

dawn will be changed into darkness and gloom if our young manhood prove unequal to the emergency. There must be a rising standard of *personal responsibility* in our Canadian homes (to quote a splendid war article in a Church paper) if our Empire and overseas Dominions are to survive and do their work. We cannot afford to nourish men who "would rather be live cowards than dead heroes" or women who "love their brothers better than their country." There is no room for them; they are the people who are throwing upon the willing ones the burden of duties which they themselves are refusing to perform. It is because in our British voluntary system the sense of public duty is so strong—so strong in our leaders—so strong among the truly educated—so strong in many sections of the working population—that the Empire stands where it does to-day. But the men who would "rather be live cowards than dead heroes," the women who "love brothers, sons, husbands better than country," better than Empire, better than humanity, better than GOD—who are satisfied to shelter themselves or to let their sons shelter behind the toil and sacrifice of other men, to let other men defend the precious things of life—these constitute the weakness, the burden of free systems—and these, if in sufficient numbers will threaten and may eventually compass their repeal, and that means *conscription*. We Canadians are no cowards; we are true men—we possess alike the will and the power both to defend our land, and to do our share in defending all that is at stake in this war. But *every individual* is called to