

OUR OBLIGATIONS TO THE IMMIGRANT ARE PUT UP TO US

Secretary of Overseas Welcome at Glasgow Thinks
Canada Follows U. S.

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St. John, N. B., Dec. 17.—Rev. J. Hunter Boyd, secretary of the Overseas Welcome at Glasgow, who he has been for two years, has returned. He is employed by the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and has his office in Glasgow, near the wharf whence the emigrants leave for Canada. He has charge of the social work on all steamers, regardless of the race or creed of the people departing for this country. He takes note of all cases, such as those of a mother with her children, or young women traveling alone, or others requiring special attention on this side, and sends information by a faster steamer to a chaplain, or a travellers' aid, or a Y. M. C. A., or whatever the case calls for.

Mr. Boyd pointed out that he was not as supposed, employed by the Canadian Government. For several years European governments had sent invitations to Canada to send delegates to annual conferences on the white slave traffic, but until this year none had been sent. This year, however, the invitation of the Belgian government had been accepted and the Canadian Government had cabled asking him to represent Canada. He had done so and had just returned from the conference of four days in Brussels. He has not quit his post in Glasgow at all, but is continuously employed by the Presbyterian Church of Canada. He is here now to report, and also to learn so that he can report on the other side what provision is being made in Canada for the reception of immigrants.

"Canadians," he said, "have failed to recognize their obligations to the immigrant. We have followed too closely the movements of the United States whereas our situation is entirely different. They are not asking for immigrants at all. We are, and we should look after them. We have perplexed the European countries by not letting them know how far we are discharging our moral obligations in this respect.

"I believe," said Mr. Boyd, "that we have state machinery which we do not use, and voluntary organizations are trying to do what a state department ought to do. I am expected not only to report in this country as to the remarkable extension of operations in my office, but the people on the other side want a wider and more detailed survey of the preventive agencies in operation here."

Mr. Boyd says that everybody on the other side knows about our 160 acres of land, but they want to know how we are solving our moral and social problems, what the social and moral conditions are in Canada, and what provision is made for taking care of the immigrants.

Mr. Boyd expects to remain in Canada until Christmas and go back via St. John to Glasgow. He says that he has greatly enjoyed his sojourn in that city, and was very glad to return to read in the papers that such questions as town planning, child protect-

ion and social welfare were the subjects of discussion here.