PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES OF CITY MAKE DRIVE FOR FUNDS

Budget of First Church Estimated at $60,000 for the Year, of Which $34,000 Will Be Used in Benevolent Work.

ORGANIZATION is practically completed for the united drive of the Presbyterian churches to be held the afternoon of Sunday, March 23. Budgets have been estimated, making ample allowance for the increase in the benevolent fund, in accordance with the requirements of the new era movement of the church, which calls for expansion in all departments of church activities.

The budget of the First Presbyterian church has been estimated at $60,000. Of this amount $26,000 will go for current expenses and $34,000 for church benevolence. This entire amount will be raised in the one afternoon, according to the campaign committee, of which D. A. Pattullo is head. Mr. Pattullo has appointed two colonels, James F. Ewing for the west side and H. C. Ewing for the east side church. Under each colonel ten captains will work. The city has been divided into 20 districts. Each district has been alloted to a captain, who will be assisted by ten lieutenants. Thus it will be possible to visit every member of the church. A flying squadron has been appointed to assist with special work of the campaign. Each Presbyterian church in the city has effected a similar organization, with the same results in view.

Today, the second Sunday in Lent, will be observed by special sacramental services in the Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran churches. Sectarian churches are also observing the lenten season with rallies, evangelistic work and as a special season of prayer.

Musical Programme at First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Boyd Will Preach Both Morning and Evening.

AT the First Presbyterian church, corner Twelfth and Alder streets, the pastor, Rev. John H. Boyd, D. D., will preach both morning and evening. In the morning he will continue along the line which was started on last Sunday with a further discussion of the new era movement and what it means to the local church. His subject in the morning will be "The Challenge of the Hour."

In the evening at 7:30 Dr. Boyd will continue his evangelistic series as preparatory to Easter. The subject will be "Why Christ Failed With the Crowd." The evening music will be of special interest. Franck Eichenlaub will lead a string quartet which will play: (a) "Impromptu" (Schubert); (b) "Andante Cantabile" (Tschaikowsky).

This quartet will be composed of Charles E. South (violin), M. Christensen (viola), Franck Eichenlaub (violin); Wayland J. Cornish (violin-cello), with Edgar E. Coursen at the organ. Mr. Coursen also will give a prelude on the organ with the following programme: (a) "Evening Prayer" (Shelley); (b) "Chorus of Angels" (Clark); (c) "Minuet" (Tours).

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Rev. Thomas Jenkins, rector of St. David's church, will begin a series of sermons on "Creed and Conduct" this morning. This evening he will preach on "Fruits of the Tree of Life," the fourth address of a series. At the opening of the service Professor Tom Taylor will conduct a short hymn service.

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Dr. David Downie of Pasadena and recently of Nellore, South India, is visiting in Portland and speaking at the various Baptist churches. Dr. Downie is known as the veteran missionary of India. He will meet with the ministers at the White Temple at 2:30 Monday and will speak on religious work in the Orient.

League of Nations, Topic of Unitarian Debate.

H. H. Herdman and Robert Treat Platt Are Speakers.

"THE proposed league of nations" will be debated for three evenings at the Unitarian chapel, Broadway, between Yamhill and Taylor, beginning Sunday at 7:45 o'clock. On the first evening H. H. Herdman of the Washington high school will speak in the affirmative. On the second evening Robert Treat Platt will speak in the negative. Both addresses will be followed by public discussion. Both men will speak on the third evening.

At the morning service today at 11, the pastor, Rev. W. G. Eliot, will speak on "The Use and Abuse of Religious Belief."

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Rose City Community church is lining up with the new era movement and is now organizing for the big victory fund campaign, set for Sunday, March 23, when every member of the church and every adherent will be asked for an annual subscription to be paid weekly. The amount pledged will cover the expense of the local church, together with a liberal contribution to all of the benevolent works of the church at home and abroad. Owing to the world-wide emergency the church is hoping to more than double the amount of its benevolence. The subject of the morning sermon will be "The New Era of Stewardship." In the evening Dr. Milligan will preach the first of a series of five pre-Easter sermons on the "Trial and Death of Jesus." The subject of the first will be "His Betrayal and Arrest."

