

THE SPIRIT OF BELGIUM.

AS the months of war roll by and another Easter approaches, we would do well to give some thought to the moral triumph of devastated Belgium. As it has been pointed out, this high-souled country could have reaped a most fruitful harvest, from a commercial standpoint, by permitting the German legions to have the right of way through her lands; she could have also saved herself the horrors of a ruinous invasion, and incidentally saved for all peoples the art treasures which have fallen before the war machines of "cultured" Prussia.

The longer the war continues, the more deeply should we be able to appreciate the great debt which we—in concert with all free peoples—owe to heroic Belgium, and also become more and more conscious of the magnificence of the choice she made. This choice should ever be before us, as a blazing example to light our eyes that we may see "the path"—the path that leads to the foot of a throne. Here is a small nation, in a material age, upholding the ancient ideals of Christian chivalry and national honor with the flesh of her flesh.

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