

THE GOAL OF ALL

By William T. Ellis.

Written on the surface of the world's social unrest, and yet unrecognized by those who are supposedly most concerned, lies a profound message for all of life. Bolshevism has challenged the old order, and has taken possession of great nations; yet most people are blind to the first significance of the facts.

What means this marvel, that millions of men and women have cast off all their old allegiances, and their former fashion of life, and become revolutionists? How may we interpret these slogans of brotherhood and internationalism and freedom that are reaching around the globe?

Not since the world began has there been such a rising of mankind to life aloft the base cries of emancipation and of a better manner of life for all the weary and heavy laden. Even the most ancient and sluggish peoples, as well as the newest and best organized are resounding with songs of revolution. Whether they are misled or not is aside from the point under discussion at the moment. Sheer and stupendous rises before our very eyes the marvel of a world-wide, radical seeking after boons which are primarily spiritual. Deep in the heart of humanity, even the most stolid, illiterate and unfavorable groups of humanity, dwells life, a life of freedom, a life of brotherhood, a life of justice for all the weak and over-burdened mortals of earth.

Something has set that master chord vibrating. The portentous social upheaval of our time is at basis a spiritual quest. It is more than a desire for ease and possessions; it is a longing for life, full, abundant, unfettered life. Man-soul is trying aloud for satisfaction of its deepest and divinest instincts. Heart-hunger has become not only vocal, but clamorous. Blindly, the whole earth is groping toward that which Jesus called the kingdom of heaven. Every custodian of spiritual truth, every leader in religion, whatever his creed or organization, should be startled by this mighty human tide which is surging outside of all church. It is a veritable Messianic passion in modern guise.

Studying Our Own Time.

Occasionally we catch glimpses beneath the surface of men's lives, seeing what lies deeper than the struggle for position and possessions and pleasure, and we are surprised

"The International Sunday School Lesson for April 13th is 'Christ Our Saviour'—John 1:35-51.

(though why should we be?) to find the rich and the learned, and the powerful, as well as the poor and the lowly, dominated by a great spiritual yearning. Dissatisfied with material things, they hunger and thirst for they know not what. The Lama and the similar "Seekers" in Kipling's "Kim" are representative of other lands than India. Sometimes it is workmen, like Andrew and John, the Galilean fisherman, who have turned aside to probe the message of the new teacher; sometimes it is the sage and saint; like Simeon and Anna, who acclaim a Coming One. Let any vital voice be lifted anywhere, whether in a Fifth Avenue pulpit or a wooden tabernacle or a college hall, and men and women who are lonely in their souls will throng to hear it.

Whoever does not discern this new sense of spiritual search in our own day is a superficial observer. It radiates from the trenches of France; and from the newly-sacred spirit of the families of soldiers. In the utterances of the greatest statesmen and of most editors and writers it echoes insistently. As I have already declared, it is what is real at the centre of the gleaming imitation of fraternity and liberty and justice called Bolshevism. It is simply because they have been unable to find the real thing that so many delude millions have accepted this painted pretense.

The Questers.

Ours is the day of the questers. Everybody has his search. Wrapped up in the one big word, "Reconstruction" all of us hope to find the fulfilment of our most cherished desires. War's heavy price having been paid, we now look for a commensurate boon. It is in the heart of humanity to believe that the long-sung and over-expected "good time coming" is now almost here. Soldiers are looking for the fulfilment of their long, long dreams while in exile and in battle. Reformers see the possibility of the friction of their desires and labors in the new mind of mankind. Prophets acclaim this as the day of truth's opportunity. Because there

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has been unexampled. Expectation, there should be commensurate Realization.

Few are so dull as not to have learned somewhat of the lesson taught in France, the lesson of suffering, of sacrifice, of vicariousness. We have all been in the school of the broken heart. That is why we are readier now than ever to listen to the word of the Finger-board Prophet as he cried, "Behold the Lamb of God!" It is the Lamb of sacrifice, the innocent Sufferer, the Buyer-back, or Redeemer, that meets our mood just now. No splendid figure in shining armor, of world-conqueror or king, can satisfy the desire of this generation. Our bruised hearts cry for a great Sacrifice, a great Love, a great Reconciler.

Even John and Andrew, who first heard and heeded the words of the (Continued on page 11.)

