

Roll of Honor Unveiled.

Last Sunday evening to a large congregation at the Ivanhoe Presbyterian church, the Rev. J. M. James, B.D., preached on "Patriotism and Christianity." He defined patriotism as the love one has towards one's country and the willingness to sacrifice one's self on its behalf. It is a feeling and a duty. As a matter of heart it is a natural feeling and next to the love of parents it is the strongest instinct, as Edmund Bourke says, both natural and that the Bible does not encourage this feeling towards one's country. They are mistakes as the Bible is full of the patriotic spirit. In the Old Testament we have patriots like Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah; and in the New Testament we have Jesus Christ, a true patriot. Patriotism was in the world before the advent of Jesus, but Christianity had enobled it and widened its horizon. According to Christ patriotism is not only love to one's country, but there is no hatred towards other countries. Christian patriotism, like Charity, begins at home but it does not end at home. There are many who consider love of country to be a curse. We should love the whole human race. Do we not know the love of the general through the love of the particular? Christ loved the whole world, but first in his love comes his own people. Patriotism is also a sacrifice. It will defend one's country against foes from without, and the characteristic of Christian patriotism is that it protects one's country against foes from within. In olden times the State was supreme. According to Christianity man is supreme. Man, morally and spiritually, should be developed. There are evil forces within our land and its manhood should be protected against them.

After the sermon Mr. R. Thomson unveiled the Honor Board, upon which have been placed the names of J. McKenzie Anderson, Walter Leckie, J. W. Davidson, R. T. Scott, T. Anderson and C. Anderson, who are at the front. Mr. James said it is very gratifying to know that a large number of young men from the churches are fighting for King and Country. The Presbyterian congregations in this land and in the Old Country have been depleted of their young men. That so many Christian young men are in the firing line shows that the best manhood of our Empire is alive to its responsibility.