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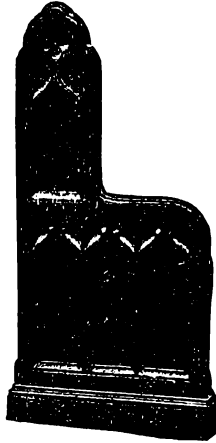
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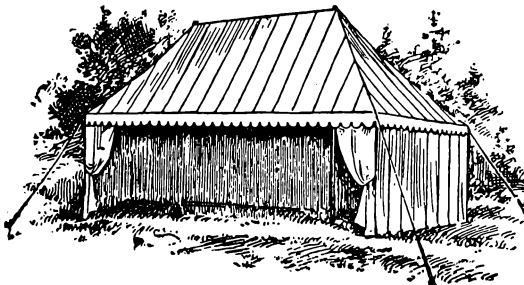
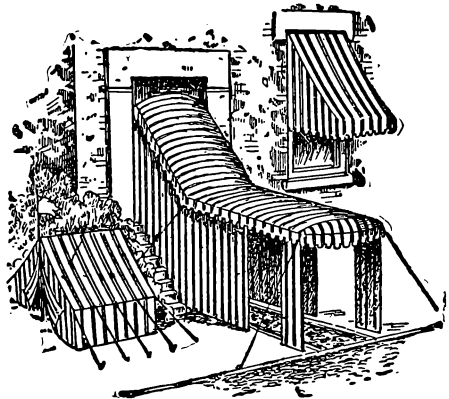
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... EDITORIAL ...

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"KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING."

Many of our best and ablest leaders have enlisted in War Work, one way or another. Those of us who are left should feel the responsibility more. It is ours to "keep the home fires burning" until our brothers come home victorious. Our Country calls, we must answer. Our Lord calls, we must answer. This is the time for our best. If necessary, let us give all. Let us show to the world that our brothers are not dying in vain.

We have answered Uncle Sam's call, let us answer the Master's call. The Kentucky Baptist State Board of Missions will accept Liberty Bonds, Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps.

The Budget Debt is our greatest burden at the present time. If we could be relieved of this handicap, we could go on. We had a Budget Debt of \$36,000 at the beginning of this year. We believe that Kentucky Baptists are going to pay this Debt before the General Association in November. Every true Baptist ought to have a part in lifting this burden. We are going to do it by the grace of God. Let us do it with a fine spirit.

The District Associations will soon be on. We are going to try to make as many of them as possible. It is going to be impossible, however, to make all of them, since so many meet at the same time. We would be glad to be with every District Association in the State in their regular meeting. We urge the officers of the District Associations to see to it that State Missions gets a fair hearing in each Association. Kentucky must go over the top—Budget, Debt and all.

The Home Board has asked us for \$100,000 for Home Missions and Camp Work this year, while the Foreign Board has not sent us an apportionment. If Kentucky's part would be apportioned on the same ratio as the Home Board was given, they would ask us for \$150,000. The Southern Baptist Convention has asked Southern Baptists for \$1,000,000 for Home Missions and \$1,500,000 for Foreign Missions. Kentucky is expected to take one-tenth of the total apportionment since she has been paying one-tenth of the Home and Foreign Missions for several years. If the South raises the \$2,500,000, we will do our part.

Our Budget was never in better condition. We are gaining ground every day. Let no Church or brother slacken in interest during the Summer months. We need to keep on the main line. Send the money in regularly, this is what counts.

We earnestly urge and request the prayers of all the brotherhood for all our State work. "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit," saith the Lord. Let us make the State work an object of daily prayer.

We would be glad to correspond with any Churches or Pastors who desire State Board meetings. We will try and get you a good Pastor or one of our State Board Evangelists.

Brother Hunt is making fine headway for the new Hospital. The site has been secured. There is a little hitch in the title, but we feel sure it will be cleared up.

The time is ripe for revival meetings in the country. Let us work and pray that the Lord may give us a great Summer for the salvation of souls. After all, the greatest business in the world is soul-winning.