Episcopal Churches to Hold Sunday School Rally Day.

Bishop Sumner Announces Dates of Annual Visitations to Diocese.

A SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY will be observed by the Episcopal churches today when there will be a re-enrollment of pupils. The Sunday schools are also making a special effort during Lent for missions. The collective offerings will be presented at a service at the pro-cathedral, to be held under the auspices of the diocesan board of religious education shortly after Easter.

At St. Michael and All Angels' church the Rev. T. F. Bowen is giving a special course fo sermons. His topic Sunday morning will be "The Place of the Bible in the Religion of Jesus."

Bishop Sumner has announced the dates of his annual visitations in the diocese for confirmation, the first being at St. Helen's hall, March 25. He will begin the visitation of the churches in southern Oregon March 27, and of those in Portland April 6.

The monthly meeting of the Church School Institute will be held at the pro-cathedral Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. An address on "The Attitude of the Sunday School Pupil and How to Regard It" will be given by Professor James F. Ewing, educational director, First Presbyterian church.

A special Sunday evening service is being planned by Dr. Francis Burgette Short for the Wilbur Methodist church, the features being a reading of selections from "Macbeth" by Mrs. Nina Larowe, and an address upon "The Moral Significance of Macbeth" by the pastor. A. E. Davidson, the new baritone, will sing Dudley Buck's heavy solo number: "Judge Me, O God." The evening's anthem by the quartet will be Morrison's "As Panteth the Hart After the Water Brooks."

The morning programme will consist of a sermon "The Man That Does the Best He Can and Falls—What About Him?" Miss Harriett Leech will sing the morning's offertory and the quartet will sing Schrecker's "O For a Closer Walk With God." The entire evening offering will be donated to the Armenian relief fund and it will be handled by Mrs. Robert S. Farrell.

"How Think of God," Theme of Rev. Mr. Willard.

First Congregational Church Has Programme of Greater Activities.

AT the First Congregational church, Park and Madison streets, the usual services will be held at 10:30 and 7:45 o'clock, with Rev. Wallace W. Willard in the pulpit with the morning theme, "How to Think of God," and in the evening, "The Power of Personality." Bible school meets at 12 with an opening talk by Rev. Mr. Willard on the theme, "The Bible," a pre-Easter talk. Amicitiae Christian Endeavor at 6:30 P. M., topic, "Envy and Coveteousness," and leader, Amie Condit.

The church has a definite programme of larger activities and a great deal of interest is being taken in the general welfare of the church. The men's brotherhood has begun active work again under very favorable circumstances, and the women are planning a campaign of church calling, in addition to their weekly meeting for Red Cross and charity sewing. All who have no church home are cordially invited to worship here and to take part in all the activities of the church.

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Atkinson Memorial Congregational will have Rev. W. H. Meyer of the Y. M. C. A. for the sermons at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Junior Christian Endeavor at 3 P. M., Young People's Society Christian Endeavor at 6:30 P. M. and Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. The public is very cordially invited to attend these services, where a warm Christian fellowship is always manifest.

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Rev. P. D. Holman will speak at Parkrose Congregational church at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

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Rev. J. Q. Dickensheets will occupy the pulpit at the Oswego Congregational church at 7:30 P. M.

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Rev. John Parsons will give an illustrated lecture this evening at the Clinton Kelly school on "The Romance of the Eskimos."

TWO DIVINES PROMINENT IN ACTIVITIES OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

Rev. Reginald T. T. Hicks, Dean of St. Stephens Pro-Cathedral. Right Rev. Peter T. Rowe Bishop Of Alaska.

BUSHNELL PHOTOS.

Watterson's Religious Confession, Topic.

Rev. E. H. Pence of Westminster Will Discuss "Looking Backward" Viewpoint of Colonel.

