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**E**VEN if we have now to apply ourselves to minor issues, to some at least of which interested sections of the American people seek to attach an exaggerated importance, we must remember that such discussions ought not to impair our grateful appreciation of the support and sympathy we have received from the United States. Eminent individuals may have professed their inability, at the outbreak of the war, to place the responsibility where it is now obviously seen to belong. Some of them even declared their intention of "leaving the whole matter to the judgement of posterity," and of meanwhile continuing to "dance on the tight rope" till the war was over. They mistakenly imagined that their clearer vision could descry what a muddle-headed orator once described as the "narrow path which separates right from wrong!" But the great heart of the American people has been soundly with us. The bulk of their press, including as it does journals of world-wide reputation, has lent to the cause of the Allies a support which cannot be too warmly acknowledged. And the latest rescript from Washington—the answer to the Austrian note about an embargo on munitions of war—is a masterpiece of clear-headed and careful argument. The UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE is privileged to include in its current number an article from the pen of ex-President Eliot of Harvard, which deserves the close attention of our readers. The high place Mr. Eliot holds in the hearts and affections of his fellow-citizens, and his commanding position in American public life, give an added weight to the courageous and outspoken utterances which he has delivered, ever since the war began, on the side of the Allies. Even though his reading of past history does not enable him altogether to approve of the way in which the British Empire has been built up, preferring, as he evidently does, the American ideal of self-sufficiency and non-interference to the world-wide work which has been imposed upon us, the conclusion of Mr. Eliot's