

Man's Federation of Canada. I have known Mr. Howell for some years and have great respect for his character and ability. He is engaged in a most important work in connection with the Federation, and is deserving of every confidence and support.

"H. W. ROWELL."

The following is from Dr. J. G. Shearer:—"To Whom it may concern:—

"I have pleasure in saying that Mr. T. Howell, the Hon. Secretary of the Christian Men's Federation of Canada, which represents all the organized Brotherhoods and other Christian Men's Organizations in Canada, is really the mainstay of the Federation, and has the full confidence of all those in charge of the Federation's work.

"He is doing an extensive work at the same time, in the interests of the Relief of War Sufferers in Europe, and will have an interesting work to do in the near future, in the matter of Conventions and other gatherings of Christian men, in support of the prosecution of the war, and getting ready for after-the-war reconstruction.

"J. G. SHEARER.

"President of the Christian Men's Federation of Canada."

National Brotherhood Council,
37 Norfolk Street,
Strand, London, W.C.,
England.

To the Rev. J. G. Shearer, D.D., President, and other Officers and Executive Committee of the Christian Men's Federation of Canada:—

Dear Brothers:—

On behalf of the British National Brotherhood Council, we desire to express to you our great appreciation of the very generous contributions you have made towards the Brothered Continental Relief Fund.

Our knowledge of the condition of things in the devastated districts of Belgium and France, and of the suffering condition of the people in Armenia and Serbia, has weighed very heavily on our hearts. However much we are able to do to alleviate the sufferings of our unfortunate friends in these countries, we see but a small measure of their needs. We are delighted in the knowledge that our Brotherhood Societies in the United Kingdom have responded most encouragingly.

We wish to say, however, that the contributions you have sent over from Canada have thrilled us with exceeding great joy. It is a noble expression of the Brotherhood spirit which will be heartily appreciated not only by ourselves, but by those who will receive the benefit of your generous contributions.

We wish to assure you that the money will be well and wisely spent, and shall give you a full account of what is done in this matter.

With the heartiest appreciation of all you have done and in the bonds of Christian Brotherhood,

We remain,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN CLIFFORD, President.
Wm. WALKER, Treasurer.
H. JEFFS, Chairman.
R. J. HARRY, Secretary.
W. WARD, General Secretary.

The Right Honorable the Lord Mayor of London recently put the Mansion House at the disposal of the Continental Relief Fund Committee under the auspices of the International Brotherhood, and agreed to himself preside at the meeting.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught sent the following letter regretting his inability to be present:—

"His Royal Highness remembers with much pleasure the visit of the Brotherhood to London in 1914, and is well aware of the earnest and truly national work in which they have been so successfully engaged, and he trusts that their efforts to relieve the suffering victims of the war and to promote international good-will among the Allied Nations will meet with that ready and generous response from the public which their patriotic and self-sacrificing labors so richly merit."
(Signed) "MALCOLM MURRAY,
"Comptroller to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught."

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE,
London. Ottawa.

My Dear Sir:—

The terrible sufferings which have been inflicted upon the civilian population of the invaded countries of Europe have excited the sympathies of all civilized peoples. In the midst of our own troubles we have not so far forgotten that our people have not so far forgotten the work of relief has been undertaken and carried out with an earnestness and a spirit of brotherhood which cannot fail to bring these sufferers into a closer bond with those who have suffered. The Canadian people have executed this work of relief to be an imperative duty, and I am glad to say have fully responded to the need.

I send my best wishes for the success of the splendid work in which the National Brotherhood Continental Relief Fund is engaged.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) R. L. BORDEN,
W. Ward, Esq., National Brotherhood Council, 37 Norfolk Street, Strand, London, W.C., England.

WHAT DID THE BELGIANS DO FOR US IN 1914?

WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR THE BELGIANS IN 1917?

"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget: Lest we forget!"

PRESENTED BY:—

Representative

The Christian Men's Federation of Canada

Registered under The War Charities Act

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WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN MEN'S FEDERATION OF CANADA?

1. It aims to Federate all Men's Organizations, which are organized for the following or kindred purposes—

- (a) To extend the Kingdom of God in Canada and in the world.
- (b) To promote the organization of Christian men in congregations and communities.

(c) To foster worthy ideals of citizenship, and to facilitate public participation upon great moral issues.

2. It is an undenominational body composed of a Council of representative men drawn from various denominations and men's organizations.

3. It is affiliated with the Social Service Council of Canada and the Social Service Boards of the respective Denominations.

4. It is Federated with the Brotherhood National Council of Great Britain through its International Councils.

5. It is actively engaged at the present time in War Relief along the following lines—

- (a) Raising funds for the relief of refugees from Northern France and Belgium.
- (b) Establishing temporary homes for the remnants of broken families, many of which are at present being cared for in England.

The Movement is registered under the War Charities Act of Great Britain and Canada, 1916-17.

The Bible teaches us that of all graces and virtues "The greatest of these is CHARITY." Our British Brethren heard the call for the relief of the distressed in Belgium and France, and their Leaders decided to use their organization for this purpose. Present trips have been made to these devastated war regions. The Relief Work has been spearheaded by Brotherhood Leaders. Large contributions of money, food, and clothing have been made, but more money is still urgently needed.