Dr. Winburn and his nine Assistant Camp Pastors are doing splendid work in Camp Taylor. There is no superficial report about what they are doing. There is no duplication or high pressure, the thing is being done in a sane and straightforward way. Dr. Green says, while we are not making the showing that some other Camps are making, we are getting results that are permanent and we are doing it in a great way.

The Home Board is talking of buying Dr. Winburn a new auto for this work. He greatly needs it. The State Board would like to have a part in helping to pay for it, I am sure. It would be used for these nine Pastors in their many engagements. The auto is greatly needed. Any brother who would like to make a special contribution to this auto, apart from all the rest of our work, may feel free to do so. Send the money to this office and we will see that it goes that way.

IT ISN'T YOUR CHURCH—IT'S YOU.

"If you want to live in the kind of a Church
Like the kind of a church you like,
You needn't call for your letter,
And start on a long, long hike.
You'll only find what you leave behind,
For there is nothing that's really new,
It's a knock at yourself when you knock
your church;
It isn't your church—it's you.

Good churches are not made by people
afraid

Lest somebody else gets ahead,
If everyone worked and nobody shirked,
You could raise your church from the
dead.
And if when you make your church to
awake

Your neighbor can wake his too.
Your Church will be what you want it to be,
It isn't your church—it's you." —R.

"HE IS COUNTING ON YOU."

"He is counting on you,"
On that treasure you hold;
On your silver and gold,
On that treasure still kept,
Though the doubt o'er you swept.
"Is this gold not all mine?"

(Lord, I knew it was Thine)'
He is counting on you,
If you fail Him—What then?

"He is counting on you,"
On a love that will share
In His burden of prayer,
For the soul He has bought
With His life-blood and sought
Through His sorrow and pain
To win "Home" once again.
He is counting on you,
If you fail Him—What then?

"He is counting on you,"
On life, money and prayer;
And "the day shall declare"
If you let Him have all
In response to His call;
Or if He in that day
To your sorrow must say,
"I have counted on you,
But you failed me,"—What then?

"He is counting on you,"
Oh! the wonder and grace,
To look Christ in the face
And not be ashamed.
For you gave what He claimed,
And you laid down your all
For His sake—at His call,
He had counted on you
And you failed not. What then?

Dear Brother Editor:

It was my great privilege recently to hold a meeting at Warsaw, where I was pastor several years ago. The Lord honored His Word in the strengthening of the saved and in the salvation of the lost. This was my fourth meeting with this church. At the close of the meeting, the Every Member Canvas was made, and notwithstanding the fact that many of the members had been called to the colors and to Government positions in Washington, the canvas resulted in an increase in the support of the home work and about three times as much for missions and benevolence as was raised last year.

The church is now without a pastor, but a good man will soon be called. The Warsaw saints are a noble people and the church is, doubtless, awake to the real mis-

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sion of a church of Jesus Christ as never before.

In last month I was with Brother C. T. Clark in all-day meetings at Hebbardsville and Robards churches. The Every Member Canvas was taken at both these churches and a live committee appointed to finish the work. I am sure the results will be pleasing. The pastor has a strong grip on the work and the hearts of the people.

I take the liberty of quoting the following from a personal letter received some time ago from Brother J. G. Hughes, pastor at Eddyville and Kuttawa:

"Our treasurer made his first quarterly report under the Budget System last night. We were delighted with it. I feel confident that it is the best quarterly report the church has ever made." This is just what might be expected from such a church with such a pastor. Similar reports are coming from churches all over the State. The churches are waking from their long sleep and the pastors are leading in a great way.

The people believe in our great Secretary. His work is the kind that lasts and will stand when the earth is on fire. He led us "over the top" for Home and Foreign Missions. The evangelists had a little part in it, but in the opinion of the writer, the pastors were, under God, the mightiest agents in helping to bring victory to "the banner of the cross." These godly pastors may be counted on from now until the books close the last of October to lead the churches to victory in our State work. If we pray much and follow up our prayers with corresponding activity, the debt will be met and we will go to Campbellsville in November shouting the praises of God.

