

progress in none but amiable relations with a friendly Germany." We may have been wrong in our forecast of the future, but our sincerity cannot be questioned by any of the professors from whom I have just quoted. And the sentiment which found sincere utterance in Montreal would have been similarly expressed in every university centre throughout the Empire. Why then are we treated as though we had been harbouring ill-will and hatred in our hearts? This seems to me to be even more insulting than the suggestion so constantly made by our German critics, to the effect that Britain's day is done, that the sceptre she has won by doubtful methods is now falling from her nerveless grasp, that the Empire of which we can boast to-day "does not correspond to the vital power of Great Britain to defend it," and that she had better prepare to make way for a stronger successor, ready and able to take over her business! Never perhaps in all history have we had a better case for the application of the old saw, *Quos Deus vult perdere prius dementat*: those whom God wishes to destroy he first deprives of reason!

What are the lessons which we in Canada should draw from the war? I rejoice that we have shown by our acts that we regard it as a Canadian war. It is in very truth what the British Blue-books have been referring to for years as a "war in defence of the Empire"—a possibility suddenly converted into a fact. There is no use in going back on the past, though personally I hope that the type of person will disappear from our midst who used to spend all his energies in calculating what Canada would do in the (very remote) contingency of "England embarking on a war of which the Canadian Parliament could not approve." He could not get it out of his head that the question he had to consider was whether he would "help the old country," instead of whether he would or would not fight for his life! For all the time the foe was at our gates. What brought the true inwardness of the situation home to every one in Canada (except, of course, Mr. Bourassa), and to the other over-sea Dominions as well, was the spectacle of the German Ambassador in London