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FOR four years and a quarter, millions of very earnest men and women have been praying to their ideal of the Supreme Power, and promising that if He would only deliver them from the fangs of the war, they would be better men and women for all time to come. That, in effect, has been the attitude of the real and the nominal Christian world, and here in Western Canada, with so much at stake in the war as we have held, has the great appeal been made with an intensity men and women never employed in the past when praying to God to get them out of a hole. We put it up to God, so to speak, and He surely has responded in the most wonderful way; now it is our chance to keep our word with God.

And what a fine thing is the simple habit of keeping one's word, of making good on one's promises. We will not consider the tragedy of the broken bargain, of the unfulfilled promise, because that is an endless and a thankless job, and the last one we would waste a thought upon on the eve of Christmas. The Dominion Government asked us on the first Sunday of this month to begin keeping our promise to God, by publicly acknowledging Him as the Giver of the Victory. We took part with our own little company of friends in carrying out this idea, one that has the sanction not only of the Canadian Government, but the practical endorsement of every power with which it has been associated in the war.

And we were in good company, weren't we, in making these humble acknowledgments? Did not the Premier of Great Britain, when he received the message announcing the signing of the armistice, shut up shop and lead the entire Legislative Assembly to a nearby place of worship to thank Almighty God for His goodness? And the President of the United States of America, and those other men at Washington who represented the heart and brain of the great Republic? And did not that California lad serving in France get the most wonderful surprise of his life when, after watching for three-

quarters-of-an-hour a grey-haired soldier in a shabby uniform, offering his solitary prayer in an old church on the battle area, he found it was no other than Marshal Foch?

Is there anything finer in Canadian literature, for that matter in any literature, than the acknowledgment of General Currie,

quoted in the center of this page? It was his spontaneous reply to a congratulatory message from his country, received when he and his magnificent army of Canadian lads were on the eve of their victorious march to the Rhine. These humble acknowledgments on the part of men who have proved themselves the most powerful and the most successful probably of all time, will beget different thoughts in different minds. Speaking for ourselves, they furnish what we know to be the only foundation on which the future can be built with any hope of security—the bed-rock of Righteousness, of every man being first of all true to himself.

What really bred the war was the insistence of two conflicting principles, both of which could not live in the world

—Right and Might. Might, as it was known on the battlefields of the Orient, has gone down to ignominious defeat, but for long there have been rumblings of another war that will come up to our own door-steps, perchance right into the home sanctuary, if—we play the double game with God, through our relationship to fellow man. This impending calamity is little more as yet than "a cloud the size of a man's hand," but it is perceptibly creeping over the horizon and forming fantastic shapes into which men are variously reading the words: "Industrial Unrest"—"Labor" and "Capital," etc! Can it be averted? It may—if there is a complete or even general agreement in both camps to face and settle every difference as it would be faced and settled by that Man who still lives to bring "Peace to the world and Good Will among men." The greatest "scheme" of adjustment with this left out is doomed from its birth.

### Fairest Land in all the World

"From the doubly historic battlefield of Mons, and on the eve of its departure for the Rhine, the Canadian corps acknowledges with a sense of deepest gratitude your message sent on behalf of the people of Canada. We join with them in humble and grateful thanks to God for the glorious victory vouchsafed to our arms. Our hearts go out to those to whom there remains only the cherished memory of their loved and lost, sacrificed in the noblest cause for which men have died. Weary with work of destruction, we long for the time when we shall be homeward bound to take up again with a clearer conception of its responsibilities, our duties as citizens of the fairest land in all the world, our own beloved Canada."

(Signed) "Currie."

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