Don Q. Smith.

FIELD NOTES.

By J. W. Beagle.

Leitchfield Meeting.

The fifteen days spent with Pastor E. B. Gatlin and his good people will never be forgotten. The song service was conducted by Brother J. L. Baggott, of Louisville, and there is none better. The harvest of souls was not what we had hoped for, but "God

gives the increase" and we rejoice in those that were given. The offering was the best. \$265.50 for the Kentucky Budget. It was a little bit of heaven to be entertained in the home of this consecrated pastor and the kindness shown me by himself and good wife makes me long to be with them again. Heaven's blessing upon them!

Morgantown.

The last days of June found me with Pastor A. B. Gardner in Gasper River Association. Things are being done here. The new church building is nearing completion, and Brother Gardner is rightly proud of this building, for it is the most complete and attractive building for the cost I have ever seen. Brother Gardner is doing effective work in this Association, enlisting and developing the churches. It was a joy to be with him and a few other pastors in this conference.

Ohio County Campaign.

June 30th at 3 p. m. I left Morgantown in an auto, and Pastor J. A. Bennett had a car leave Walton's Creek Church at the same hour, and the two cars were to run until they met, then transfer the writer and baggage, and in two and a half hours I was in the midst of the Enlistment Campaign in Ohio County Association. District Evangelist Albert Maddox had all things ready, and he and the writer put their necks under the yoke to visit all the churches in this Association. Ten of the churches are behind us and we are averaging more than fifty dollars per church on the Budget Debt.

McHenry Church.

Here is a houseless church, with Pastor Maddox giving them one-half time, and one of our mission points. They appointed a committee that night to provide a church home and then on Sunday gave over seventy dollars on the Budget Debt. A more heroic band of people can not be found in Kentucky, and the example set by Pastor Maddox and this little band worshipping in a borrowed house in this mining town, giving seventy dollars and twenty cents to pay off the Budget Debt should inspire the entire State to stand with them, or to meet the challenge this noble people lovingly and sacrificially gives.

SUPPOSE.

Suppose every Baptist Church and every member of every Baptist Church in Kentucky should do their plain duty to our Kentucky Budget System? Suppose each member of each Church should give ten per cent of their income into the Lord's treasury? There are 250,000 white Baptists in Kentucky. Standard statistics show that the average earning capacity of each individual in the United States is \$300 per year. Since we do not count the babies, surely Baptists will maintain an average. Two hundred and fifty thousand times \$300 is \$75,000,000 which, according to these statistics, is the average annual earning capacity of Kentucky Baptists. One-tenth of this amount is \$7,500,000. This is more than enough to finance the annual Budget of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Northern Baptist Convention with all their departments. These figures are not wild speculations. This same number of Baptists have, no doubt, given this much within twelve months to all departments of the War work. We would not take one penny from this channel, but insist that if we should be as faithful to our Churches as we are to our Country, our financial problems would be solved. The taking care of the one does not interfere with the taking care of the others. We will accept Liberty Bonds, Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps on the Kentucky work.

You answered Uncle Sam's call, will you also answer the Master's call?

WORLD MISSIONS AS RELATED TO THE WORLD WAR.

O. E. Bryan.

We are in the throes of the most colossal, inhuman, cruel war that the world has ever known. The spirit, magnitude and methods of this war are unprecedented in history.

There are many causes that have entered into the beginning of this conflict. We here give what we believe to be a few of the fundamental causes.

First, German Education is the primal cause of this war. The idea of the divine

right of kings, especially the divine right of the Emperor of Germany, has been taught in their schools and churches for generations. The doctrine of the survival of the fittest or that might makes right is another idea of German Kultur. These, with other false doctrines, express themselves in German militarism which has formed the most diabolical military machine the world ever saw. Both Emperor and people are so depraved by the lure of these false lights that they were facing eternal ruin without conscience enough to be convicted of their evil way.

