

RED TRIANGLE DAY IN CHURCHES

WORK OF Y. M. C. A. IS DESCRIBED
BY MEN WHO HAVE BEEN
AT THE FRONT

CAPTAINS WILLIAMS, CAIN AND
MORSE SPEAK AT TRINITY
AND ST. PAUL'S

Yesterday was Red Triangle day in the Port Arthur churches and many complimentary things were said about the Y. M. C. A. by men who were in a position to know whereof they were speaking.

Two local returned soldiers were the speakers at Trinity Methodist church in the evening, namely, Captain Tommy Williams of the Fifty-Second battalion, Captain Lester Cain, who served with the railway corps, and Mr. W. J. Scott of the Y. M. C. A. Industrial department. Captain Morse, a Winnipeg clergyman, who enlisted with his two sons as privates and went over as a combatant with the Forty-Fourth Battalion, spoke at St. Paul's Presbyterian church in the morning.

Captain Williams, at Trinity church, made a very interesting address in which he gave some details of the work which the association had done around the front line trenches. He said that no other organization got as near the front and he really did not know what the boys would have done without it. The huts which the Y. M. C. A. provided, with their heat, were a great addition to the unheated army huts and were always crowded with men. The free drinks of tea and cocoa at the front were of untold value. "They were not free at the base," said Captain Williams, "but there was no reason why they should have been. Had they been, the Y. M. C. A. would have gone bankrupt as there wasn't enough tea in all France to produce the supply which would have been consumed. "Of course there were grouches; but deep down in his heart the man who grouched knew he would not like to get along without the Y. M. C. A. and we found that the biggest grouchers sometimes made the best fighters."

Captain Cain also made an interesting address. He dealt more particularly with the work of the Y. M. C. A. in the base areas and told of the great value it was in sustaining the morale of the army by organizing games and sports.

Mr. Scott outlined the program for the industrial branch, educational, social, religious and athletic.

Mr. Ladd, a former member of Trinity choir, who has recently returned from overseas, rendered a splendid solo.

At St. Paul's Presbyterian

The congregation at St. Paul's Presbyterian church was held enthralled yesterday morning when Captain Morse delivered an address on impressions at the front. The captain said very little about the Y. M. C. A. and merely mentioned it at the conclusion of his address, saying that it was an association which didn't need to have very much said about it because the value of its work was beyond all question, particularly as it was the only organization that made any attempt to minister to the boys along similar lines in proximity to the front line trenches where its assistance was most appreciated and of most value. The captain commended the Red-Triangle appeal to the public and said that it should be met to the fullest extent.

Cooperation and Unselfishness

The speaker dwelt upon a number of the impressions which he had gathered while in active service, and spoke of the spirit of unselfishness and cooperation which had manifested itself in the great struggle. He said the question had been asked who won the war and his answer was that it was not the British navy, the British army, the French army nor the American army but that great army of the dead which is now sleeping in the soil of France and Flanders and which could not be designated by any such description as applied to living armies. "Theirs was the effort and theirs the sacrifice which saved us from a fate worse than slavery."

Captain Morse, in applying the lesson of cooperation, expressed the hope that it would be adopted by the churches at home as it was adopted by the chaplains at the front. Speaking of religion in the life of the army he said that no undertaking was ever commenced by General Haig without the Field Marshal first asking his chaplains to commend it to God and he declared that there was no man who ever went over the top who could honestly say that in doing so he had not offered prayer to God. Some of the Shorncliffe heroes would boast that they had not but investigation would prove that they had not gone over the top.

Flays the Profiteer

The captain also paid his respects to the profiteer and said that, personally, he would rather have the money of the burglar, the thief, gambler or the harlot than the money

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earned by the man who took advantage of his country's need in order to earn it.

He also spoke of the spread of democracy in Europe and the great social evolution which, even in Britain, is accomplishing things more wonderful, in some ways, than in central Europe. He said that a few months ago King George had called his councillors together and told them that if they thought it for the advantage of the empire he was willing to abdicate.
