

visionary, that the standards, conceptions and purposes of our present civilization forbid the realization of any such ideal, that there must be the death of this era and the birth of a new before humanity shall attain to so much self mastery. All conjecture is idle, but to me it is certain as my own existence that modern civilization will ultimately disintegrate and perish if it fails to achieve this ideal. In the work of humanity through all the ages can we point to anything permanent that is not founded on idealism? Let him who aspires to this or any great "far off divine event" be of good cheer. The world shall yet say many times to the idealist "Galilean, thou hast conquered".

In pioneer days on this western continent before the machinery of law was established the better elements of a community sometimes found it necessary to punish crime and suppress violence and disorder by concerted assumption and exercise of authority. In no other way could orderly standards of life be established and maintained and the moral conscience of communities asserted. Nations determined to uphold ideals of public right and to resist attempts at militarist domination may be concerned to co-operate in like manner for the preservation of peace until they can erect and maintain a tribunal whose decrees in international differences shall be respected and enforced by the organized power of civilization.

To us involved in the most terrible struggle that humanity has ever known—a struggle in which we have taken part of our own free will and because we realize the world-compelling considerations which its issues involve—the events of the past two years have brought both a lesson and an inspiration. Immersed in the purely peaceful problems of material progress and development we were suddenly awakened by a call which brought to us an over-mastering conviction that there was something infinitely greater than the work in which we had been so absorbed. That conviction penetrated the very soul of the nation and with it came an inspiration which has enabled the Canadian people not only willingly but gladly to undertake responsibilities, to accept burdens, and to accomplish tasks, which two years ago would have been regarded as impossible and even inconceivable.

Many hundred thousand men will return after this war to their homes in the oversea Dominions of the British Common-