Again the decay of spiritual and evangelistic Christianity in Germany is a fundamental cause of the war. If Luther and Zwingley had been living in this generation, the war would have been impossible because they would have thundered against the spirit that has prevailed in Germany.

Furthermore, the rise and spread of republican governments throughout the world and the development of the democratic idea in all the nations of the earth, even in Germany herself, has been a great incentive to hasten this struggle. The Emperor saw that he must strike now or never.

Let us also consider a few of the blessings that will come to us through this world tragedy.

First of all we would mention the commercial advantage it gives us. Our Country is to-day erecting the greatest commercial fleet that ever sailed the seas. Our boys are being trained as sailors as never before. We have been content to be a home-loving people and have permitted other nations to carry our commerce. The scene is changing. Necessity is the mother of invention. We are preparing now to take our proper place in the world's commerce. We are not in this war for commercial reasons; we are not in this war for more territory; we are not in this war for earthly glory. We are fighting for the principles of freedom and liberty that a "government of the people, for the people and by the people" may be established for all mankind. This commercial blessing is being thrust upon us. Our ships are yet to take democracy and the Gospel to all the world.

Furthermore we are learning economy as

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Military training next year by U. S. Army officer. Students who enlist in military training unit have same status as soldier in U. S. Army.

Many more young ministers should go to college. An oversupply of inefficient ministers and undersupply of efficient ones.

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Brother and Sister Black have been in Sunday School work in Texas for some time. They are greatly beloved by the people of that State. They were elected at the last State Board meeting to take the Sunday School work in Kentucky. The Sunday School Committee had a conference with Brother Black at the Hot Springs Convention and at the regular Board meeting, the committee handed in a recommendation that Brother Black be elected as Sunday School Secretary for Kentucky and that Sister Black be elected as Elementary Worker for this State. We are delighted to announce that they have accepted the work and are on the field now.

Brother and Sister Black are ready at any time to help you in any way that you wish and we feel sure that the Sunday School field of this State is ready for their work.

Let us open our hearts and homes and fields to them immediately and give them a hearty welcome that will make them glad they made this their choice. Let us remember to pray God's blessings may abide with these faithful workers and pledge them our heartiest co-operation in their plans for Kingdom work.

OUR A-1 HONOR ROLL. Sunday Schools.

- First ChurchCynthiana, Ky.
First ChurchJellico, Tenn.

- LatoniaLatonia, Ky.
Walnut Street ChurchLouisville, Ky.
First ChurchMayfield, Ky.
First ChurchMentor, Ky.

Organized Classes.

- Ladies' Wide-AwakeDeer Park, Louisville
PhilatheaWalnut Street, Louisville
FidelisCampbellsville
FidelisFirst Church, Jellico, Tenn.
Class 7Calvary, Lexington

Kentucky still ties with Oklahoma and Virginia for fifth place in the number of A-1 schools. Let's see if we cannot get up to fourth place, at least, next month.

In the number of A-1 classes, Kentucky stands fourth.

DON'T BE A SLACKER!

We have come to a time in our history when the world is crying to its men and women for service. Service has come to be one of the most used words in the English language. The air is filled with it and our lives are living it. Idleness is a thing that is despised by all, today; a thing that is not tolerated.

Our boys who are in the training camps and on the battle fields, have given up home and loved ones, pleasure and comfort, and in many cases their lives in order to be of service to their country. They are busy from morning until night and from night until morning. Idleness is not connected with a soldier. Cannot we who are left at home

be soldiers, also? Can we not give up some of our luxuries and pleasures, some of the time that we use for our own selfish ends, to make the church life what it should be, to fill up the gaps left vacant by the going of our boys and to prepare a place for those boys who will come to us when the war is over? Shall we answer the call to service as nobly as our boys have done, or shall we be too busy with ourselves and forever bear the brand of slacker in Christ's army? We pray that no Christian man or woman will suffer this.

