

and freedom as we understand it, and as you men in the United States understand it, must win in this conflict; that is as certain as that the verities of truth and faith will ultimately prevail. This twentieth century does not brook the continuance of an autocracy against the government of a free people anywhere on this earth. And, my friends, when Canada's sons shall have come home again we will believe that the absent ones will not have died in vain, those of them who will have left their bones in Flanders, or the Balkans, or the Dardanelles. After your Civil War was over your country had a revival of patriotism, a stronger realization of what the verities were, of what the necessities of nationhood were, and as for thirty years you had the march of that marvelous progress which has made yours almost the greatest nation in the world today, because your people were inspired by a new freedom and a realization of what your rights and possibilities were, just as Lincoln outlined them almost at the inception of the war, so we in Canada look for and believe that after this conflict is over, when the battle flags are furled and the boys come home again, that in our land there will be a deeper realization of those privileges which have come to us almost unsought, without difficulties such as existed in your country before your freedom was attained, for ours have come along almost without a realization that they arrived and a development which will even exceed your splendid progress. The war will bring a deeper appreciation of those things and I hope and believe that the sentiments which were expressed by your great president in his second inaugural address which he gave at Washington only a short time before the assassination, when the world and your country were deprived of his great services, are those which will dominate our people when this terrible war is over. Lincoln then said that the duty of the American people "was malleable toward none, with charity toward all, with firmness in the fight as God gives us to see the right; let us strive to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who has borne the battle and for his widow and for his