BASED on Colonel Watterson's "Looking Backward," which has been appearing in the Saturday Evening Post, Dr. E. H. Pence of the Westminster Presbyterian church, East Seventeenth and Schuyler streets, will preach this evening on "Colonel Henry Watterson's Great Religious Confession." The articles, which began in the March 1 issue of the Post, have been widely read, and Dr. Pence's estimate will prove of intense interest to Portlanders.

At the morning service Dr. Pence will preach on "The Most Significant Fact About Us."

The church's Bible school is growing rapidly, with classes for all ages, which every one is invited to join.

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"Capital and Labor in Bible Prophecy or Industrialism's Drive for Gold—Its Meaning" is the subject announced for Evangelist L. K. Dickson's lecture tonight in Christensen's hall, Eleventh street, between Morrison and Yamhill, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. This free lecture will bring out some most interesting revelations from Bible prophecy regarding the greatest problem in America and the world. The music will be a special feature of this meeting under the leadership of Professor I. C. Colcord and large chorus. Professor Arthur Oakes, violinist, will render a double number. Last Sunday night the hall was filled to overflowing, so come early for a good seat.

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The Warren vesper class which meets at the First Presbyterian church every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock is increasing in interest and attendance. A fine musical programme was rendered last Sunday. The large orchestra under the leadership of Miss Christine Brakel gave an excellent programme. One of the specially fine numbers was a trio played by Miss Frances Case, violin; Malcolm Rolls, cello, and Miss Case at the piano. The deep interest in the musical programme was enhanced greatly by the presence of Walter Jenkins, a recent arrival in the city to enter the Y. M. C. A. work. He has a fine personality and his rich deep voice was heard to advantage in a gospel hymn which was sung with keen sympathy. Mr. Jenkins kindly has consented to give a programme of song this afternoon. The meeting is for young people and every one will receive a cordial welcome. Mrs. Warren is at the door to greet every member of this interesting vesper class, which has a large membership representing all the denominations, yet meets as one family. The homelike atmosphere attracts and holds the young people for a two hours' session. At the close light refreshments are served in "friendship circles," where all have the opportunity of meeting congenial young people and warm friendships thus are formed which serve as a drawing card for each successive Sunday afternoon. Visitors especially are invited to come and enjoy this afternoon's programme.

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"The Great Moral Value of the Bible" will be the subject of the sermon by Rev. W. E. Brinkman this morning at 11 at St. James Lutheran church. This evening at 7:30 he will speak on the topic "The Heart Made New." These subjects are the first in the series of special Lenten sermons to be given by the pastor. The Sunday school session is held at 9:50 A. M. The young people's Luther league meets at 6:45 each Sunday evening. The Thursday evening service is at 8 o'clock. The following programme of special Sunday and midweek lenten sermons and addresses will be given by Rev. Mr. Brinkman during the lenten season:

Sunday, March 16, morning, "The Great Moral Value of the Bible"; evening, "A New Heart."
Thursday, March 20, "In Affliction and Trial."
Sunday, March 23, morning, "The Power and Influence of the Church"; evening, "Communion With God."
Thursday, March 27, "The Refiner of Gold."
Sunday, March 30, morning, "Christ Yesterday, Today and Forever"; evening, "Lessons From the Withered Fig Tree."
Thursday, April 3, "The Great Pattern."
Sunday, April 6, morning, "The Crisis of a Soul"; evening, "The Christian Crusade."
Thursday, April 10, "The Blood of Christ."
Palm Sunday, April 13, morning, "The Day of Triumph"; evening, "The Great Lament."

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Military Quartet to Sing at First Methodist Church.

"What God Requires," Topic of Rev. Joshua Stansfield's Sermon.

REV. JOSHUA STANSFIELD, pastor of the First Methodist church, will take for his theme this morning at 10:30, "What God Requires," a sermon outlining the challenge of the times. This evening at 7:45 the Lewis military quartet will give a musical programme. This fine male quartet was formed at Camp Lewis and includes Chaplain James Haupt, Contant Sigrist, J. Sherman Schoonmaker and Oswald A. Olson.

