

corruption—all of which are eating out our vitality. It has come to deplete us of our wealth and to compel us to live a simpler life. It has also come to prove our faith and to test our devotion to God, and to render us a more devout and Christian people. We have seen God, the Bible, the Church, Sunday observance, the obligation of Divine Worship, parental authority, womanhood, modesty, holy marriage, all challenged. Theology is being more and more Germanized. No clergyman has been considered up to date unless he has either been to Germany or has studied the latest German theological works, many of which tend to shake the very foundations of Christianity.

When the days of war are overpast all worthy of the name of Canadian will desire to see something more than mere freedom from war. We shall hope to see positive and abiding good throughout our country for all the blood and tears shed.

The Church of England stands to gain or lose more than any other religious body in the land. In no spirit of boastfulness, but rather of gratitude, do I tell you that the Church is sending to the front over fifty per cent. of the soldiers; that is to say, one-seventh of the population of this Dominion has produced over fifty, and possibly sixty per cent. of those under arms. We expect to lose a larger percentage of men than any other Christian body, and our families will suffer correspondingly. If this war has the effect of purging out the spirit of the world and bringing us closer to God, what a wonderful power we shall become; if, however, after having made the sacrifices, we slip back into our old ways, we shall then be farther from God than ever before. Let us call upon our people without delay to repentance, to re-dedicate their lives to God, and so live that the sacrifices that are being made shall not have been made in vain.

The Clergyman as a Combatant.

There has been a diversity of opinion on the question. "Should a Clergyman take up arms and fight?" The