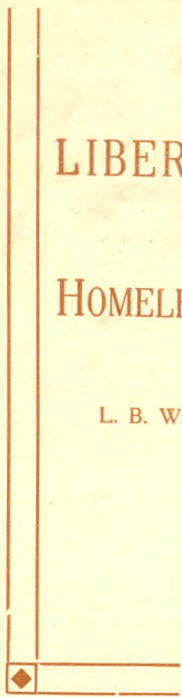


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LIBERTY BONDS
FOR THE
HOMELESS CHURCHES

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To kill two birds with one stone is something of a feat.

To eat your cake and have it too, is an economical success which would bring joy to the heart of Mr. Hoover.

To cause the mill to grind again with the water that has passed, is an engineering triumph which would make the shade of Archimedes green with envy.

Yet these three things are easy of accomplishment.

First, purchase a Liberty Bond and help our Government in the war for world freedom.

Second, exchange your Liberty Bond for an Annuity Bond of the Home Mission Board, and help us house the homeless congregations.

The one investment will serve the double purpose,—the Government will be aided, the homeless churches will be housed.

WHAT YOUR BOND WILL DO.

The proceeds of a Liberty Bond for \$100 will provide five tents for our soldiers. The same bond, transferred to your Home Mission Board, will, during the probable duration of the war, be instrumental in the erection of twelve church houses which otherwise could not be built. Will you not furnish the tents for our soldiers, and build the churches for our homeless ones,—with the same investment?

Your Liberty Bond will furnish enough food to keep a soldier for 300 days. Transferred to the Home Board, it will be the means of furnishing spiritual food to thousands who are hungry for the preaching of the Word.

Your bond will supply one of our fighters with 3,000 rounds of ammunition. Reapplied to the needs of the homeless churches, it will furnish armament to hundreds who absolutely without equipment are battling for truth and righteousness.

Your bond will furnish thirty litters with which the wounded can be carried from the field of

battle, or twenty cots for use in the hospitals. In the second stage of its utility, it will be the means of carrying the sinsick to the cross and couching them safely in the Savior's arms.

Your bond will provide eight gallons of iodine or 100 gallons of peroxide of hydrogen for the antiseptic treatment of wounds. Consecrated to the cause of building churches, it will work a cure for multitudes who have been inoculated with the virus of sin.

WHAT YOUR INVESTMENT WILL PAY.

The Government offers to pay you four per cent. on a non-taxable investment. Your Home Mission Board offers you the same,—four per cent. on a non-taxable investment.

You pay your money to the Government and in return receive a Liberty Bond. You transfer your Liberty Bond to us and in return receive our Annuity Bond,—paying the same rate of interest paid by the Government Bond. Neither the Government Bond nor our Annuity Bond are subject to taxation.

The money invested in the Liberty Bond is used for loans to the European powers, for the building of forts and the purchase of munitions. Your Liberty Bond, exchanged for our Annuity Bond, will be used for loans to homeless congregations, for the building of church houses and the purchase of pews and pulpits.

National honor and national safety demand that every Liberty Bond placed on the market find ready purchase. Baptist honor and Baptist safety demand that your Liberty Bond be exchanged for our Annuity Bond.

YOUR INTEREST IS COMPOUNDED.

The Government will pay you four per cent. on a non-taxable investment. Your Home Mission Board will pay the same. But there the analogy ends.

The money invested in your Liberty Bond serves its purpose when certain articles of war utility are bought and used. That same money reinvested in our Annuity Bond will be used again and again until our Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels. Through the channel of loans the same money will make a multitude of investments in His name, and on each investment He will pay interest throughout eternity—interest compounded—pressed down, shaken together and running over.

Your Home Board went into a Western State and loaned \$3,000 to twelve homeless congregations. Twelve churches were built at a total cost of \$36,000, twelve little bands of Baptists struggling for bare existence were placed upon their feet and rendered co-operative and contributory, the original loans were all returned and the money is doing the same work over again in other places.

Transfer your bonds to us, and have part in this great work.

THE TIME FOR INVESTMENT IS SHORT.

The present convention year closes the campaign for the homeless churches.

Four thousand of them are without houses of any kind. Four thousand more are in dilapidated and inadequate buildings. Requests for aid in the sum of \$504,000 are now on file in this office. The need is great and the time is short.

Southern Baptists will invest hundreds of thousands of dollars in Liberty Bonds, War Saving Stamps and Thrift Stamps during the remainder of 1918 and the first months of 1919.

Transfer these bonds to your Home Board, accept our Annuity Bonds in return, aid the Government, aid the homeless churches, bring peace on earth, and be the cause of joy in the presence of the angels of God.