Chaplain Haupt is known in the east as a famous oratorio and operatic tenor singer. Mr. Sigrist is a famous French operatic tenor. He sang in San Francisco with the San Francisco opera company, and has been singing in the biggest cathedrals in California. Mr. Schoonmaker, the baritone and accompanist, was the baritone of the Ellis club of Los Angeles. Mr. Olson, formerly of the Ad club quartet and director of the First Methodist Episcopal church choir, is well known in Port-

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At the Third Baptist church Rev. J. Beaven will preach this morning on "The Church and Its Missions." This evening at 7:30 o'clock his subject will be "Lessons From Home Life by the Master Teacher." Stereopticon pictures will be shown.

Mt. Tabor Church to Honor Memory of Soldiers.

Service Commemorating Heroism of Four Boys Announced.

A MEMORIAL service for the four soldiers represented by the gold stars on the service flag of Mount Tabor Methodist Episcopal church will be held at the church today.

The service flag of the church has 51 stars in all. Of this number three were killed in action in France, Charles Webster, Clifford Harris and Walter Stearns. The fourth, Eugene Lewton, died from exposure following the sinking of the Tuscania. His father and younger brother are now with the American forces in France.

The service at 11 A. M. will consist of a sermon by the pastor, Rev. E. O. Eldridge, his subject being "Our Heroic Dead." There will also be read an original poem by C. C. Miller. At the evening service Fred Lockley, a returned Y. M. C. A. worker, will speak.

Rev. Robert Murray Pratt, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational church, will take for his subject this morning at 11 o'clock "The Strange Ways of Prayer." At the evening service at 7:30 o'clock the pastor will give the first of a series of four chalk-talks entitled, "Three Years in West Africa," a record of personal experiences. The soloist will be Miss Genevieve Stinsman Loop. Selections will be rendered by a masculine quartet.

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At the morning service of Sunnyside Methodist church the pastor will speak. In the evening, Rev. L. B. Jones, a returned missionary from India, will give a stereopticon lecture in which a large number of beautiful and instructive slides will be used. The programme will be under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society.

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Rev. A. Scott Bledsoe, pastor of the First Spiritualist church, will conduct services this afternoon at 3 o'clock and this evening at 7:45 o'clock. James Metcalf and Mrs. Etta S. Bledsoe will assist in the services. Meetings are held at Sixth and Montgomery streets.

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Dr. William A. Waldo, pastor of the White Temple, announces the morning subject for discussion will be "The Laymen Under a Big Task." The value of men to the kingdom of God in the days of reconstruction will be presented. The relation to the present day problems will be discussed. A new lay force, in a new church, in a new world, is the imperative need of the hour.

In the evening at 7:30 Dr. Waldo will deliver the second sermon in his Easter series "In the Shadow of the Cross, or the Seven Last Words of Jesus." The special subject for the evening will be "The Absolution of the Cross." He will deal especially with the request of the dying thief and Christ's promise of absolution, and the declaration of Jesus regarding the question of immortality. Harold Hurbut will direct the congregational singing, and with the Temple quartet will render special and appropriate music for both services.

A hearty invitation is given to the general public to attend these services and hear the respective addresses that will be delivered leading up to Easter Sunday.

Harley K. Halgren, state president of the Baptist Young People's Union, will address the White Temple Baptist Young People's Union at 6:15 Sunday evening. Mr. Halgren is a most interesting speaker, and all young people are urged to attend this meeting. Miss Elsie Moon will render a solo.

Evangelistic Drive to Culminate at Easter Time.

First United Brethren Church Obtains Many New Members.

FIRST UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH is entering the last month of its evangelistic drive to culminate at Easter time. The campaign will be more intensive from now till the close. The church already has gone far toward its goal of 100 new members by Easter. Dr. Byron J. Clark, the pastor, will preach in the morning upon "Miracles," and in the evening his subject will be "What About the Bible?" The choir, directed by W. H. Moore, will render special music.

Rev. Ira Hawley is in a stirring revival campaign at Second United Brethren church (Alberta). There have been a number of conversions. Meetings are held each night of the week. J. H. Mathews has charge of the music.

Rev. Mr. Hawley is a pastor evangelist. His subject for the morning is "Will We Suffer After Death?" and for the evening, "Weighed in the Balance and Found Wanting."

