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A goodly number of the fourth and fifth generations have engaged in this terrible and almost worldwide war, some of whom have given their lives for the cause of liberty and truth, while others have been wounded, gassed and taken prisoners.

The occupation of our forefathers was principally farming. Some of their descendants have entered into professional, mechanical, industrial and business life.

In religion our grandparents were Mennonites, and some of their descendants still belong to that Church, but many of the later generations have become identified with other Churches, principally Methodist, Baptist, United Brethren and Presbyterian denominations.

So far as known, the whole connection has always taken a lively interest in all temperance and moral reform movements, and are delighted that in this year (1918) our Governments have given us such excellent legislation along these lines.

We revere the memory of those who preceded us and who met and overcame the physical and moral obstacles with such indomitable courage and strong faith. They have left the world much better than they found it, and given to us a goodly heritage. It is for the present and future generations to carry forward the work so well begun.

May we all have a share in the establishment of righteousness and peace on the earth—that "Righteousness which exalteth a nation," and that "Peace on earth an goodwill to men," of which the angels sang at the birth of the "Prince of Peace."