

forever the same, 'Glory to God, Glory to our immortal France, Glory to those who have died for her sake.' "

But after the War will come the time of reconstruction. When all good men must be drawn together to build up the broken walls of Jerusalem, the shattered temples of humanity. If it is a glorious thing to die for our country, it is also a glorious thing to live for humanity. If it demands sacrifice of blood and tears to save a nation, it demands no less sacrifice to build up universal justice and goodwill. This will be our solemn task. This will be our glorious opportunity. Grasping firmly all that is good in the past, but cheerfully dropping all that has outlived its usefulness, we must press on towards perfection. Our path does not lie in any return upon the past. It is not mere reunion of Christendom we seek, but a spiritual unity that shall far exceed in glory any achievement of the past. Our vision lies in front of us not behind us—

"Clear before us through the darkness  
Gleams and burns the guiding light."

When the Children of Israel were terror-stricken because hard pressed by the destroying hosts of Egypt, when before them was a literal sea of trouble, then to their leader Moses came the word "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward."

Yes, our Promised Land lies nowhere behind us. The City of God is before us. And "To you and me and men like ourselves is committed in these anxious days, that which is at once an awful responsibility and a splendid destiny—to transform this modern world into a Christian Society . . . to gather together the scattered forces of a divided Christendom into a confederation in which organization will be of less account than fellowship with one Spirit and faith in one Lord—into a communion wide as human life and deep as human need—into a Church which shall outshine even the glory of its dawn by the splendour of its eternal noon."\*

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\* Hatch "Organization of the Christian Churches."