

While such sinister thoughts bewilder the minds of men, it is both timely and necessary that we as loyal Christians should quicken our belief in those unchangeable truths which have been given us not only to guide our footsteps in the way of peace but also to steady and strengthen us amid the encircling gloom of human passion and despair. At no other time in the world's history has it been made so plain that the welfare of mankind both temporal and spiritual demands the observance of laws that are not of man's making but that have their origin and sanction in the eternal wisdom of God. No other crisis has shown so clearly that selfishness and greed are fatal alike to individual happiness and to national prosperity. This much at least the war has taught, and it is the prayer of every Christian heart that the lesson, costly as it is, may have its salutary effect in hastening the return of the world to tranquility and to conformity with the spirit of the Gospel.

Learned men, scholars well versed in the world's history and leaders in the various fields of knowledge, have deplored in amazement the rude shattering of their hopes for peace founded on the advance of science and the spread of education. They had come to the conviction that the growth of intelligence and the diffusion of culture would make war impossible, and a shrewder sense of economic interest would silence the clamor of national hatred and that the cult of humanity would unite all men in the pursuit of their common welfare. But a far different reality confronts them. Not only has every effort for the