

went forth self-rebuked that he could take so dispassionately a day associated with such self-forgetting endurance.

The sacrifices of our soldiers and of those who bear the sorrow at home, ought to rebuke our indolence, and stir us up to more fidelity of service. Are we to allow the appeal of patriotism to call forth more heroism than does the Kingdom of God? Is not Christ the sublimest of all appeals? In imagination let us visit the scenes of battle and let us do it frequently, because those who fight are doing so on our behalf; let us go to those lands where the shadow of death is ever hovering near, where the cruelties of warfare are engraving pictures on the memories of our youth, dark tragedies, which no happy future can ever efface, where the young become prematurely old, and this exercise of the imagination will surely help us to remember the duty of endurance which every faithful service brings.

MENTAL STRUGGLE.

For some this war may be a call to a more ardent intellectual struggle. There is much unreality about our thinking and many opinions are accepted merely on external authority. Some are content with conventional beliefs, while others may fear to examine their convictions lest under the searching light of modern scientific investigation these may prove insufficient. Mental lethargy is one of our enemies, and we naturally shrink from the labor which the pursuit of truth must ever bring. But there must always be a class of people, those who guide public opinion, whose duty it is seriously and honestly to face the changes which our new age has brought. It is inconceivable that the advances made in all departments during these wonderful years should have no effect on the presentation of the truth of Christianity. We believe that Christ is the one final solution to all the deepest problems of the human soul, but we can only present Him acceptably as the universal Redeemer as we acquaint ourselves with the modern mind. There is a large opportunity awaiting these Christian thinkers who, with humility and prayer and in the spirit of Jesus, will devote their time to this effort of reconciling the new discoveries of our country with the eternal truth of the Gospel. It is a long-drawn campaign to which we are called when we seek to discipline our mind; for we have to be on our guard against wayward imagination, we require to bring every thought into subjection to Jesus; and we can only then work out our intellectual reconstruction to any final advantage when we have made