These soldier boys are being taught other things beside army rules. Consecrated men who felt that they needed something more than military training are devoting their time to teaching them the Gospel and our boys in khaki and blue are realizing more than ever before, the bigness of this Gospel, the wonderful boundlessness of Christ's love, the depth of His mercy, the overshadowing of His wings, the glory of His majesty and power, the sweetness of His tenderness and the care and protection of His mighty arm. They are not only realizing these things, but they are believing in and trusting Him. Many who knew nothing at all about church life have been won to Christ and have surrendered their lives to His holy will.

These boys are living a life of service not only to their country but also to their Savior. They are fighting to establish not only world-wide democracy, but also the Kingdom of God, upon this earth. They are busy men, busy physically, intellectually and spiritually; and when the war is over, they will have accomplished great things. We are expecting them to do great things, and when they come back to us, they will have done them.

Are they not expecting big things of us, too? When they come back they will ex-

pect to find us busy about our Master's work; as busy as they have been. They will expect to find the church filled with the Holy Spirit, and its members radiating God's love and obedient to each and every command. Are we living up to these expectations and will our boys find all they are looking for when they come home, or are we neglecting this great opportunity and will they find us merely existing?

Surely, this is a time when we should forget self and, casting all else aside, we should labor together for God. Our Sunday Schools should work as never before to teach the story of Christ and to win lost souls to Him; our church members, by their attendance at and their interest in the preaching service can inspire their pastors to nobler deeds; they should willingly assemble at the prayer-meetings that their individual prayers may ascend as one to the Throne of Grace; and the B. Y. P. U., what about it? Shall it disband and stop its work because the president or some other faithful member has gone to follow the colors? No! a thousand times, No! We must remember that the B. Y. P. U. is the training camp of the church and no Christian can be an efficient soldier until he has been trained; so the B. Y. P. U. should strive to give the young church members the best training they have ever had.

And so, young people, we plead with you to "neglect not the gift that is in you," but looking ever to Jesus for guidance, "press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" and ever steadfast and patient,

"Just buckle right in
With a bit of a grin
And tackle the thing
That couldn't be done,
And you'll do it!"

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State Central Committee Policy 1918-1919.

United Policy.—Though the plans of each State differ in various details, still the outstanding principles of each are essentially the same. Therefore, realizing the strength which comes from a united policy and desiring to do our part as disciples for His glory to advance the work of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention as well as that of our individual State Union, in the spirit of our watchword, "That I May Know Him," we adopt, together with the other State Executive Committees, the above-mentioned watchword and the following policy for 1918-1919.

Research.—Since a knowledge of plans is essential to progress, we recommend a thorough study of the Hot Springs W. M. U. minutes by each of our State officers and associational superintendents and a similar careful study by each of them, as well as by each organization president or leader, of the Union Year Book for 1918-1919 and of the "Manual of W. M. U. Methods."

Graded Missionary Union.—That, strengthened by the enthusiasm of the young to be trained for service and conscious of the imperative need for such work, the Graded Missionary Union be upheld as the ideal of every church, the Woman's Missionary Society being expected to inaugurate if necessary and certainly to foster such an ideal. That promotion day be regularly observed. That we endeavor to have the W. M. U. work presented on all programs of the State Convention, summer assemblies, associational gatherings, fifth Sunday meetings, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Institutes and other denominational rallies.

Uniform Standards.—That the standards of excellence for the various grades of societies adopted by the Woman's Missionary

Union of the Southern Baptist Convention be the standards for this State and that they be used as a logical means toward greater efficiency and liberality. That we do our part toward reaching the Union's ideal of 6,000 organizations attaining at least four points of their respective standards by May, 1919.

Circle Plans.—That the circle plans for all grades of societies as set forth in "The Manual of W. M. U. Methods" be given careful study so that all societies in city, town and country may thereby be benefited.

Bible and Mission Study.—That the resolutions concerning Bible and mission study adopted by the W. M. U. at Hot Springs and the chapter on these subjects in "The Manual of W. M. U. Methods" be carefully followed. That the classes be systematically reported. That our State do its best to help the general Union to enroll at least 3,200 classes during the year 1918-1919.

