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FREE CHURCHES AND THE WAR.

Call to Christianity.

In the course of the proceedings at a meeting of the Free Church Council, held at the Steyne Gardens Wesleyan Church on Wednesday evening, and reported at greater length on page three of the GAZETTE, Mr. G. S. HIRST the Organising Secretary of the National Free Church Council, declared that no section of the community was standing more staunchly by King and Country to-day than the members of the Free Churches, women as well as men (hear, hear). The crisis of the day was a call to the Christian Church. This great War had made brothers of us all. As a people we were facing

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of life and death, and our need had driven us nearer to God. The hindrances that stood in the way of the Christian Church a few months ago had now been almost swept away, and there was a great and glorious opportunity for the whole of the Churches of Christ. Free Churchmen had given their best and their dearest to their country. Tens of thousands of their young men had left their comfortable homes and were rushing it in barracks and Camps. Thousands of Free Churchmen to-day were facing death on the battlefield, not because they loved war—for there was nothing that Free Churchmen hated more; they were there because they believed this was a fight for the Peace of future generations (applause).