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WAR'S REDISCOVERY IN RELIGION

By William T. Ellis.

The International Sunday School Lesson For August 11th is "Helping Others."—Luke 10:25-37; Galatians 6:1-10.

Many messages for the churches are coming back from the battlefields of France. All the world is listening for what this transforming struggle may have to say upon life's varied phases. We instinctively know that more than the map of the world is being made over in this melting pot. Since the conflict is essentially spiritual in its broader aspects, and since it represents a mighty soul-decision for every fighting man, we are looking and listening most eagerly for what the war will have to say to mankind concerning the things of religion.

Discovering Anew an Old Truth.

These men in khaki have learned afresh, not knowing, usually, that they are but getting a new glimpse of first principles, the primary truth of the teachings of Jesus. It has been brought to them in two ways that the most religious thing in the universe is to lay down one's life either in one act of superb sacrifice or by daily, commonplace acts of service, for somebody or something aside from self.

This great idea first of all gleams before the soldier's eyes as he broods upon his own enlistment as a soldier. Rightly and significantly, he calls the military life a "Service." That great word is employed interchangeably for either army or navy. Every man in uniform "is in Service." Work behind the lines, either at keeping books, unloading ships, building railways, digging roads or erecting barracks, is called, in the American army, "the Service of Supplies." Fortitude for the great endurance of the past four years has been put into the hearts of our fighting men by the knowledge that they are engaged in a holy service of God and country and all mankind.

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religion among the soldiers are filled with ministry. They serve the men with stationery and stamps. They provide games, from checkers to baggins, and they keep a supply of reading matter on hand. They run moving picture shows and boxing matches and a variety of other entertainments. In their canteens they supply the soldiers with various things he cannot get from the army, and when he goes into battle they follow him with hot chocolate and other helps. If he cannot write, they pen his letters for him. When he is in the hospital, they visit him and do for him whatever service is in their power. Literally a hundred and one odd jobs are the major work of the representative of religion in the army. Salvation Army lassies at the front express their prayers in the form of pies; their gospel by goodies.

All of this is a return to the way of Jesus, who, about "doing good," and who avowed the way came "Not to be ministered unto but to minister." If the churches have imperceptibly come to stress services more than service, it is not because of their Gospel, but in spite of it. Really, the Church needs a fuller equipment for social service than a passion to minister to men, unselfishly and unknown, in the spirit of Jesus. It is not so much a fresh programme that the Church is to have as a new spirit and a new devotion, an abiding in the mind of Jesus. This will make helpfulness free from self-consciousness, for it is impossible to be a good neighbor while thinking about one's own neighborliness. As a bequest of the war, we shall surely find the church of the new era a minister of helpfulness, free from self-consciousness, for it is impossible to be a good neighbor while thinking about one's own neighborliness.

Applying the Old Test.

One night up at the very front, during a fierce battle, I spent an interesting hour with Chaplain Danker, the American chaplain to lose his life in France. He had undergone a heavy day, including a visit to the trenches to arrange for the transport and identification of our slain. Even while we talked there came a call for his automobile, which he freely placed at the disposal of his brother officers. His life was an endless succession of tasks or ministry, and as he poured out his heart to me there was a lament that he did not have more of a distinctively "religious" sort of work. When he let himself consider his activities, he longed for more preaching and "spiritual" ministrations. Such was the conscientious sensitivity of the man. As a simple matter of fact, his tireless toil for the men of the regiment, in endless forms of helpfulness, from mail to money, revealed his mission to them more than any words could do. It was by the still unfinished grave of one of our dead whom he had buried, that a member of the funeral detail recounted to me the courage and devotion of Chaplain Danker. The French Government honored him with the War Cross; and when he won what the soldiers call the "highest decoration, the wooden cross."

Naturally, when the cables brought the tragic news of Chaplain Danker's battlefield death, I thought of the praise that he would win from his Lord. It would not be, "Well performed, O noble minister!" nor "Well spoken, O eloquent orator," nor "Well conducted, O learned ritualist," nor "Well drilled, O efficient officer," but it would be "Well DONE, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Heaven's rewards are for the doers of the deeds that make men think of Christ. The old, old test, applied by the Master himself, is this word that touches only helpfulness: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Come to think of it, this has to be so. For any other test would be too most of us. If the divine favor were to be extended only to the eloquent or the wise or the powerful or the well-placed or the rich, most of us would be excluded. But since it is given to the doers of deeds,—the samples enumerated being of the most conspicuous and humble sort—we are all of us let in. Helping others is serving Christ. We do the will of Jesus when we minister to men. The way to go the limit in the service of our Lord is pointed out in the Golden Text of this lesson: "Bear ye another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

War-Work as Worship.

