

again" came the reply, "Those things which ye do hear and see—the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

May I present in contrast the vainglorious standards of an extreme Nationalism—"Ye have heard how in old times it was said, Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth, but I say unto you, Blessed are the valiant for they shall make the earth their throne. And ye have heard men say, Blessed are the poor in spirit, but I say unto you, Blessed are the great in soul and the free in spirit, for they shall enter Valhalla.

And ye have heard men say, Blessed are the peace makers, but I say unto you Blessed are the war makers, for they shall be called, if not the children of Jah, the children of Odin, who is greater than Jah." Would you see the fruitage—go to ravished Belgium and stricken Northern France or desolate, thrice desolate, Poland or crushed Serbia.

We occupy our great areas of land with men and women of every nation. We will vie with the world in growing wheat and cattle. We build railways, establish great industrial activities and we grow rich in this world's goods. We build churches and schools and universities and libraries. In the doing let us be careful to hold to the substance and have the root of the matter in us. There is sound wisdom in the warning to this young nation, so wonderful in its possibilities, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" It is this view of Empire of the Commonwealth which attracts me—not dominion or power or exploitation—but the bearing of responsibility and the fulfilling of duty. To me, there is in this no limitation of our national greatness and importance, but rather an open door to service which will enable us to share in the world's burdens and the world's conquests.

In considering the future, we will reach a determination whether we are to adopt a policy of co-operation which the constituent nations within the Empire will voluntarily exercise when a crisis occurs, or whether we are to adopt a policy in which each nation will retain full autonomy in all matters of domestic concern, but will be bound with other similarly autonomous