Personal Service.—That the State Personal Service Committee co-operate with the district and associational workers so that definite organized personal service may be systematically promoted in the State. That to this end careful study be given to the report in the Hot Springs W. M. U. minutes of the general Personal Service Committee, to that committee's department each month in Royal Service, to the Handbook of Personal Service and to books and leaflets suggested from time to time by the general Personal Service Committee.

Priced Literature.—That encouraged by success we again promote the all-summer campaign for Royal Service, making special efforts at the associational and State annual meetings but with no slackening of effort for subscriptions throughout the year, our part toward reaching the year's ideal of a total subscription list of 35,000 being 3,000. That the Yearly Literature, price 60 cents a year, and other priced literature of the W. M. U. Literature Department, including leaflets, pageants, songs, etc., be purchased as well as the various organization pins. That the Southern Baptist Convention magazine, Home and Foreign Fields, be given our hearty support.

Margaret Fund.—Encouraged by the awarding this May of 23 full scholarships out of this fund for the education of our

missionaries' children, that we remind our organizations of the far-reaching purpose of this fund so that our full though small apportionment for it may be raised, \$172.

W. M. U. Training School.—That our State raise its apportionment for the year for the current expenses of the W. M. U. Training School and complete its share of the enlargement fund. That we maintain three scholarships in the school. That we make an increased effort to encourage our choicest young women to enter the school, our ideal by October, 1919, being ten of the Union's aim for 100 students. That we never lose sight of the endowment fund of the school, endeavoring to secure special gifts and annuities for it.

Church Building Loan Fund.—That with equal enthusiasm we continue the aggressive Church Building Loan Fund campaign of the Home Mission Board and that, unless a previous effort has been made, the month of February be set aside by the societies for a special Church Building Loan Fund campaign, the desire being to secure during that month cash payments of a hundred dollars for each memorial already pledged, and further pledges of memorials from societies, associations or individuals. That a part of one session of our next State W. M. U. annual meeting be devoted to this cause. That a presentation of the need of regular payments for this fund be also made at every associational and district W. M. U. meeting. That the W. M. U. page in the State paper be used to promote this fund. That, in line with the resolutions of the W. M. U., we seek to secure many "Emergency Women" so that our State may do its full part toward the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial in this fund, each one promising five dollars in addition to regular offering.

Stewardship.—That recognizing the danger of over-confidence resulting from the financial victories of our Boards for the past year, we do not relax our efforts for systematic and proportionate giving, the ideal being one-twelfth of the apportionment paid in each month. That we endeavor to secure one thousand women to sign the stewardship cards recommended at Hot Springs.

Co-operation.—That a spirit of mutual co-operation and faith mark the work of the year: co-operation in the work of the State and general Unions and of the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention; faith in the ideals and workers of each; co-operation and faith as co-workers with the God of missions.

KENTUCKY DIVISION

Woman's Council of National Defense. Report of Red Cross Work—Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky Baptists.

This is recognized as a definite part of our work, coming under the head of Personal Service, and at our Annual Meeting a resolution was passed "That we co-operate as far as possible with the Red Cross and other organizations for War Relief." Yet, out of 1,127 societies, only 100 sent in reports (and many of these gave no figures) because our women were associated with Community organizations and kept no separate record. Fuller reports are promised for the current year.

The figures we received are as follows: Pajamas, etc., 5,202; Sweaters, 673; Scarfs, 147; Wristlets (pair) 172 pair; Helmets, 248; Socks, (pair), 708 pair; Miscellaneous Articles, 2,086; Bandages, 121 dozen; Handkerchiefs, 548. Total, 9,905.

These figures but faintly represent the enthusiasm and faithfulness of our women and children in this cause. In many cases, the whole Society has taken part, and often not only one day a week has been given to the sewing, but two whole days. It is worthy of mention that in Danville the children's band made 367 garments. At Winchester, Soldiers' Reading Rooms were equipped, and similar work has been done in other places.

