Gower Street Church Memorial Service.

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a soldier trained? Britain was asleep. mercy on mankind." ty of Belgium. So too did Germany, for Homeland or for Motherland. eration had dreamed of. In that cru- ness, of which perhaps even those none more strong or more powerful eration had dreamed of. In that cru-ness, of which perhaps even those none more strong or more powerful sence lack; sade peaceful civilians joined hand most near akin had seldom dreamed, for good than those who have passed We see them muster in and heart with men of war. Gentle Religion finds interpretation in many through the furnace of affliction, and rogatives, not merely content, but in- ing is that of duty recognised and The problems of war they have met We find in our dull road their shining pire found her soul, and it shone in as these an American poet writes, as peace are insistent and increasing. It is a new world in which the Empire where the purity and the majesty of its he contemplates the offering of the is a new world in which the Empire where the first months of final sacrifice.

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They came transfigured back.

Secure from change in their high-hearted ways,

Beautiful average and with the rays. sistent to serve and suffer. The Em- duty performed. Of gallant lads such and solved; but the problems of

floated proudly to the breeze, so was

Yes, the Empire found her soul in

again, bid defiance to advancing hosts an impossible gulf gaped cruelly bet- and whose example they followed It has been said that amid the hor- were powdered into dust by engines ween the nations. Only by sacrifice giving theirs for their kinsfolk War the Nation found her soul. If poleonic days. The cry of the ravish- nation find salvation. From every- race. There are many the most tremendous military mach- try, and for nations, de led and not accomplished. For them there of the War ine the world has ever witnessed, violated by an arrogant, unmoral and are other battles to fight, other ser- World War, far gree What hope was there for the Nation, ambitious people who at the behest, vices to render. It is theirs, who have costly in human life.

shining swords and grim artillery, country, love of justice, hatred of op- war. That sacrifice is the essence of nations liberties by the service of cen-Europe? Was not Sparta arrayed ced from a ouickened conscience? against Athens once more? The blood Undoubtedly all contributed. The ones of Beaumont of the British breed had become as spirit of adventure was also there, the Le Preux. water, and victory was to be had for spirit that has made possible the Na- Not infrequently are seen in the servation, but to those who fought

"scraps of paper" what likelihood to ed city, from village, farm or Em- vices, the navy, the army, or the forher undertaking? And even if the na- the army; as our own boys came from theirs, so, to, in service. To dissothe hosts of Thor? The answer came homes of the rich of the shingled and to those who rendered it so fearnot Britain alone, but Britain over- tude wondered, at the readiness of vice of high resolve, of strong conhot blood of righteous anger surged, days of enlistment witnessed many a to aid the weak; of the brave to inwomen forgot her privileges and pre- ways, and one of the most convinc- emerged purified and ennobled.

Yes. the Empire found her soul in 1914, God grant she may not lose it We do not know if bygone knightly old ones, there are new forces to aid dom a benediction.

frequently or more literally than in have fought the good fight, have I from the blue came the World War. | mortality pro

years of peace had acted as a sopor- large in courage, strong in faith and in the glory of the sacrifice. Thous- and anger which seared the Nation's ofic on the national conscience. The indomitable in purpose, heard the cry ands of her sons demonstrated that heart when gallant Beigium was rapprosperity of half a century had es and answered. There were no dis- the spirit of the young Roman patriot ed and ravaged. Britain had nothing union and little of selfseeking then, was theirs. Into the horrible chasm to gain when she entered the lists of that was weakening the national Life's lesser issues were forgotten. of cruel war they plunged; gentlemen August 4th, 1914. She had much to fibre. Britain, said her enemies, was One great, overpowering influence unafraid, warriors undismayed. Some lose and has lost much. But she had decadent; fed with fat things, she seemed to smother all that was base, of them emerged scratchless, others her honour to maintain, that incrour had forgotten fortitude, and having ignoble or triung. The young man-bearing the scars of the conflict on pledged to Belgium and the world. forgotten, had lost it. The coming of hood of the Island, chafing at discip"The Day," long looked for, long preline's imperative delays, awaited with pared for by an iron nation whose eagerness the hour when on flood or main engulfed in the womb of earth God was force, and whose religion fields theirs it should be to succour or sea, and among them, these whose interureted by the craving for world the oppressed, and as their forefath- memory we honor and reverence to- ell's dominion, was hailed with confidence ers had done throughout the centur- day. Those who went and returned vard University has found frequen by Germany, which proudly boasted les, fight valiantly for King and Coun- wrought valorously. Their work is echo in the past

of shop-keepers, and the contemp- of their pagan rulers were content led so gloriously in the combat of of Emancipation. tible army, when faced with the mil- to wade through slaughter to world arms, to lead by example, by effort vines and fig trees, none daring to lions of a people whose every son was dominion, and to "shut the gates of and by precept in the forward march make us afraid; we enjoy the protect toward the reconstruction which can ion of the British flag, a synonym for The warnings of Lord Roberts and a With that willingness the youth of only be attained by the exercise, in freedom; we live in a Christian land, few whose visions pierced the veil those earlier war years enlisted be- the paths of peace, of that spirit of each free to wors of official friendship that hid from the neath the Nation's Banners- What citizenship which made its possessions to his conscience and his eyes of an unsuspecting people the was it that impelled them? Love of so great and glorious in the days of seem aright.

