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Our Dicastors.

Not the least among the many causes that are tending to wards the slow-but we fear cortain-disintegration of the Empire is the mingled apathy and discord at its heart. The first the raphic despatch is allowed ever and always to be fornished through the columns of the press of a people who hate There is no use trying to gloss over the fact - every disaster is magnified, every social or public scandal intensified, Irish disloyalty, rebellion, murder and outrage are called by noble names, and we-poor colonists are sick at hears watching the paralysis creeping over the heart of the mother we love and try to respect.

Such is the terrible news that reaches us, mail after mail, of drifting in Ireland, disaster in Asia and Africa! Those among us who have long served the Empire (with the usual fato that attends far off or colonial service) can see, perhaps, more clearly than those who are blinded by petty squabbles for place and power that one might expect only in the most degraded of midoval or modern republics. There is not even the vim that brings a final issue by translating words to deeds. Half-an-hour's after dinner chat with a Downing Street despot, or an autocratic clerk of the War Office, sends a soldier of the Empire home to his lodgings sick at heart, to wonder how long is crass repronance to continue to rule said pull the wires behind the fugzy parliamentary politicians who can't control their own debates 2. Prince Albert-the once much abused, now much lauded—said one thing, at least, that has stuck in the minds of all shipking men. About a quarter of a century ago be said: "Parliamentary government is on its trial." Is there any one but the parliamentary platitudinarians of England and their bribed constituents who think the trial has not been a failure? The professional agitators of Ireland of course appreciate a system too feeble to stop their treeson talk by disgraph to be appropriately to a street that registering, in the

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franchisement! Disfranchise Ireland for five years and you stop the trade of the Irish professional demagogue for ever. Alas! for poor old Carlyle, the Puritan prophet, the last to call a spade a spade ! we heeded him not, and he is gone to his rest to be delivered from a perverse and blathering generation he had warned in vain to flee from the wrath to come.

But to turn from our civil governors to our soldier-leaders. Of soldiers is demanded by their fellow citizens but one virtue where only one is asked, at least it should be gonuine. Truth, unswerving self-destroying truth in word and deal if need be, we ask of the soldier, call it honor, duty, anything you will, it is but one and the same virtue. Physical courage every healthy man has, or should have it. We cannot hope to rise superior to the Zulu or our own fierce Norse forefithers in contempt of that warrior death which an eleminate christianity has taught us not to desire in a liturgy which bide us pray to be delivered from "sudden death." The greatest been to see king of old or savage of to-day. How can we expect from the puny, town bred boy conscripts of hunger, the steadiness of men of the old pre-eminently phlegmatic English type when opposed to the colonial descondants of the kindred Dutch with whom we long contended for that empire of the seas which steam has taken from us? But how are our soldier-leaders responsible for our disasters? Because in its simplest form they have neglect. ed their duty to speak and write the truth-when they-feel called upon to do either. No soldier but one, an obscure subaltern of artillery in a prize essay for the Uziled Service Institution in London, dared to strike the key note of the cause of our disester which is simply that Luglishmen of to-day have 🥙 not the courage to accept conscription. To try short service without conscription is to build an arch without the The popular soldier-leaders whose reputation keystone. has perhaps too much depended on special press correspondents, have not teld the people of Englandthat in modern was there is to alternative but conscription to maintain national independence or avoid disaster. No soldieris bound to speak or write, (for his own interest let him do neither;) but if hi does speak as a soldier he is bound to exercise the one solitary virtue his fellow citizens demand of him, i.e., to speak or write the truth—the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

"By conscriptive .. not meant that the British professional man, tradesman, artisar or peasant chould be taken from his home or shop for long years of Asiatic. or African service. For England's Indian service there should be a long service professional soldier with a good.... pension in prospect, a revival of the Indianarmy of officers sind, men who will learn to lead, serve and sympathize with our warlike native races. Human life is too short to make an Anglo-Indian soldier in less than a life-time, and the life of an Empire is too short to sacrifice its safety to either taking care of Doubsor fostering radical fads. . This long service voluntary army, composed of Englishmen, Canadians, Australians and warlike races of our American, Asiatic, and African Empire, and should be available in Europe, America Asia or Africa as emergency may demand. Lord Beaconsheld's 10,6. Asiatics transferred to Malta, was only what a every intelligent subaltern who had ever served in India was always expecting to be put in force, wondering why it was notice done before.