As resolved by our Southern Union, we shall continue to 'strive to meet the needs of the soldiers in camp, to pray for them, to assist and sympathize with their families at home and to co-operate with the Red Cross, the Woman's Council of National Defense and other authorized movements for war relief. That we bend every effort to promote food conservation and to raise the standard of health in our communities."

Respectfully submitted,
 Eliza S. Broadus,
 Chairman, Central Committee.

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never before. Our people have been an extravagant people. The average American family in past years has wasted enough to keep a European family. The saddest feature of this fact is that our poor families, many of them, have been more extravagant than the rich. Altogether, rich and poor, we are now being trained in the strictest economy. This alone is a blessing worth while. The Prodigal Son wasted his substance in riotous living. Waste is sin and sin is waste. We verily believe that more of our young men would have died through dissipation and disease in fast living, if they had not been called to war, than will fall in the trenches in Europe. The Government is controlling vice and the liquor traffic as it has never been controlled in our Country before. Wrecklessness and dissipation in our Country was abnormal in the decade just before this war.

Again our people are being unified as they have not been in the history of our nation. The North and South have been brought together more closely. The sons of the Blue and the sons of the Gray march side by side, sleep side by side and stand in the trenches side by side as brothers. The rich and the poor are brought closer together. The illiterate and the learned come in closer contact and are more helpful one to the other. Capital and Labor are brought to understand each other better. A kinder feeling is generated between the Whites and Blacks as the Negro soldiers take their places in the defense of our nation. We have one Flag and one Nation. We stand united as never before.

Another blessing that is coming from this war is the serious influence it is exerting over our people. Our people are becoming more religious. If we could hear the prayers of mothers, wives, sisters, sweethearts, fathers, brothers, pastors and friends, it would be one great petition of earnest prayer from more than a million homes. Our people are reading the Bible more to find out its teaching concerning this period and to find the way to God. There is more at-

tendance at religious service by men than in former years. In the decade preceding the war the absence of men from religious worship was becoming almost universal. With Chaplains, Camp Pastors and Y. M. C. A. Secretaries, the great armies are being constantly touched with some kind of religious service. When the boys come home they will have habits of worship. The home people are going to Church more. Notwithstanding the great benevolent obligations that are on us in the Y. M. C. A., Red Cross, War Savings Stamps, Liberty Bonds and other emergencies, our people are giving more to their Churches than ever before. There is a revival beginning in the hearts of our people. We are beginning to feel the need of getting closer to God.

Let us now consider a few of the tragedies that accompany this war. We would mention first our National debt and the debt of the rest of the nations engaged in this conflict. The world will soon be bankrupt as the billions are poured into the War Fund. This price must be paid without a murmur, but it will take generations to pay the debt.

Another tragedy is that race development is arrested by the social conditions that must be maintained throughout this war. Then we might picture the havoc wrought upon property, the broken homes, the orphans and the widows, but we will not go further into this scene. Let the curtains fall! We are resolved, Stoic-like and Christ-like, to endure without a murmur whatever of sacrifice and of suffering we are called upon to make. The world is being rent asunder. It is easier to tear down than it is to build. One man can tear down more than a hundred can build. One barbarian can destroy more than a hundred artists can erect.

The perplexing problem that confronts us to-day is reconstruction. There will be a period of reconstruction following this war which will eclipse any other period of reconstruction in the history of the world. The world, we believe, will be made safe for democracy before this battle is over. It will be our task then to make democracy safe for the world. So-called Russian democracy was not safe for the world. The socialistic and anarchistic democracy of

Russia could not stand. True democracy is based on the teaching and principles of Jesus Christ. The polity of the New Testament Church, authorized by our Master, is thoroughly democratic. We know of but one pure democracy in this world, and that democracy is a New Testament Church organized after the pattern of Christ and the Apostles. It was from the polity of such a Church that the writers of the Constitution of the United States received many of their democratic ideas. While the Constitution of our Country does not mention the name of God, it is shot through with the principles of Jesus Christ from beginning to end. Before the world can be made safe for democracy, the Gospel of Jesus must be preached in its simplicity throughout the world.