had been disregarded. Who should pression. insistence on right, that faithful service is a trite saying, but turies. stand against the war lords of mid-sense of duty that can never be divor- it is as true to-day as in the far off

the taking. What though Britain tion's greatness. When that spirit public press advertisements calling In Lowell's words,stood pledged to maintain the integri- disappears the day of decay will dawn ex-service men together. True our Twas they won it, sword in hand. veterans are no longer attached to Making the nettle danger soft If national pledges to her were but As the millions flocked from crowd- one or the other of the three great ser-Britain, wholly unprepared, fulfilling pire's outpost, to swell the ranks of ces of the air, but so long as life is, tional honor was placed first, what office, shop and factory, from fishing clate themselves from that is to miswould her little army avail against boat and carpenter's bench, from the interpret life. Service begets service "Tis on August 4th, 1914. Britain, true to cottages around our wind-swept coast, lessly and faithfully in the long years tradition, placed honor before all, and have we not in admiration and grati- of war, the World is looking for ser- Virtue treads seas. Through the veins of sons of their response and the splendid pur- viction and of warmest sympathies in the Rose and Thistle, the Shamrock pose that inspired it? War may de- the long years of peace. It is the and the Leek, wherever found, the grade, but it oft ennobles, and the privilege and the duty of the strong and within a week was launched a re-birth, of hope and happiness, and spire with courage the timorous; of crusade greater than this or any gen- many an evidence of an inward great- the victor to help the vanquished and

lowed. Never in the histroy of the soul before Sour;

Empire have more glorious pages been written, and on them are enrolled the names of old and young, of rich and poor, of the humble and the great.

Yes, the Empire found her soul in the many not know how fared your have arisen. The best energies and have arisen. The best energies and the brightest intellects are being tax-ed and tested. At times men's hearts almost fall them because of complex-read many a tear must have fallen, many a heart have been recorded.

As it was with the dear old Mother

Lands, the large Dominions, and the nore isolated places of the earth over which the meteor flag of Britain

floated proudly to the breeze so was

strain

Impelled you then, or blood of humble clod

Defied the dread adventure to attain

The cross of honor or the peace of which the meteor flag of Britain

God.

Strain

Impelled you then, or blood of humble clod

Impelled you then, or blood of humble clod

The dread adventure to attain

The cross of honor or the peace utmost limit of life could have taught pily not that of the Christian, nor is it with our own loved island. Small end range and small our influence, and ye not so. If the overlordship of the seas is the Empire's, on the Banks of Newfoundland and on her rugged shores were the season in the season in bricks, the school-ly exercised by those who speak his name. Yet amid sorrow and heart-

ore. Then seemed to be torn aside none is more eloquent than that of he veil between the known and the Mettus Curtius. The story is familiaden. Men peered anxiously and liar. Jupiter, incensed, hurled a lier aspirations and the evolution of limiting the peered anxiously and liar.

mighty thunderbolt into the city. In a healthier and happier race. The the Forum a great gulf was riven, work of the World War Veterans has Alarm was everywhere. The sooth-not ended. It has but commenced sayers were consulted and the ans- May his virtues achieve for him in the

ead, say the legend, and Rome was hood on the altar of their country Suddenly the earth was rent in twain, dered His life a sacrifice for the World, of destruction undreamed of in Na- could the gulf be bridged, and the for the wronged and wretched of the by this is implied that throughout ed land ascended and met ready re- where within the Empire came its the recent war men would fain forget these years all that was best and chivalrous and most brave in Mother- zenship, like Mettus Curtius to plunge God forbid that the curtain of obligiven expression in selgfishness and land or Britain overseas. Our own within the horrid gap for the savings vion should ever fall, and amongs service the saying is true. Long loved land, small in numbers, but of the peoples. Newfoundland shared, these the mighty fiame of indignation

This morning ours is the privilege

For never shall their aureoled pre-

With ever-youthful brows that nobler

if new problems have been added to afresh. Thand God grief is not sel-

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