Perhaps the common heart of mankind has been quicker to comprehend the genius of Jesus than some who are responsible for the conduct of the churches. Instinctively, since the beginning of the war, devoted patriots have given themselves to doing things for the soldiers. There is no service to lowly for the highest to perform in behalf of the fighting men. This mood of ministry has fairly transformed Great Britain. There, as here, millions of hands are busily knitting for the men. High-born ladies, in all of the allied countries, don the uniform of the Red Cross and do the heavy work of station restaurants for the travelling troops. Let a call go forth for any kind of work for the men in the service, and there are countless responses.

In this spirit of ministry, which is as holy in its springs as worship itself, men and women are expressing their consecration to a cause which they believe is of God. I could fill this column with a catalogue of the war-work by volunteer civilians that we countess witnessed in many of the lands at war. All night long in London, for instance, there are volunteer motor cars carrying soldiers from station to station, while other patriots toil smilingly at can-

teens. Colonials resident in London are regularly organized to take time from their daily employ to meet the troop trains that bring in the Canadian and Anzac soldiers from France. Next, it is quite a disgrace in Great Britain for one not to be usefully employed in some sort of war work. As I have looked upon this service in its many forms, tears have started to my eyes; for the scene has been more impressive than any cathedral service I ever attended. This is the new conception of patriotism that is raising the level of the life of the nations. We have learned the glory of service, the grandeur of laying all our possessions and powers upon the altar of country and humanity. We have given of our sons and of our substance and of our selves, and yet we long for newer, better, and even more sacrificial ways of honoring our God in his great day.

He that careth for the sick and the wounded, Watcheth not alone; There are three in the darkness together, And the third is the Lord. —Henry VanDyke.

Walking the New Way.

By this path of ministry, this spirit of service, this heart of helpfulness, the Church is yet to follow her Lord into the new day of social welfare which the war has opened before her. She needs a fuller equipment for social service than a passion to minister to men, unselfishly and unknown, in the spirit of Jesus. It is not so much a fresh programme that the Church is to have as a new spirit and a new devotion, an abiding in the mind of Jesus. This will make helpfulness free from self-consciousness, for it is impossible to be a good neighbor while thinking about one's own neighborliness. As a bequest of the war, we shall surely find the church of the new era a minister of helpfulness, free from self-consciousness, for it is impossible to be a good neighbor while thinking about one's own neighborliness.

There has just come to me from a missionary friend in India a letter telling of the work in his mission. It is wholly a recital of works of helpfulness. He gives some paragraphs to the great civic exhibition in the native state of Gwalior, and to the Mission's part therein. I quote some passages: "The Gwalior exhibition has just closed, and after it is all over it is said to have been the largest and most interesting on record in Central India. The North India Mission entered on a new era in mission work, for all the agricultural arrangements for the exhibition were in its hands. Mr. Griffin with his tractors actually plowing, his harrows harrowing, his pumps pumping, his fine crops of grain and vegetables, proved an attraction superior to the wrestling arena. Dr. Kenoyer in his beautiful research laboratory, with experiments of all kinds under way that the Indian charts, microscopes, and seed-testing, was more popular than the Indian jugglers who make the mango tree grow and bear fruit under a gunny bag."

"Mrs. Wiser, with her demonstrations of fruit canning and vegetable preservation, showing the people of India a cheap, sanitary and easy way of preparing food, was more popular than the nautch-girl. The Maharajah brought down the ladies of the palace to see and learn her methods. As he was a mere man he could not go in under the canopy, which was kept strictly purdah. The fruits and vegetables were grown in the palace gardens, and the mango tree made in the state pottery, common Indian cooking vessels were used and the little common Indian portable stoves gave the fire for cooking and sterilization. Thus attention was drawn to the fact that the people do these things for herself, just as well as depend upon Europe and America for preserved fruits and vegetables. A few days after Mrs. Wiser had shown the Rani and Princesses how to can and put up food, the Maharajah sent the best of the exhibition to the Royal Agricultural College, Wisser how well they had learned their lessons. He wanted to be sure they got it right, as he will have to eat the things they put up."

