

for you. But these are merely superficial things. This war, and the events leading up to it, have shown that in respect of moral fibre there is no degeneracy in the race to which we belong.

The Grecian Campaign

Recently it was the honour and privilege of Australian and New Zealand troops to take part in what some people might describe as the ill-fated expedition to Greece. I have never been able to see it in that sense. Greece is a country which in this war has shown just the same iron quality as that which we associate with our own people. Greece, one of the smallest of the powers of Europe, has earned, I believe, an undying place in our affections and our respect, because she was not prepared to take two minutes of her time in calculating the odds against her. She said, "This is our home; this is the home of our fathers; this is the home of all those things that we believe in, and we shall defend it to the end." There was no business bargaining about the Greeks; there was no nice balancing of pros and cons. There was no disposition on their part to say, "Well, as we cannot win, let us make the best kind of deal that we can." Their reply was instinctive; the world has heard it, and the world will never forget it.

I am entirely unable to understand the point of view of any man in whom British blood, from any of its derivations, may flow, who would turn his shoulder upon the Greeks in their struggle, or who would wrap his gown about him and pass by on the other side. We are not made that way. If as a result of their decision Greek soil has been enriched with the blood of young men coming from a very distant part of the world, coming as representatives of the youngest civilization to the aid of the oldest, then who shall say that that, properly understood, is a tragedy in our history! I believe on the contrary that it is one more proof that there is something in us—I say it with just pride, and not in a spirit of boasting—something in us which is the spark of life; and it is for us to tend it, it for us constantly to give it its opportunity of doing its illuminating work in the world.

British Commonwealth Stands United

Then, sir, what shall I say about Great Britain? I saw in Egypt, in Libya, in Palestine, thousands of young men of my own country. With one accord and almost in one voice they said to me, "Take to the people of the old country our love, our respect, and our resolve that we shall stand by them." I could never have made in Great Britain a speech that