Rev. E. O. Shepherd, pastor of Third United Brethren church, is also conducting a series of evangelistic meetings. Services are held each night of the week. The music is in charge of Mr. Smith. Interest is growing. The subjects for Sunday are, morning, "Borrowing Religion," evening, "Rejected and Crucified."

At Fourth United Brethren church, Tremont station, some worthy improvements are being installed. The interior of the church has been decorated, and a new choir loft adds greatly to the comfort of the choir. The Sunday school is growing in number. The pastor, Rev. C. P. Blanchard, will preach in the morning on "The Counterfeit Life," and in the evening on "Vandalism."

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"Understanding the Atonement" is the topic of the lecture by Florence Crawford this evening at 8 o'clock in the Comforter center, assembly room, Portland hotel. There will be special music, vocal solos by Andrew Caughey, violin by M. A. Dunham, and piano by Mrs. Zulima Brown.

"The Shepherd Psalm" is the topic for the morning service at 11 o'clock. James MacWhorter will sing "A Voice in the Wilderness" by John Prindle Scott.

The healing meeting of the Comforter center is held on Thursday evening. The topic for this week's meeting is "Meeting Evil With Truth."

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Right Rev. H. M. DuBose, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church south, will arrive in Portland tomorrow and will preach at the First Methodist church south this evening. Following the service an informal service will be given honoring the bishop, who is one of the noted men of the denomination. Before his election to the episcopacy he was in charge of one of the largest pastorates in the church. He has served as general secretary of the church and was editor of the Methodist Review at the time of his election last May. He is well known as author, poet and preacher.

Portland Training Institute to Hold Final Session.

"The Old Testament a Living Voice" to Be Presented at Sunnyside Church.

THE sixth and concluding session of the Portland Training Institute, held in the Sunnyside Congregational church under the joint auspices of the Congregational Education society and the Oregon Sunday School association, will open on Tuesday evening at 7:30 sharp. Harold Humbert will close the studies of "The Teaching of Values of the Old Testament," with the application, "The Old Testament a Living Voice." Dr. John H. Matthews of Seattle will have charge of the administration division.

In the teen-age division a symposium will be presented in five-minute expressions of "The Challenge of Youth," given by young men and women. A programme of vocal and instrumental music will open the general assembly, followed by a demonstration of the value of the initial step in Sunday school activity, "The Cradle Roll." At the close of the session the dean of the institute will make an important announcement regarding future plans. A registration of 200 from 40 churches is expected next Tuesday.

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The theme of the worship this morning at 11 o'clock at the First Christian church will be the appeal of Christianity to the practical in human life. Each worshiper will receive a copy of the new creed of American business, recently adopted by 5000 business men assembled from the four corners of the United States. At this morning service Rev. Harold H. Griffis will have for his special topic "Christ and Common Sense." In the evening at 7:45 the Rev. Mr. Griffis will speak on "The Camel Question or the Responsibility of the Rich," a companion sermon to that of last Sunday night on "Jesus and the Poor."

In preparation teen-age boys and girls for the Easter decision services, the pastor will begin this afternoon at 4 o'clock a special class in New Testament instructions on the Christian life. The textbook to be used in this class has been compiled by hte pastor himself, and a souvenir copy will be given to each boy or girl who joins this group. In further arrangements for Easter the Thursday evening meetings from now until Easter Sunday will be devoted to a study of personal religious work. The text for this mid-week group will be "Training for Soul-Winning," and already many have signified their intention of becoming members of this personal workers' class.

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish to Observe Anniversary.

Solemn High Mass and Sermon Will Be Followed by Dinner Served in Parish Hall.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH in North Portland will celebrate today the 30th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the church, which occurred March 17, 1889, the annual feast of St. Patrick to be commemorated at the same time.

The full membership of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, men and women, will be present at the solemn high mass at 11 o'clock. Most Rev. Archbishop Christie will preside and Father George Thompson of the church of the Madeline will preach the special sermon of the occasion.