"Mr. Slater came over with a lot of his chickens from Etah to manage the poultry part of the exhibition. It was the best poultry show I have ever seen in India."

And that is missions after the modern mode—or ministry after the Jesus pattern.

GERMANS LOOTING KING ALBERT'S PALACE

Private Art Collection of King of Belgians Being rifled by Enemy.

Amsterdam, Aug. 7.—The Germans are beginning to plunder King Albert's private collection in Belgium, which they have often declared to be sacred to them.

Last week German, Belgian and Dutch emissaries have come to Holland from Belgium with pictures and pieces of furniture known to belong to the King's collection. Among them are a bookcase adorned with the statues of the three kings of Belgium. It was ordered by King Albert not long before the war for his Brussels palace. There are also paintings, which are known to be worth a fortune. Articles from the King's palace could come here only with the Germans' consent. The size of some of the treasures is such that they could not be smuggled in by thieves who were not in league with the Germans.

Children in Munich were last week employed in stripping the leaves from trees and bushes in the public parks for conversion into hay. The British Government has let contracts to British manufacturers for military clothing to re-fit 2,000,000 American soldiers. Wheat-cutting has commenced in Saskatchewan.

BRITISH ARE TOLD TO "HOLD FAST"

Lloyd George's Message to Empire on Entering Fifth Year of World War.

London, Aug. 7.—"Hold fast" was the keynote of a message to the British Empire, issued by Premier David Lloyd George and promulgated in a dramatic way throughout the kingdom last night. The message was read to the audiences in theatres, concert halls and other places where people were assembled. Sealed copies of the message had been distributed to the managers of all these places, with the request that they open and read it at 9 o'clock. The message follows:

"The message which I send to the people of the British Empire on the fourth anniversary of their entry into the war is, 'Hold fast.'"

"We are in this war for no selfish ends. We are in it to recover freedom for the nations which have been brutally attacked and despoiled, and to prove that no people, however powerful, can surrender itself to the lawless ambitions of militarism without meeting retribution, swift, certain and disastrous, at the hands of the free nations of the world. To stop short of victory for this cause would be to compromise the future of mankind."

"I say, 'Hold fast.' Because our prospects of victory have never been so bright as they are to-day. Six months ago the rulers of Germany deliberately rejected the just and reasonable settlement proposed by the Allies. Throwing aside the last mask of moderation, they partitioned Russia, enslaved Roumania, and attempted to seize supreme power by overthrowing the Allies in a final and desperate attack. Thanks to the invincible bravery of all the Allied armies, it is now evident to all that this dream of universal conquest, for the sake of which they wantonly prolonged the war, can never be fulfilled."

"But the battle is not yet won. The great, autocracy of Prussia will still endeavor, by violence or guile, to avoid defeat and so give militarism a new lease of life. We cannot seek to escape the horrors of war for ourselves by laying them up for our children. Having set our hands to the task, we must see it through till a just and lasting settlement is achieved."

"In no other way can we assure a world set free from war. 'Hold fast.'"

"(Signed) Lloyd George."

LEFT-HAND SALUTES ARE DONE AWAY WITH

Henceforth, According to Latest Army Order, Right Hand to be Used.

London, Aug. 7.—Among the minor worries of the Canadian soldier is the necessity of saluting officers. No one, of course, objects to discipline of salute, but all welcome any change of the regulations which modify what is at times an irksome duty. So the latest army order abolishing the left-hand salute comes as a crumb of comfort.

Hitherto it has been the rule that a soldier should salute an officer with the hand farthest away from his superior; henceforth salutes will be given by all ranks with the right hand. This means that a soldier walking along the Strand, on leave, and meeting officers every few steps, is relieved of the necessity for constantly changing the handing of his stick or any parcel he may be carrying.

HALIFAX HERALD'S PROPOSAL.

Big Reward Offered to Find U-Boat Base. Halifax, Aug. 8.—The Halifax Herald and Evening Mail offers a reward of \$5,000 to "any person who will supply information of the location of a base on the Nova Scotia coast or the seaboard of the Bay of Fundy used by the German submarines now operating in the North Atlantic waters, and which information will lead to the seizure and destruction of said base for the operations."

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