

# NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION MUST FOLLOW GREAT WAR

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makes right." has been the slogan of its conquests. "The end justifies the means" has been an essential of Germany's creed. The country has been taught that the unpardonable sin of the state is weakness. Force has been deified; war has been glorified; Germany has been magnified. The Hun has become obsessed with the idea that he is destined to be ruler and all others were decreed to be ruled. It is a small wonder that with the influence of such teaching from school, press, pulpit and platform, the Teuton became a spy, a vandal, a pirate, a murderer.

### A Fight for Liberty.

On the other hand, when the enemy of freedom took advantage of the murder of a member of Austrian royalty to put his armies into the field for conquest, it was found that the Bible had been sowing seeds of truth and liberty which had borne fruit in unselfish national purpose.

England would not stand aside idly and ignobly and see Belgium crushed, France humiliated, Russia conquered.

France was unrighteously attacked, and England came to her defence. Belgium was disgracefully despoiled and Britain entered the lists in vindication of the liberty of the small state to live.

This war is not a collapse of Christianity; it is rather the most magnificent demonstration the world has ever seen, except the Cross of Christ, of service and heroism and sacrifice for the maintenance of the principle of liberty, and the opening of the door to a fuller realization of its blessing.

The British Empire, joining with its Allies has committed all its resources to the destruction of tyranny and the firm establishment of liberty in all the nations of the earth. We are fighting for the good of the German people as well as of other nations.

After this war the small nation will be as free as the large. Liberty will be guaranteed to all by the co-operation of the countries which will have gained an abiding abhorrence of the brutal spirit of selfish national aggression. Tennyson's vision will yet become a fact—

"The parliament of man, the federation of the world."  
When the war is won this will be a

nobler world. Mankind is being thrilled by the splendid heroism, the measureless sacrifice, the amazing price being offered to save the liberties of the race.

### Work of Reconstruction.

Immediately when the stress of the struggle shall have passed, the nations that are worthy of the great days of the future will address themselves to the serious work of reconstruction.

The teaching of the Scriptures regarding the value of human life will find worthy expression at last in the genius of national life and purpose. In the development that will occur the national plan will make a place for individual opportunity to accomplish life's worthiest service. The nations which will have learned the lesson of true life, which will not have suffered in vain, will begin at once to build on foundations that have proven their worth, and on such foundations alone.

In such nations no ecclesiastical system that chains the Scriptures will be allowed to fasten its selfish bonds upon the estate. Graft and other forms of political corruption will be fought as persistently as has been the germ and the German. The most gigantic menace to national life and growth, the drink traffic will be treated as the worst evil among men deserves.

### Snobbery Must Go.

The system that encourages industrial unfairness or social snobbery will find little sympathy in the days before us. We shall not be able to forget, even if we should be so unworthy as to be unwilling to do so, that sons of the palace and boys of the cottage lay down together to die on the field of sacrifice, and that the very opportunity of the world's new day rests upon the fact that rich and poor, aristocrat and plebian, scholar and unlearned, the industrial lord and the day laborer, were comrades in the fight for liberty. Man is to have a chance because of his worth.

The preacher here quoted with good effect Burns' poem, "A man's a man for a' that." Continuing, he said:

And in the reconstruction which will be effected by the nations that are partakers of the life of the world's new day, honor will have a vital place. The world will never forget the

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moral shock which even degenerate nations must have felt when a nation which was playing for a chief place in the sun tore up its treaty as a mere scrap of paper. Nor will the abiding moral stimulus be insignificant which came to men when England announced that she would give no assurance of neutrality which might conflict with developments affecting the obligations of her treaties.

With the terrible pressure of war's insistence men everywhere are being made to feel the force of the fact that the essentials of national greatness are not greed and gold, cleverness and scientific advancement, but truth and truthfulness, faith in goodness and the favor of God.

In letters reddened by blood is being written the lesson of honor so fundamental to the nobility of character which the Scripture commends.

### A Worthy Ideal.

The type of life the Bible magnifies is being recognized as the only worthy ideal for the individual and the nation. In the new order which is to bless the world, love of justice is to be accorded a prominent place. The word of a man or a nation is to be worth as much as a hold a yea or a nay is to be as strong as an oath.

In the days of peace to come this principle of international integrity will find incorporation into the codes of organized communities. Nations will

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# The Kilties Are Coming

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This Battalion will be mobilized in Fredericton and it is up to Fredericton and York County to do their share in filling up the ranks.

The official figures show 1,402 men in Fredericton, and 4,506 men in York County, of military age, who have not even tried to enlist. This record is not one that the young men of Fredericton and York County should allow to exist. It sounds bad, doesn't it?

### LIEUT.-COLONEL P. A. GUTHRIE, THE KILTIES' OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS

have all been to the front. Every officer who will lead the Kilties into action has faced the enemy before in France or Flanders.

Doesn't this seem like the kind of a unit to join? Think it over now, and be ready for the

### BIG OPENING RECRUITING MEETING FOR THE KILTIES IN FREDERICTON ON

# MONDAY, Sept. 25th

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