

with all the people of the King's Dominions, were prepared, and are still prepared, to do their duty in this war to the end. It has already had profound influence upon our people, and it must continue in all the years to come to have perhaps an even more profound influence. I have seen in hospitals and in convalescent homes hundreds, thousands, of my own countrymen who had come across the Atlantic at the call of duty, who had gone beyond the Channel to discharge the highest duty of a citizen to his country, who had offered themselves for the supreme sacrifice if necessary, and who had fought in a splendid comradeship with men from these islands, from India, and from all the Overseas Dominions.

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“What will be the outlook of these men, what the outlook of the men from these islands after the war is over? They will come back, surely, realizing that, while this Empire has been called in the past the greatest human agency for good that the world has ever known, yet it may have in the future still higher and greater opportunities for service to the world, and they will come back inspired with the desire that those great responsibilities will be fulfilled. They will come back, further, conscious that in these great events in the world's greatest theatre of action they have played no inconspicuous part, and they will realize—I am speaking of the men from our Dominion—that in the contact of nations in the great events of to-day they have demonstrated, not only to you in this Mother-country, but to all the Allied nations and to the world at large, that Canada has raised herself to the full rank and dignity of nationhood in every worthy way.