

Scotchman, who were slain in battle, meeting and explaining why they fought. All had good reasons for fighting and all were able to say,

I gave my life for freedom—this I know,
For those who bade me fight, had told me so.

The sentiment expressed in the poem is absolutely true. The great majority of people accept their opinions ready made, from those to whom they have been accustomed to look as their political and moral leaders. This is particularly true of the German people. They are by nature and training docile and obedient, reverencing the Kaiser as almost the representative of deity on earth, and with an unreasoning submission to any commands that may be laid upon them by those in authority.

When the war is over, forgiveness. Unless we banish the spirit of hate and cultivate a spirit of good will, no league of peace can guarantee us against another such war. There can be no mechanical solution for a moral fault. The church, which was not able to prevent the present war, if she be loyal to the Christian ideals of love, brotherhood, and forgiveness, may be able to eradicate the evils of hate, greed, and national pride and ambition, which are the fruitful sources of all wars.

The glad day when the war is over! How many wives and mothers with husbands and sons in the trenches are longing for that day!