

It is the Spirit That Giveth Life

"We have sent from the manhood of Canada to this war, in one way and another, no less than 360,000 men. I mention this to show you the spirit of self-sacrifice, self-denial, and devotion which has animated our people, and which has been good for them, as for the cause which they are supporting, in its spiritual influence upon our nation as a whole. I may tell you that the people of Canada by voluntary contributions, for one benevolent patriotic purpose after another since the commencement of this war, have raised well-nigh sixty million of dollars, or £12,000,000—and they have done it willingly and splendidly, in no grudging spirit, but with a full sense of their responsibility. The gratitude of the people of the whole Empire must go out to its womanhood for their splendid devotion: God bless the women of the Empire for all that they have done for the service of the nation and of the world in this great struggle in which we are now engaged.

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"But what, after all, is the meaning of this war to the world? What is its meaning now, and what shall be its meaning in the years to come? On the other side of the Atlantic is a great kindred nation, after exercising infinite patience, has found itself constrained by the cause for which we are fighting to throw its force into the conflict—a force which cannot be over-estimated and which can have no small influence in bringing this war to that issue which we all have at heart. In that great nation there are, to my personal knowledge, more associations and societies designed and established for the purpose of maintaining the peace of the world than there are in all the