The task of reconstruction is largely a task of the Churches and the Churches that do most in making democracy safe for the world must be those most democratic. We believe that the Baptist Church is the most democratic Church in all the world. Consequently the responsibility of Baptists in the reconstruction is tremendous. We do not believe that we are the whole lump. We think there are saved people in other Churches, but we do believe that we are the leaven which is to leaven the whole lump. Every principle that Woodrow Wilson has advanced in this conflict has been a Baptist principle; every principle that Lloyd George has advanced has been a Baptist principle. The world is coming more and more to apply the principles for which our Baptist fathers died. The Church in its task of reconstruction must follow the Master's Great Commission. This Commission is twofold in its teaching. First, we are commanded to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit"; second, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever the Lord has commanded." Mere culture can not save a nation; if so, Greece would not have fallen. Fertile soil can not save a nation; if so, Egypt would not have fallen. Legislation can not save a nation; if so, Rome would not have fallen. Militarism can not save a nation, Germany is doomed. Only regeneration can save from certain ruin. The regeneration of a nation must be brought

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about through the regeneration of the individuals composing that nation. The Gospel is the power of God unto Salvation.

The second principle that enters into the work of reconstruction by the Churches is Christian Education. The war has made possible and brought on practically through a false system of education. The process of reconstruction is also a process of education, but a true Christian Education. Our text books are honey-combed with German ideas. Our teachers, many of them, have finished their preparation in German universities. Our Theological Seminaries have, many of them, applied German thought. Most of our best preachers in this age who have graduated from educational institutions have been, more or less consciously or unconsciously, influenced by German thought. This process of the elimination of German ideas will require time. It is a task for our Christian patriots in educational institutions for many years.

The spirit of our people in this conflict is the spirit of giving. We are called upon to give ourselves, our influence and our means. Not all of us will be called to go to the battle's front, but we will be called upon to serve where we are. As I saw a regiment of soldiers taking their leave for the trenches, I realized that they were going, many of them, to die for me. I ask myself this solemn question: "Am I worth dying for anyhow?" The man who can be stingy, selfish and self-centered in this age, who can increase his bank account, buy more land or make investments for selfish purposes, is not loyal to God or his Country so long as he refuses to answer the pathetic calls that come. This is the time when we are called on to give all. Let us gladly lay on the altar of God and our Country the substance He has placed in our hands that we may be helpful in the prosecution of this war to a glorious finish and that we may help to reconstruct world democracy after the teachings of Jesus in the hearts and lives of all men that the principles of Jesus may cover this earth as the waters cover the sea. Then shall the swords be beaten into pruning hooks and the cannons shall be molded into farming implements and the world shall be at peace; every man

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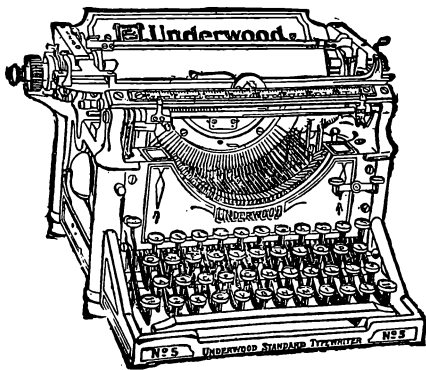
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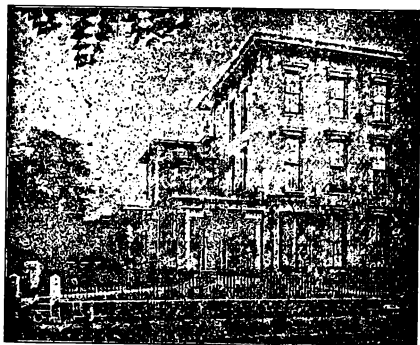
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