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THE NATIONAL DUTY.

"We have been living in a sheltered valley for generations. We have been too comfortable and too indulgent,—many perhaps too selfish. But the stern hand of fate has scourged us to an elevation where we can see the everlasting things that matter for a Nation, the great peaks we had forgotten—of Honour, Duty, Patriotism, and, clad in glittering white, the towering pinnacle of Sacrifice, pointing like a rugged finger to Heaven."

—Lloyd George.

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"The only frivolity evident in England to-day is that among the women from overseas who are in London."

"Canada during this war has failed to grasp three things. The first is the gigantic effort which England is making, the new spirit which is permeating the country, and lastly, the dire necessity for more men."

"The slackers are bringing shame on themselves and humiliation on their country. There is everywhere in England the element of sacrifice. Canada knows nothing about it."

—Mrs. R. W. Reford.

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In the reproof of chance lies the true proof of men.

—Mr. Asquith.

REAL ADVANTAGES.

The annual report of the officers and executive committee, presented at the convention of the Civil Service Association of Ottawa, was remarkable for what it left unsaid rather than for what it contained. This remark is not, let it be understood, in condemnation of the report. The document was probably as well prepared as the circumstances permitted of.

The fact is that the most important successes of the Association during the past year were of the sort that cannot be measured in dollars and cents,—nevertheless they were important. President Todd, in addressing the convention, touched upon some notable gains. Chief among them is the evidence that the Government regards the Association as the representative body of the Inside Civil Service. A year or two ago a Minister asked the Association's officers what right they had to claim that they spoke for the whole Service. In reply he was shown a statement of membership that dissolved his doubts.

No such questions are asked now-a-days. When the proposition was made that the Government undertake to collect a contribution from the Civil Service for the Patriotic Fund, those Ministers who knew the Service best replied that it could be trusted to raise its own fund. The Service justified that trust when it promised \$100,000 and raised \$150,000.

Then came the problem of recruiting, and again the Government left it to the Service to act. It was the Association's statement in the press that killed the campaign of misrepresentation on the recruiting question last June.

And not only has the Government more fully recognized the Association but the Association's success in patriotic undertakings has set the Service before the public in a new and most favorable light.