Canada is looked to to do its share out of its abundance and wealth, and the Christian Men's Federation heartily endorses the appeal for money for this work of mercy.

The immediate relief of the families driven from their native homes is occupying their attention at the moment, but as the German lines are driven back in the coming Spring Offensive, and, we hope, final drive, there will be millions more of diseased and half-starved women and children who will need immediate succor if their lives are to be spared. The International Committee, with its first-hand knowledge of conditions, is in a position to apply the resources available in the most effective and economical way possible.

The Work is carried on voluntarily—free transportation is given for the distribution of supplies. The International Committee works in co-operation with our Committees as are follows—

Mr. C. H. Barlow, Coun. J. H. Gilke, Mr. N. W. Hubbard, J.P.; Mr. J. W. Jessup, Mr. Harry Joffe (Chairman), Right Hon. A. Henderson, M.P.; Rev. P. W. Mayne, W. Ward, Aik. W. G. Wilkins, J.P.; Prof. Paul Passy, Paris; Prof. Valle, La Planze; Mr. R. J. Harry (Hon. Secretary), 37 Norfolk Street, London, Eng.

The beginning of the Brotherhood Movement dates back to 1875. You may remember, doubtless, the early Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Meeting The Brotherhood developed out of that. The Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Movement was founded by John Bookchin in 1878, and just six years ago, Rev. F. B. Mayer and a few others got together to see if these Societies could not be linked up into one centralized National Organization. The result was the formation of the National Brotherhood Council, which held its first annual meeting in 1888. As you may remember, the old P. S. A. Meeting was of two types. There was the exclusively evangelistic meeting in which every reference to social questions was strictly tabooed, and there was the opposite type which tended to degenerate into a purely political affair where free discussion was the order of the day, which, under a weak chairman, frequently merged into rowdiness. There were also a few meetings conducted on practically modern Brotherhood lines. The newly-formed National Council reduced all meetings to one common level, eradicating the dual rate of evangelistic conviction and social service.

The Brotherhood Movement exists to bridge the gulf which centuries of prejudice and misunderstanding have rung between the masses of our people and Jesus Christ. Our aims and objects have been summed up as follows—

1. To lead men and women into the Kingdom of God.
2. To win the masses for Jesus Christ.
3. To unite men in Brotherhoods of mutual help.
4. To encourage social study and enforce the duties of Christian citizenship.

Our Motto: "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."—emphasizes personal loyalty to Jesus Christ and responsibility for the social conditions under which the people live.

CREDENTIALS

Through our Hon. Secretary, Mr. Thos. Howell, Letters of endorsement and Introduction have been received from the following representative gentlemen: Rev. T. Albert Moore, Sir W. W. Hearst, Hon. S. G. Grant, Dr. S. D. Chown, Hon. N. W. Russell, W. Ward, Esq., G. A. Warburton,

Esq., Dr. W. B. Creighton, Dr. J. G. Eberhart, etc.

The Rev. T. Albert Moore writes as follows—

"To Whom It may concern—

"This will introduce to you Mr. Thos. Howell, the Hon. Secretary of the Christian Men's Federation of Canada. Mr. Howell has been most deeply interested in the Brotherhood Movement from its beginning, and has done more than any other person for the instruction of that most practical work in behalf of the Kingdom of God into this Country.

"In response to a request made from the Brotherhood Movement, the Federation, in a most enthusiastic manner, is launching a campaign to raise funds for the relief of the War Refugees in Belgium and in France, and has appointed Mr. Howell to conduct that Campaign. "It is our earnest hope that you can receive our messenger, introduce him to the 'key men,' whose support will mean success of the effort, in your community, to afford this relief to our needy brethren.

"Earnestly and confidently anticipating your assistance, yours faithfully,

"T. ALBERT MOORE,
"Past President of the Christian Men's Federation of Canada."

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Sir W. W. Hearst writes—

"To Whom it may concern—

"This is to certify that Mr. T. Howell, Hon. Secretary of the Christian Men's Federation of Canada, is well known to me, and that he is a man of high character and integrity, and intensely interested in the welfare of his fellowmen. Mr. Howell is well worthy of any trust and confidence that may be reposed in him.

"W. W. HEARST,
"Premier of Ontario,"

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Dr. A. S. Grant writes as follows—

"To Whom It may concern—

"I have much pleasure in testifying that I am personally acquainted with Mr. T. Howell, Hon. Secretary of the Christian Men's Federation of Canada, and know him to be a man of fine Christian spirit, with broad sympathies and intensely interested in all public questions that have as their object human betterment. As a Member of the Committee of One Hundred for the Province of Ontario, in our recent Prohibition Campaign, he has rendered most valuable service. He is also a member of the Executive of the Social Service Council of Canada, and is well known to Social Service workers generally throughout the Dominion.

"ANDREW S. GRANT,
"Former Gen. Supt. of Home Missions for Presbyterian Church,"

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The Hon. N. W. Russell writes—

"To Whom it may concern—

"This will introduce you to Mr. Thos. Howell, Hon. Secretary of the Christian