After the religious solemnities a dinner will be served in the parish hall, St. Patrick's being one of the oldest Catholic parishes in Portland, large numbers of former parishioners from every part of the city will participate in the exercises of the day. St. Patrick's church was built by Father Patrick Gibney. The present pastor is Rev. Charles M. Smith.

Rev. Mr. Petterson Home From Southern Trip.

Pastor Speaks at Eugene, Marshfield and North Bend.

REV. WILLIAM PETTERSEN, pastor of Bethlehem Norwegian Lutheran church, will occupy his pulpit today both morning and evening. The morning service will be in English, and the subject will be "The Dumb Spirit." In the evening he will preach in Norwegian on "Gold Tried in the Fire."

Rev. Mr. Petterson returned Tuesday from a trip to Coos Bay and Eugene. He preached last Sunday in Marshfield and North Bend. Monday he visited Cushman, a Lutheran settlement, Tuesday evening he lectured in the Y. M. C. A. hut on the university campus in Eugene, to students of literature, on Ibsen's "Emperor and Galilean," and Wednesday evening he addressed a mass meeting of Lutherans in Unity Lutheran church at Eugene, on the national Lutheran council drive.

He reports a very enjoyable and successful trip.

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At the Waverly Heights Congregational church Rev. Oliver Perry Avery will preach this morning on "The Supremacy of the Spiritual." This evening at 7:45 o'clock F. J. Meyer, recently returned from overseas, will speak on "Over the Top and Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and Argonne Wood."

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Dr. W. B. Hinson will preach both morning and evening at East Side Baptist church today. At 11 o'clock he will speak on "The Wind and the Flame," another sermon in the series on the New Testament Church. At 7 o'clock his subject will be: "America at the Parting of the Ways."

There will be baptism at the morning service. At 6:15 Rev. H. T. Cash will speak to the young people on "The Winning Methods of Personal Evangelism."

Dr. Hinson's subject for the Wednesday evening service will be "Prayer as a Great Reality."

The Ladies' society will hold their

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PORTLAND PASTOR PAYS TRIBUTE TO KHAKI-CLAD HEROES

Rev. Francis Burgette Short Lauds America as "Big Brother" of Overseas Nations.

BY REV. FRANCIS BURGETTE SHORT, Pastor Wilbur Memorial Methodist Church.

"Greater love can no man have than this: That a man lay down his life for his friend."

Love is the supreme emotion of the soul and it requires numerous channels and various ways in which to express itself. Conjugal love manifests itself in tender devotion, parental love in constant solicitude, filial love in beautiful obedience, patriotic love in an unquenchable zeal, Christian love in overflowing beneficence. And yet love's cup is never empty. Use increases its abundance.

The story goes that Jupiter and Mercury, in human form, traveled through Phrygia on foot; they became tired and hungry, but were refused rest and food until they reached the home of Philemon and Baucis; here they were taken in, their feet were washed and their hunger satisfied from a scant supply of milk that remained in a small pitcher. When the distinguished guests were leaving they bestowed their parting blessing upon the old man and his wife and caused the pitcher ever thereafter to prove abundant in its supply of nourishing milk for the tired and hungry that passed that way.

The story further relates that Philemon was one day transformed into an oak tree and that Baucis was changed into a linden tree, it being their wish that they might never see death. Love always becomes glorious in strength and radiant in beauty.

American Soldiers Lauded.

I would bring you a simple appreciation of the courageous service rendered by our soldiers and sailors in their determined purpose that democracy shall have an abiding place of safety among the nations of the earth. I need not tell you that no such war was ever before waged in the interest of so many downtrodden, hungry and helpless sons of God and it is not likely that history will record activities, privations and sacrifices any more heroic than those incident to the victory obtained under the leadership of that illustrious son of France, Marshal Foch.

Concerning the preparation of the enemy against whom our army and navy fought and kept sleepless watch, you are also well informed. Mankind knows that sad, sickening, revolting and blighting story, but it might be well for us to recount the worth and fidelity of our friends for whom and by the side of whom we fought.

