up to the example and precepts of His incarnate Son, our Lord.

II. The President has well said that this war is a war not of armies but of peoples. Every man, woman and child has a place and is enlisted in the cause, the Army and Navy at the front, we close beside and behind them; though they be in France and we in America, we are one with them, bound together in a common cause. Hence everything that we are and that we do will unite in their support. Every man on the fighting line, in hospital or on lonely guard duty, must feel behind and with him the heart, sympathy and action of the people. To express this, we must not only work for the Red Cross and give generously in money and comforts; we must also be ready to pay heavy taxes cheerfully, and buy Liberty Bonds. It is upon the people's substance that the armies move.

Failures in efficiency there are and will be. Let us withhold criticism until we are sure it is justified. Rivalry for position or fame has no right place in war or in organized beneficence. Force depends on united action.

III. Next to the character and consecration of the people, the fighting power of a nation is in the possession of the staples of life in food and clothing. Upon the economy, simple habits and self-restraint of Christian people the Nation has a right to call with confidence. Every house-keeper and child, every man, whether traveling or at home, has his duty so to save food and clothing, money and everything as to provide for our allies and for ourselves. Covetousness and the seeking of selfish gain in the country's time of need should be frowned upon as no less disgraceful than cowardice or rebellion.

IV. The War Department is working out a great, and we believe bene-

volent, experiment in warfare. Military discipline used to cut the armies off as much as possible from home and natural associations. Men in abnormal conditions become abnormal. A soldier is still a man. Confident that the normal man is the best fighter, the Government is doing everything in its power consistent with military efficiency to keep the soldiers and sailors in touch with society and home, to encourage right associations with the women and girls in the neighborhood of the camps, and to build up the men, physically and morally, through recreation and social and religious influences. While we trust the general high character and awakened moral sense of our soldiers, every officer of the Church and every citizen should see to it that his town is clean enough for the soldiers to roam in, and the officials and people should do their part to protect the girls of the neighborhood as well as the men and boys who have come from distant homes.

Grateful for the action of the President and of Congress in restricting the manufacture and sale of liquor, we urge all to support the authorities in enforcing the law; and to set a personal example of abstinence.

V. The War Commission of the Church has been created to marshal the spiritual forces of the Church for efficient action.

We want the Church to follow our boys and men with sympathetic interest and to offer them the Sacraments and pastoral care. Reinforcing the commissioned chaplains, voluntary chaplains of our communion, welcomed by the authorities, will keep close to the camps and naval stations, both in this country and in France, and give guidance and spiritual leadership to the men.

Strong laymen also, members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and others, engaged for that special work by the Commission, will, as Secretaries of the Y. M. C. A., keep in touch with churchmen. Chaplains will be equipped; the names of churchmen in the National service will be listed. Literature will be sent; duplication of work and of appeals for help will be avoided by coordination of local efforts and Church organizations with the War Commission.

Within a few weeks the Commission will ask of the Church Five Hundred Thousand Dollars. The Bishops are confident that every loyal churchman and churchwoman will respond generously to this war call of the Church.

VI. Finally, brethren, let us be earnest and constant in prayer, at home and in church, for God's blessing on what we are confident is a righteous cause; for the President and his advisers; for our Army and Navy; and for our sons, brothers and husbands, first that they may, in camp and battle, on leave and in hospitals, be faithful and unafraid; then, if God wills, that they may have a safe return.

Let our churches be open for private prayer, as well as for the regular services, and for others of a less formal character, with opportunities afforded for the mention of particular persons and needs.

Let the opportunity of these days of stress and anxiety be seized for the preaching of the deep truths of the living God, our Judge and our loving Father, and of His Son, who, in becoming man, assures us of His sympathy with the struggles and sorrows of His people.

After war will come peace; let us prepare for it by sustaining a worthy spirit. Christian people will throughout the war hold high the standard of chivalry and of charity. Reparation and not revenge must be the object kept before us. We will control our feelings of resentment, and try to believe the best possible interpretation of the motives and ideals of the people who are fighting us and over whom we shall be victorious.

We will steadily press the education of the young, and prepare them for a better citizenship than ours of today.

We will support and advance the cause of Christian missions with greater and not diminished loyalty and generosity, knowing that it is the power of Christ alone that will inspire and enable the nations of the world to work together for peace and righteousness, for human brotherhood and the fulfillment of human life in the Kingdom of God.

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