

No material things are now of any moment, except in so far as we can use them to add to the Power of The State.

“For all We Have and Are”

Since the world was founded no greater sacrifice has ever been demanded from living man than that which is expressed in the five short words—“ALL WE HAVE AND ARE.” No lesser sacrifice than that which the five words express will avail to bring us to our goal in this the most stupendous of all conflicts since time has had any reckoning.

Whether it be in some form of service in our own Land : or over the Seas in other Lands : the Call to us : the rightful Sovereign claim upon us, is urgent and imperative ; admitting of no evasion, no parleying, no needless delay.

“ ALL WE HAVE AND ARE ” :—without reckoning on our part, and therefore without reservation; must be at the service of The Empire. We are all its servants : and no less is it the servant of us all. The noblest in the Land can justly claim no more than that he serves the Empire : the humblest equally can maintain the like claim, and if he will may add—“The Empire also serves me.”

But it is a large demand, you say :—“ALL WE HAVE AND ARE : ”—the like of which we have never known before. It means to many of us the complete dislocation of everything we had come to look on as settled and fixed in our lives : and for how long no one can tell. Maybe you think such demand is harsh and tyrannical ? Listen—

*“In a false dream I saw the Foe prevail,
The war was ended ; the last smoke had rolled
Away : and we, erewhile the strong and bold,
Stood broken, humbled, withered, weak and pale,
And moan'd, ‘Our greatness is become a tale
To tell our children’s babes when we are old:”*

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The nightmare passes :—What a relief !—only a dream it was ; and a “false” one at that !