

To all our Brother Canadians :

The Dove of Peace, dispelled from warring Europe, finds apparently but a temporary rest for its ruffled and weary wings in the United States, and peers with blinking eyes, wondering where it shall gain a permanent home. It had fondly hoped that when the nations of Europe would become exhausted in the present conflict they would be wise and establish a world-wide federation to end all wars. Such a scheme could easily be inaugurated if men only thought so. The greatest menace to that hope is President Wilson's unexpected program for a powerful United States' navy and protective armament. The proposition did not come from those who really sought for peace, but from armament manufacturers serving not God but greed. By this perfidy and despotic act of the democratic Head of the greatest Democracy in the world, the United States has thrown away the golden opportunity of serving, in the greatest measure possible, the whole world's humanity. This glory is now offered to Canada. Will Canada be wise to it? The United States has chosen betwixt God and Mammon. Whom will Canada serve? Shall we invite the Dove of Peace and give it an abiding place?

But it is said, "You are yourselves a belligerent camp." True, but it is not of our making or choice. It has not, as yet, poisoned our national life. Canada's test is to come later.

We recognize the uselessness of attempting to stop the present war, the greatest of all time. It is the natural result of past conduct. It is the chastening of the nations for past sins. It is the inevitable punishment for God's violated laws. Expiation or exhaustion of the weary nations alone will bring its end. Our energies are wiser spent in prevention. Let us sow for a happier harvest, for men and nations reap whatso-