

for it to-morrow. And you have to be up and wide awake in order to counteract that influence. I am not an apostle of the doctrine of hate. But I have a memory. I propose to keep it. I am not going to forget what the Germans have done in ignoring sacred pacts, in tearing up treaties, in outraging the humanities, in wholesale looting, in cruel and ghastly barbarity, and in that worst of all, treachery to the sacred claims of friendship and hospitality, under cover of which they wrought their infamies. These are things I do not propose to forget. Do you? The revelation that has been made of the German heart and the German purpose in these two years of war is my sufficient guarantee for demanding that, for this generation, at least, German goods, German wares, German partnerships, German businesses, and Germans themselves shall be excluded from the pale of the British Empire. Give them a good long time to repent, but be sure they do repent, and in sackcloth and ashes, before they are admitted into the community of decent civilisations. Up to that time, justice to ourselves and to our Allies designates our attitude.

A final word. To win this war we had to get together, think together, work together, and fight together. It has been worth it all and is leading to certain success. After peace comes there will be all the greater necessity for getting together, working together, thinking together, with one common ideal and one common purpose. Let me impress upon you again the burden of the trust that has come into our hands. We cannot divest ourselves of it. It is a trust we hold for British traditions, British history and British civilisation, which for a thousand years and more has been a great uplifting influence in the world. The world is young yet, and there is just as much need of this great civilising influence in the future as there has been in the past. On our shoulders lies the responsibility. If we do our duty the Empire trust will be conserved. If we fail in duty the splendid promise and needed realisation may easily pass away and be as an idle vision.