We stood beside our dear old mother, England, whose language we speak, whose laws are the basis of our own system of jurisprudence and whose light, friendship and security we have enjoyed for more than a century. Our soldiers and sailors fought and watched beside the soldiers and sailors of England until victory and peace are already the world's heritage, and from this time forth let it be understood by all other nations that neither England nor America can be attacked without being resisted by both.

The sympathetic heartbeat of these two countries, with so much in common, was never so rhythmic in unison nor more capable of asserting their respective powers in the interest of each other than now. The maternal hands that were stretched across the sea were not given a stone; the daughter was not heedless, indifferent, unmindful nor unsympathetic toward the issues involved, and today the whole world looks upon this closer union of these two nations, welded securely in the fires of a common conflict, and eagerly urges them onward toward the heights of a more benevolent civilization.

England and America must lead the way; the Bible and the principles of free institutions must remain; the stars and stripes and the union jack are inseparably joined to this end and God pity the nation that seeks to destroy this union.

Then there was Italy, with her sunny slopes, her excitable population, her rueful and romantic history. Italy, the home of Mazzini, the patriot; Savonorola, the reformer; Cavour, the statesman; De Vinci, the painter, and the birthplace of Columbus, the discoverer. Certainly we were the friend of Italy in her dire distress and would assist her because she defended those principles that we hold so dear in hearts sincere. Then there was Belgium, the unconquered and unconquerable; the home of an industrious and peace-loving people—the first nation to feel the pressure of the iron heel of despotic Prussian militarism.

Belgium, that threw herself across the pathway of Germany's approach to France and Britain until those nations could recover from their surprise and prepare to resist the invading hordes of tyranny. Belgium, that lost her fertile fields, busy factories, quiet villages, beautiful cities, scenic forests and thousands of her law-loving peoples and innocent children. Belgium, that lost much that she possessed, but never for a moment did she lose her soul. Death with honor did she prefer to all the kingdoms of the world with dishonor. Belgium was our friend, too, and we were glad to help Belgium.

Remembering a long obligation to easy-going and pleasure-loving France, when we needed a friend, we should not have remained neutral as long as we did. The voices of Lafayette and Rochambeau called and a sense of gratitude for bread cast upon the water more than a hundred years ago and urged us to give the best we had and all we had of that best. France, chivalrous, heroic, unfaltering, immortal in her defense of human rights—the very synonym of "They Shall Not Pass"—that turned the tide of the world's possible plunge into oppression in the other direction. We could not save our soul and do less than we did for France.

Soldiers of other nations and times have marched to battle for conquest, in the defense of honor, or the preservation of territory, but from the time that the stars fought against Sistera until this day, no army ever went to battle against foreign or domestic foe with as noble purpose as went our American army to the battlefields of Flanders and France; and just how well that army discharged its sacred responsibility future generations will declare.

America has a new meaning, today; she is no longer regarded as a money-loving and money-grabbing nation. America has found herself—her real soul and lays claim to her proper place in the world's program; she has discovered that her great power, abundance of wealth and almost unlimited resources must be used in the interest of the poor, the hungry and the downtrodden; she has learned that her strong right hand must be raised to strike down the tyrant and to remove oppression, while with the other hand she distributes balm for the wounded, freedom for the enslaved and life for the dying.

This is the spirit that was shown by our Pilgrim Fathers from Lexington to Yorktown, that blazed from Fort Sumpter to Appomattox, that glowed from Cavite to Santiago; and now the spirit that possessed Washington, that burned in Lincoln, that flamed in McKinley has in these latter days manifested itself in Wilson by girdling the earth as nation after nation is lighting its torch of liberty at the altar of American freedom.

America "Big Brother."

The infant of 1776 has reached its majority; the nation that once received is now bestowing with lavish hands and underneath its strong arms the weak find protection and those that fall among thieves are ministered unto and the thief compelled to return his spoil. O, America, thou art exalted among nations—the big brother to the needy and the Good Samaritan to those may thy crown be retained down through the centuries. The greater that suffer. In ever-increasing glory love is in thy heart and ministries sweet, beautiful and imperishable must fall from thy hands in blessings abundant and untold.

