

was drawn to the struggle to keep her pledged word to Belgium. Had she not done so, nothing but disaster would have been hers, sooner or later. Her deliberate stand for conscience sake will do her good as a nation. The effect of that stand is being felt to-day in every country where Britain's flag of freedom waves on high; and for generations to come, away in the dark parts of the earth, where self-sacrificing British men and women are holding aloft the flag of the Gospel of the Grace of God, the effect of this example of applied Christianity will be felt. It is a consolation to those who have already given of their own flesh and blood that they have done so for their country's honor and freedom. It should be an incentive to those who are holding back their dear ones at the call of duty. It should act as a spur to able-bodied young men of grit and character to respond to the call of King and country, to join in the conflict for faith and freedom, truth and honor, and for all that Christian people hold dear.

If England is victorious it will mean the removal of a menace which has been hanging over the world for years. It will bring home to the world the power of arbitration in the difficulties of nations. It will show that the small independent nations will be established in their independence and that they will be protected by the larger nations. It will be the victory of justice, liberty and democratic government over autoocracy, military power, and might against right. It will be a victory for Christ, the King of Kings, as against German ideals. Woe betide us if we fail.

Surely we see God's hand in bringing together England, Belgium, France, Russia and Italy, representing as they do the great phases of institutional Christianity, against a common foe, which stands for the exaltation and adoration of the state in the place of God.

Divine Providence has permitted this outbreak and has allowed us to be drawn into it. It has come, I believe, to purge us of our national sins—sins such as intemperance, impurity and dishonesty, love of pleasure, love of ease and wealth; sins such as fraud and graft and political