

BOMBS WRECK MANY LONDON CHURCHES.

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Day after day London furnishes new evidence of the futility of Germany's half-hearted night bombing. The pile of debris is growing higher but the spirit of the capital is not impaired in the smallest degree. A doctor and nurse were on hand here while some people were dug out of their shelter beneath the wreckage. Anderson shelters continue to give good protection in the suburbs. This one saved a soldier and his wife. The courage of ordinary people spells the failure of Hitler's attack by air.

Property is inevitably destroyed. The loss would be far greater than it is but for the heroic work of the fire-fighting services. It would be far less than it is if every building had a nightwatchman. One man can easily put out an incendiary bomb if he is there when it falls. If he is not, there may be a fire in which the whole building is destroyed, and which may engulf others. The safety of the community demands that no one firm shall be allowed to jeopardise others by failing to employ a watchman. The great reservoir of unemployed could supply all the watchmen required.

Churches, by accident or design, have come off badly. In one London diocese alone nearly fifty have been damaged. If they were hit accidentally it shows how ineffectual, from the military standpoint, random bombing must always be. If it is by intention it is just one more proof that the German leaders have the mentality of baffled and barbarous children.

The civilisation rooted in christendom suffered many setbacks in the past. It always recovered. The present war too will end in the triumph of the principles which mankind derived from the Prince of Peace.
