

WAR'S REDISCOVERY IN RELIGION

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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.

It is yet too early to know all. But the one great message has already sounded clearly. Anybody who knows anything about the life with the soldiers understands that they have come to honor the religion that is expressed in terms of ministry.

Some churchmen have been shocked at the east with which the men in the trenches have let go their hold upon the usages and conventions of the churches. All their fine distinctions, which separate creed from creed, denomination from denomination, have been brushed aside.

George A. Gorras, Kennedy's Medicine Store, 321 Market St., C. F. Kramer, Third and Broad Sts.; Kitzmiller's Pharmacy, 1325 Derry St., and druggists everywhere.

SPRINGTEX is the underwear with a million little springs in its fabric which "give and take" with every movement of the body, and preserve the shape of the garment despite long wear and hard washings.

Chaplain and Y. M. C. A. workers do little or no preaching. They seem to assume that the soldier's religious knowledge and purposes may be taken for granted, and that he may be depended upon to interpret the real significance of what they are doing.

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As he comes definitely into touch with religion, in camp and on the field, the soldier finds it taking quite different forms from those which he knew at home. In his new life religion is synonymous with helpfulness.

Chaplain Danker. The French government honored him with the War Cross; and then he won what the soldiers call the "highest decoration, the wooden cross."

Naturally, when the chaplain 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 ecclesiastic"; nor, "Well spoken, O eloquent orator," nor, "Well conducted, O learned ritualist," nor "Well drilled, O efficient officer"; but it would be "Well done, O faithful servant of God, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Come to think of it, this has to be so. For any other test would shut out 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 duty—the samples enumerated being of the most inconspicuous and humble sort—we are all of us left in. Helping others is the way to the life.

Perhaps the common heart to 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 too lowly for the highest to perform in behalf of the fighting men.

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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 feet.

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.

Wm. STROUSE The New Store

Right at it!

Right at it with hammer and tongs! "Put all the pep you have into it" said the big chief, when he told the boys to be on the job and serve the on-rushing customers in our

August Final Sale of men's and young men's suits which takes on a new start, Saturday

\$18.75

is the price and you choose from suits that were \$25, \$28, \$30 and \$35.

Young Men's Suits, sizes 33 to 44 Men's Regular sizes 34 to 44 Men's Stout Suits up to 48

You can take care of your future needs now and be on the right side of the ledger.

And Palm Beach Suits \$8.95 And Kool Kloth Suits.

They are regular \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00 grades

All our \$2.50 to \$3.50 Straw Hats, \$1.95

In The Wm. Strouse Men's Furnishing Sections

Metric Shirts

\$2.50

They give a fellow all the individuality of style he is looking for and the fit and wear he can't get in ordinary shirts.



In The Wm. Strouse Boys' Clothing Sections

Final August Sale of Boys' Suits

Starts Saturday

We have gathered into one big assortment suits that were selling at \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$10.00 and put them all in at \$6.95

The Sizes Range From 7 to 18 Years

Finest fabrics that are used in this season's clothes and the best styles

Juvenile Suits--- \$2.95 Ages 2 to 18 years--- Were \$5.00 Saturday



The Specialty Store for Men and Boys 310 Market St.

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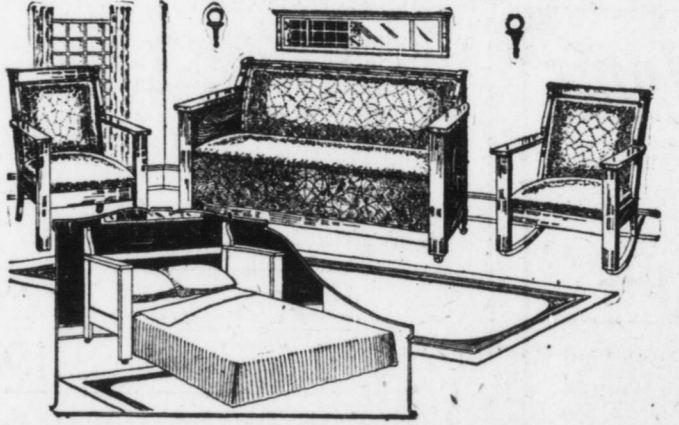
The conditions of the market test the facilities and the strength of every furniture business in the land. Every person who is inspecting furniture in the August Sales about town will have plenty of examples with which to test the values for the best.

Our Assortments Are the Largest in This Section of Pennsylvania

—simply because we had the foresight and the storage facilities and we received our shipments in time for this great event. We have always been known as the largest furniture store in this section, and now when the benefits of our experience can best be handed to the customer we are able to offer values that mean

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The Davenport Bed Is Certainly the Ideal Furniture For Hot Weather

The Davenport Bed makes the proper kind of library or living room furniture, and, whenever needed—and who wouldn't sleep downstairs in the cool!—can be quickly and easily converted into a full size bed, comfortable as any bed can be.

Three Piece Davenport Bed Suit for \$62.00 for the living room or library

The suit consists of full size Davenport Bed and the Rocker and Arm Chair to match. Golden oak, superbly finished and of the best construction throughout.

Extra Special—Fumed Oak Davenport Bed \$39.00

New and artistic design, finished rich brown fumed oak, with imitation brown Spanish leather upholstery.

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