

monstrous crime has been most nobly answered may be described very briefly.

In 1914, as has been said, the words : " It is for France " were sufficient to move the people of the great Republic to offer their all for their country ; for France, and for that alone. Since then, and since the world has had an opportunity of learning just what German *Kultur* really represents, " It is for France " has come to mean for the French people : " It is for Humanity, for Liberty, for Justice, for Civilisation ; it is for the sake of the little people whose lives are all before them, and the children as yet unborn." Potent though the word " France " may have been in 1914, it is far, far more potent to-day, for among all the French people it has come to stand for the hopes and ideals of modern Christendom.

For the instant yielding up of life in the cause of patriotism the old meaning sufficed. For the power of unwavering endurance ; for the maintenance by day and night, month in month out, and for any period of years that may prove necessary, of the sort of active sacrifice, the stark, unceasing heroism which is typified for all time by France's achievements at Verdun and on the Somme ; for this, an ideal even greater than the service of France was