

courage and endurance. Not once did they fail to rise to heights unsurpassed in any age.

And who but God himself can fitly estimate the patient waiting, the willing service, the devoted sacrifice of our womankind through long days and months and years. When those dearer to them than life itself were facing death in a thousand awful forms they waited, with dread of those bitter tidings that came too often, gripping their heartstrings. They waited and toiled and prayed as they waited.

The thoughts of men are wider because of those long years of battling side by side for a common cause. Those of us, whose lot it was to live by the Western Sea, will not soon forget, nor should any Canadian ever forget that our Western gates were kept safe by the loyal watchfulness of our noble ally Japan. She drove the Germans from Kiao Chau and released a large part of the British fleet to police the highways of commerce and guard the heart of the Empire. What do we not owe for the work done behind the lines by the thousands of patient Chinese and other colored races? On the battlefields of Europe side by side with white men, unnumbered thousands of colored men fought and died, while in Mesopotamia and Egypt and Syria our armies were largely made up of Indian troops.