

"FORWARD, FORWARD, ON TO VICTORY AND A CROWN," IS CHAPLAIN'S LAST MESSAGE

Capt. and Rev. N. H. McGillivray Preaches Farewell Sermon in Knox Church; "Weep Not For Us, Weep for Yourselves," Was His Words to Slackers; "You Saw Your Duty and Failed to Respond; We Will Do It For You."

Knox church was crowded to the doors at the Sunday forenoon service, this being the last to be attended by Captain the Rev. N. H. McGillivray, who, as chaplain of the 91st, goes with the battalion overseas. That the occasion was unusual even a stranger might have gathered from the demeanor of the congregation, composed, as it was, not only of the regular members and adherents, but of many drawn by sympathetic interest. If there were, however, some who entered Knox church in the expectation of hearing emotional appeals or witnessing scenes of a sentimental or sorrow-

prayer and meditation. We should pray without ceasing, for ourselves, for our nation, for our Empire.

Continuing, the chaplain said there were other texts he would like to leave with them. One was found in Exodus, chapter 14, verse 15: "And the Lord said unto Moses, wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." The other from Revelation, chapter 2, verse 10: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." What is that crown? It is life immortal. "He that believeth on me," said Christ, "shall never die." When Moses stood on the bank of the Red Sea with death in front and the cruel Egyptians behind, and with people trembling and afraid, God said: "Speak unto the people that they go forward." They went forward and God gave them the victory. What shall be said, then, to those who shrink from this new opportunity. We must go forward, trusting in God. Be not sluggards or slackers in the work of advancing Christ's kingdom. In this crisis thousands have refused. He would say to the slackers, to the men who are physically fit and have no ties: "Don't weep for us; weep for yourselves." You saw your duty and failed to respond. God give you courage to respond to the call to protect the womanhood and childhood of the nation. If you will not, we who are going will try to do it.

The call today is for King, for country, for Christianity—to go forward to greater service for Him who loves us and who died that we may live. We are asked to go forward to greater service and greater sacrifice and this is the message for today. If God is leading us He will see us safely through if we go forward trusting in Him.

If we go forward in that spirit, rivers will dry up; mountains will be removed; the seas will be divided. But we must go forward—not sideways or backwards—even into danger and to death—the Christian's only direction is to be Chris-

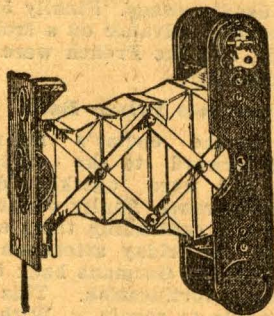
Says Farewell to His Congregation.



CAPT. REV. N. H. MCGILLIVRAY

ful character, they were doomed to disappointment. For the service was distinguished throughout by simplicity, dignity and order. Nothing spoke of the episode which will be historic in the annals of St. Thomas except the unobtrusive patriotic note which found expression in the singing of "O Canada" and the National Anthem, and the brief personal reference made by Capt. McGillivray who wore the now familiar khaki.

The services followed the usual order of the Presbyterian church and were opened by the singing of the hundredth psalm in the old Scots version. After prayer, praise and the reading of the 121st Psalm and part of the Sermon on the Mount from the fifth chapter of Matthew's gospel, Mr. McGillivray said he intended to speak on the power and function of the Christian believer of those who had resolved to follow Christ. As a preliminary he would take the verse from 2 Corinthians, 3rd chapter and 2nd verse: "Ye are our epistle, written in our hearts, known and read of all men." All people, said the chaplain, are interested in letters whether of business or of friendship, but each man or woman is also a letter which discloses character, and who it is that has written it. God, who called all into being, could read them. To those who were living epistles of Christ had been promised power which was possession of the Holy Spirit. Power was of various kind—physical power, the power of money, intellectual power. The great matter is, Had we spiritual power and did we carry it into the nation of which each was a unit? All should be witnesses for Christ everywhere, at all times and places where we may be called. That power could only be obtained by



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