The liabilities of the Polson Iron Works, shipbuilders, Toronto, now in liquidation, are stated by G. T. Clarkson, the receiver, to be \$1,488,000 and assets \$2,375,000, including lands and building valued at \$1,400,000. There are nearly 200 trade creditors.

The hospital ship Essequibo, bringing 500 wounded Canadian soldiers from Liverpool, is due to arrive Thursday afternoon at Portland, Maine.

A severe wind storm in Southern Oklahoma and Texas on Tuesday night did great damage and thirty-nine people are reported killed.

With the Returned Men.

The Kingston G.W.V.A. are greatly interested in the Ontario Housing Act, as a large number of their members wish to take advantage of its provisions. A resolution urging that the housing committee recommend taking advantage of it has been forwarded to the chairman of that committee.

Political action on the part of the G.W.V.A. seems to be one of the features of the association's programme in the future. The Kingston branch has passed a resolution favoring such action, with only two dissenting voices.

Major C. G. Arthur, the staff commandant of the department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, stated on Saturday that there are now 6,300 men receiving treatment from this department in the whole of Canada.

A proposal that a rifle club be formed in Kingston is one which is being favorably discussed amongst Kingston veterans.

The returned men are greatly interested in the Kingston war memorial scheme, and their suggestion is that it take the form of a combined library and veterans' club room. They will be represented at the public meeting to be held on April 25th to discuss the war memorial.

In the west there is apparently a close bond between the veterans' associations and the Grain Growers' associations for political purposes. In view of the fact that the G. W. V. A. is contemplating political action, this union is well worth watching.

It is said that the reason for unemployment amongst returned soldiers is that they crowd to the cities and neglect the farms. The soldiers' land settlement scheme should do much to alter this, as hundreds of men are now waiting for a reply from the land settlement board.

In Toronto, the returned soldiers broke up a tag day being held by the W.C.T.U. The veterans' associations hasten to wash their hands of the affair, and state that they had no part in the demonstration. The actions of a few irresponsible should not be taken as an indication of the conduct of the organized returned soldier bodies.

The farmers are helping largely in the reparation and employment of veterans, but the demand for help is far greater than the supply of men who wish to go on the farm.

It is expected that the Canadian Government will award a star cross to the mothers whose sons fell during the war. This was suggested in many quarters two years ago, but it is gratifying to many women who have sacrificed their all to know that some little token is to be given them in recognition of their loss.

The men who are being discharged now, with large pay cheques, are not spendthrifts. The banks report that they are using their money wisely, and that many of them in cashing their cheques do not take the money, but purchase drafts on the banks in their home districts.

"IN FLANDER'S FIELDS."

There Has Been Wide Distribution of Beautiful Calendar.

The Whig's distribution of the beautiful calendar, illustrating and containing the immortal poem, "In Flanders Fields," has assumed quite unexpected proportions. Since Saturday morning 5,000 of these calendars have been printed, and hardly one now remains in stock. Over 4,700 have been distributed free, unmounted, and the mounted copies, sold at ten cents each, number close on two hundred. The demand has been increasing, and orders are coming in freely from country readers. Another large edition will have to be printed to cope with the extraordinary rush, which has exceeded all expectations.

On all sides the Whig is being congratulated for its production. The work on the calendar is of the most artistic type, the design is beautiful, and the four colour printing process used makes a very handsome and effective calendar. Every bit of the printing is done in the Whig job department. Such work is very seldom done in Kingston, and the quality of the work produced is the finest sample of four colour process work ever turned out in the city. Several people have expressed surprise that work of this nature can be done locally, and the Whig takes great pride in making it known that the whole calendar, both the colour work and the black printing, was produced in its own office. As the supply of these calendars is now very limited, anyone desiring to secure a copy should make a point of calling or writing for one at once.

33rd BATTERY CLUB.

Former Kingston Battery Was Dispersed in Toronto Recently.

The 33rd Battery Club has been formed in Toronto and a smoker was held recently for the purpose. This battery was formed in Kingston under Major W. Sears and later absorbed the 24th Battery of Toronto which was composed of a number of Toronto athletes including several well-known paddlers, oarsmen and hockey players.

The battery's record in France is a splendid one and the men in it won two D.S.O.'s, nine Military Crosses (and two bars), four distinguished conduct medals, two meritorious service medals, one croix de guerre, five were mentioned in despatches and eighteen were given commissions in the field.

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