

rest upon the collective conscience of the people in any community, and democracy will attain results, great or small, *in so far as the conscience, the purpose, and the ideal of the people are guided by that Book which it is the purpose of this Society to circulate.* And so it is the public opinion of the world that we must try to influence, and I repeat once more my high appreciation of the service that you are giving to humanity of the present and of the future in carrying on the great purpose which you have at heart and on behalf of which I have to speak to-day.

### **A Great Spiritual Uplift**

“I believe that you have had in the United Kingdom, as we have had in Canada, a great spiritual uplift as the result of this war. Men and women are more concerned to-day with things spiritual than they were four years ago. It could not be otherwise: there has been so much devotion and so much self-sacrifice. More than that, there has been sorrow brought to many a home—sorrow mingled with a most solemn pride that those who have gone forth have proved themselves worthy of the highest ideals of humanity and the best traditions of the race. It would be impossible that all this should take place without its exercising a very powerful influence indeed upon the people; and perhaps our concern should be not so much as to how that will be maintained during the war—because I believe it will be—but as to what will come afterwards.

### **A Personal Reminiscence**

“I remember, many years ago, hearing a great divine in my own country preach a sermon which I shall never forget