

ment and dread? Not so. Far, indeed, from it! They are roused to unprecedented energy, to heroic courage, passionate daring and hope and—the accompanying and inevitable sacrifice. Nothing is to be kept back that can in any way at this time serve the nation. Is it money? men? lives?—poured out lavishly they will be on the altar of country-love.

And in our holy warfare against the forces of evil in India and in Bolivia—does our debt in the treasury discourage us? Does the cry of “hard times” weaken us? Shall we give up fighting, then, and wring our hands in helpless dismay, saying, “Who is sufficient for these things?”—and stop there, forgetting how Paul said, “I can do ALL THINGS through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

No, indeed! Far from it! The crisis demands the best effort of every big and little one of us. The need over there in India and Bolivia is great, the opportunity grows. The need should rouse us, the opportunity inspire us, the danger in the air should brace us, while the love of Christ constrains us, to give, and pray, and work with all our might, as we never did before, just because there is a crisis, because the need is great, because without our sacrifices the work cannot go on, because God is waiting to be gracious and waiting for us to be willing in the day of His power. Let us be of good courage and good cheer. He has overcome the world.

Speak courageously to the people. If you fear that your church or your circle cannot do as well next year as it did this, do not cherish the thought for one moment (much less admit it to others), or it will turn traitor and become a grand excuse for your not trying to do better than last year. “As a man thinks, so is he.” Make up your mind to greater sacrifice this year. Say that you can and preach sermons to your neighbors from the same text. Let us

thank God for a great need, that we may search diligently and find out what our God-given powers are. What a wonderful experience it will be for some of us quiet, thinking ones to find that we can do things when a big and pressing need finds us!

We don't need money—we have that. We only need the will to give it. We need to pray. We have the gift. We need to learn how to exercise it. You have no great sums to give? You cannot do great things? You cannot go to the front? Then stand by. Be instant, in season and out of season. Give no place to discouragement.

“To doubt would be disloyalty. To falter (now) would be sin.” Speak cheerfully. Encourage people, inspire them by your cheerful, trustful, energetic and active spirit.

“WE CAN, IF WE WILL.”

Why not WILL, then?

Let us learn the great joy of sacrifice—learn it deeply, giving greatly, until we know something of the Christ-joy.

Send your soldiers back to the front this fall—for Mr. and Mrs. Corey of Nova Scotia, Dr. Marjorie Cameron and Miss McLaurin are going to India if the Lord will, and Miss McLeod is already gone—with words of cheer and good courage ringing in their ears, and assurances of your strong and loving co-operation heartening them. “In the world ye have tribulation; but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world.” Shall they of Belgium, France and Britain, our own Canadians, and those of India, by their courage, valor and sacrifice in their cause, shame us in ours?

“The Son of God goes forth to war,  
A kingly crown to gain.

His blood red banner streams afar.

WHO FOLLOWS IN HIS TRAIN?

K. S. McLAURIN.