Did I not say America had found her soul? If I did not say it, I must say it now, for it is both glorious and true. America has found and saved her soul. Neither an individual nor a nation can save its soul without finding that soul's God. Hence America has found God, anew. America was drifting away from God—was well-nigh backslidden, but America has been reclaimed. America is religious fundamentally, though religion is quite other than the formal assent to some prescribed creed. The fundamental essentials of religion are the soul's consciousness of God and its feeling of personal responsibility to him exercised. Edmund Burke, in "Reflections on the Revolution in France," wrote: "The body of all true religion consists, to be sure, in obedience to the sovereign of the world, in a confidence in his declarations, and in imitating his perfections." The early settlers on this continent possessed that inner consciousness of God, and sought to respond thereto.

God's Influence Felt.

Nor can the world forget God without having the way back to his heart strewn with bitter fruit and sorrowful experiences.

America has come back to God. The common heart of mankind has been turned anew to the Father in heaven. More prayers have been prayed during the past five years than were offered during the preceding 25 years. God is no longer a luxury. God is now a necessity for the soul's comfort, hope, life. Mothers and fathers have seen their sons go forth as an evidence of the greater love, when a return was uncertain. Soldiers, yonder in the storm of rain and the clash of warfare, found their need of the God who comforts like a mother. God is a world necessity, and never more so than during the past five years. How he has rested, slept, comforted and saved weary hearts that have faced veritable hurricanes of Prussianized hate, Germanized shot and shell and Satanized temptations.

How he has entered the hospitals and walked across shell-torn fields, stopping here and there to receive unto himself spirits that had proven their worth but were slipping away from their shell-torn bodies to a life of abiding peace. Into homes that the fortunes of war had robbed, how he made his way to kiss dry the tear-stained cheek, and to whisper words of comfort into broken hearts until they became as restful as beautiful Galilee on a summer's evening. Oh, yes, God is in his world, and those that seek to express the greater love have found him, trusted him and love him.

Oversea Storms Are Braved.

Having found God and saved her own soul, America has discovered the secret of immortality. God and immortality are complemental and are necessary to the completion of broken and unrewarded lives. George MacDonald said, "I came from God, and I'm going back to God, and I won't have any gaps of death in the middle of my life." That's a refreshing and fertile oasis in the desert of human experience.

There are so many unfinished lives; there are so many injustices that time cannot correct; so many unrewarded heroes. Will there be nothing different for Nero, Caligula, Caesar Borgia and Lucretia, William Hohenzollern and their ilk than this life metes out to them? Are the lives of those soldiers that braved the storms, endured the vermin, resisted the disease, fought down the tyrant and then fell in the cause of right with their faces toward their foe and victory to go unrewarded?

The God of righteousness has not so ordained, nor could he so appoint and remain just. Spiritual excellence is not fully rewarded here, nor is sin ever adequately punished here.

Have not these doughboys of Uncle Sam merited a place among the ever-crowned by wading in trenches of mud, tramping across fields soaked in blood and fighting as "bravely as ever knights fought to hold the shield of protection above God's weak, hungry and defenseless ones?" Indeed, have they not even died, many of them, that liberty's proud march around the earth might not be retarded? Have they not, in so doing, bound the nations of the world to us with ties more lasting than chains of steel and more precious than girdles of gold?

Allies Battle in Concert.

The gratitude of England, Belgium, Italy and France will abide until after the stars have grown cold. The places where our beloved dead rest in countries beyond the seas will become shrines of devotion and centers of tenderest expression of affection as the years come and go. Just what they will become can be readily imagined by what they already are.

And shall we not also enshrine in loving hearts the memory of these the world's illustrious and immortal dead? God help us this day to bow our heads in humble, thankful appreciation of the unselfish service they have rendered, and, further, to pledge ourselves to the accomplishment of some task that may enable us, also, to evidence the greater love.

"Forever living, incapable of death, are the noble boys who lie where freedom for the world was won. They need not the pity of men and women. God has raised them to greater heights by sacrifice and love made perfect." "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."