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the order of the family, the obedience and respect of the family mean everything to the state in peace and even more, if possible, in war. And yet some short-sighted, even politically democratic nations, permit and even seem to encourage divorce. They sow the wind and will reap the whirlwind. The family will decline, as it has done in modern times, and society will soon be no better organized than its unit. One of the great sources of Germany's strength in this war is population, both in numbers and quality. There will always be survival of the fittest, the strongest and the most numerous. Germany knew this. War, I don't think, has any direct bearing on the family. It may have an indirect influence. They say that persecuted peoples always have large families. That would seem to indicate that the married woman has a shrewd political instinct. She must say to herself numbers count. Politics in that case would be the mother of morality. If a whole nation became obsessed with the subconsciousness that they were to govern the world, might not the married woman be that nation's most valuable asset? To keep God's law and nature's law is primarily a moral act. That it were for political purposes in a hazy, ill-defined way would not vitiate the virtue implied. Germans had large families. Did war do that? Were the majority of the nation Galilean in their morals? The savants and war lords openly repudiated the "Sermon on the Mount" as emasculating and effeminate.

All the while since 1870 the French publicists were aware of what was happening—the Germans were forging ahead in numbers and they were falling behind. The hammers and blasts of Essen could always be distinctly heard in Paris and every Frenchman had a picture turned toward the wall of his imagination, called Sedan. These things made him anxious and fretful and consequently he set busily about doing something. That something was to improve the birth rate and impede the death rate. The death rate was kept in as good control as anywhere else, for the French are scientific and sanitary. But the family! That was and is the sore spot. I should not so odiously segregate the French in this matter for it is said the immigration into the United States is responsible for any increase they can count. Parts of Canada suffer from race suicide. Quebec alone is the land where the laws of God and man are kept in this regard. If persecution increases the family, it may be asked will war have the same effect? The motive makes the morals. An increase solely with this end in view would be non-moral but it would be natural. And where the natural laws are implicitly obeyed morals and religion will also almost by concomitance flourish. As any morals worth while, family or individual, are religious having