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An Appeal

Upon the fields of Flanders, and the Plains of Italy,
Brothers! at this dire moment there is waged titanic strife,
Nearly every stream in Europe now runs red unto the sea
From hills, war-tramped, where Freedom is sore struggling for
her life.

And we were happy, happy lads at home but yesterday
With bat and ball, with oar and rod, with song and feast and
mirth;
War's challenge made us men at once, and broke the charm of Play,
And here we'll die ere Freedom shall be driven from the Earth.

Ah! some will see the fourth Yule-tide dawn to the roar of guns;
For those who lie 'neath folded hills we cannot wait to weep;
And we—Freedom's last citadel—must face the furious Huns,
And on the frontiers of the world appointed vigils keep.

Then Brothers! can you wonder that in mud and rain we ask,
When, in the lull of firing, we wipe our smoky brow;
"O! where in all the future will you find a grander task,
Where will a year of man's short life count more than here and
now?"

—Alexander Louis Fraser,

Westminster Manse, Smith's Falls, Ontario

Political Religion the Enemy of Freedom

The lengths to which British leaders have gone to establish friendly relations with the American people have often disgusted the people of this country who knew that to go cap in hand seeking favor could only result in adding contempt to hostility. It is a curious and astonishing fact that even now when the two nations are in the fighting line together the government of the United States must walk very circumspectly in its dealings with Great Britain on account of a powerful political element in the former country whose hatred of the British almost exceeds their patriotism. It was, therefore, a daring proceeding even for the publishers of a magazine to present to the American people such a fine and timely piece of voluntary propaganda as is the current issue of the "World's Work" magazine. Practically the whole number is devoted to an appreciation of Great Britain and the various writers bear testimony to the fair, tolerant and just spirit which marks the dealings of the British in their own government, in international relations, and in their control of subject races