

*Dec. 1.* — What I find press hardest among the reproaches upon me is this : — ‘You went to war for limited objects; why did you not take into account the high probability that those objects would be lost sight of in the excitement which war engenders, and that this war, if once begun, would receive an extension far beyond your views and wishes?’

*Dec. 3.* — I do mean that the reproach I named is the one most nearly just. What the weight due to it is, I forbear finally to judge until I see the conclusion of this tremendous drama. But I quite see enough to be aware that the particular hazard in question ought to have been more sensibly and clearly before me. It *may* be good logic and good sense, I think, to say : — ‘I will forego ends that are just, for fear of being driven upon the pursuit of others that are not so.’ Whether it *is* so in a particular case depends very much upon the probable amount of the driving power, and of the resisting force which may be at our command.