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To the women who, having magnified love and duty, that their country's honour may be exalted, await the dread issue with sublime courage; and, by their sacrifice for the Empire, inspire their representatives in the field, and set an example to all who are not privileged to bear arms.

## YOU AND YOUR M. P.

**Y**OU think that when the session begins of February 4th it is a Parliamentary affair. It is your affair, very much your affair. The M.P. is only what you have made him.

Within the next few years you will realize the responsibility of making a Member of Parliament much more keenly than you have ever realized it. Everybody is going to understand that the war is politics and politics is the war. The Canadian Parliament has got to deal with a rapidly-falling revenue, with increasing economic distress in the country, and with the necessity for being prepared to enlist, train and dispatch another 100,000 men to fight for national existence on the bloody fields of Europe.

If any Member of Parliament does not measure up to the awful responsibility of his position, the blame for that is not upon him, but on those who made him what he is. When we express distrust of "politics" and of Parliament, we expound our own condemnation.

There is a magnificent opportunity

as well as an appalling danger before the next session of the Canadian Parliament. We are going to show whether we are worthy to be counted among the nations of the earth or whether our international stature is after the meannesses of the partisan politics which have cursed our affairs these many years.

The ex-president of the Winnipeg Canadian Club was loudly applauded when he said that Canadian national defence has been made the football of party politics. What have you to say to the footballers when they resume duty on the fourth of next month—and especially to the particular footballer for whom you voted or whom you voted against three years ago?

When the war session of August, 1914, was impending, there arose from Conservative and Liberal papers all over the country a chorus of appeal to Parliament to say nothing and get it over quickly. That was because there is grievous distrust of the discretion as well as of the patriotism of party politics in Canada. It was a depres-