Padre Sees Bitterness to Come For Those Who Fail to Do Part

Sherbrooke, Sept. 12 (CP).—Canon Frederick George Scott of Quebec, padre of the first Great War, appealed to Canadians today for loyal support of the war effort in a poem entitled, "Should Freedom Fall."

The poem, written in sonnet form, was composed at the home of his son-in-law, Canon A. R. Kelly, at Compton in the Eastern Townships. The sonnet follows:

Should freedom fall and I had held aloof,
What would my days be—days and months and years,
My vision gone, my laughter drowned in tears,
And every heart-beat stinging with reproof;
What bed would bring me sleep, what sheltering roof
Would shield me from the lightning hail of fears
And mockery of a world whose jibes and jeers
Would crush me in the mire beneath its hoof.
When young and old were slaughtered day and night,
And pity, love and mercy cast aside,
When monster hordes, in their Satanic might,
Were tearing down the cross on which Christ died,
If I had held aloof and gone my way,
Hell's worm and fire would gnaw me night and day.

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