

duce in society; and their zeal for the public good does not render them so active and vigilant in the defence of it as the passions of the factions render them industrious to destroy it, that the just party being thus abandoned by those that are capable of giving some weight, authority and strength to it by their union and concurrence, becomes unable to contend with the audacious and violent enterprises of a few daring innovators."

The most dangerous individual or national condition is when a person or a people is constrained to say "What's the use?"

The spread of this gospel of despair is more dangerous to a state than the projection of theories and practices calculated to undermine society itself.

At a certain stage the erstwhile mad theorist is likely to be met by physical force when he endeavors to put in practice his mad plans. But this agreement in a policy of drift, carries the ship of state not only toward the precipice but over the very brink of Niagara.

Rollin continues:

"To prevent this misfortune, which may be attended by most fatal consequences to a state, Solon judged it proper to force the well affected, by fear of greater inconveniences to themselves, to declare for the just party at the very beginning of seditions, and to animate the spirits and courage of the best citizens, by engaging them in the common danger.

"By this method of accustoming the minds of the people to look upon that man almost as an enemy and a traitor, who should appear indifferent to and unconcerned at the misfortune of the public, he provided the state with a quick and sure resource against the sudden enterprises of wicked and profligate citizens."

What availeth it in the end for Canada that her men folk fought for decency and good order on earth and in sea and sky if we at home unworthily live to lose the things of the spirit for which they contended even unto the death?

Shall the God of Battles shake the very dust of Canada from off His feet because of our indifference? Shall Canadians be altogether worthy in overseas warfare and other Canadians unworthy here?

To have died in vain would be to suffer again the agonies of the hell of war by those great souls who have passed over to a land fairer even than native country.

We have in Hamilton a fine singing organization—the Elgar Choir. A short time ago a programme of rare dignity and excellence was presented in commemoration of those who fell in the Great War.

The Manzoni Requiem by Verdi was given in the great