

for on the triumph of that cause the world's future destiny rests.

You, Gentlemen of the Press, will go to France. You will see our men and you will go back to the people of Canada with a message of courage and confidence. The nearer you go to the front the higher the confidence you will find. The nearer you go to the front the stronger determination will you meet that this war should be fought to a finish, the clearer conviction will you encounter that all our sacrifice and effort will have been absolutely in vain unless we drive out of the hearts of the German people the thought that force shall supersede right in the world's affairs and that Germany or any other nation can dominate the free democracies of the world. That is the spirit of the message which you will bring back to Canada from the men at the front who went forth freely, voluntarily and splendidly to fight the battles of Canada, of the Empire and of the world in the highest and most far-reaching cause for which humanity has ever yet taken up arms. I know you will bid them God-speed in every effort that lies before them. There may be a sterner test than any we have yet undergone, but I for one am supremely confident that the men of our Empire, whether of these Islands or of the Dominions, will endure that test as we would have them do. So it behooves us at home, holding as it were the second battle line of our country, to see to it that these men have that support, that whole-hearted full support to which their splendid efforts, their willing sacrifice and their high courage absolutely entitle them. And so with every pride in their glorious achievements, with every confidence that their courage and determination will uplift them in the future and maintain their effort to the end, I ask you to drink to the health of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

**A SPEECH AT LONDON, ENGLAND, JULY 31,
1918. (1)**

During the past six weeks Ministers from the self-governing Dominions and representatives of India have been sitting with members of the British Government in the Imperial War Conference, engaged in the consideration of many important questions of common concern. The results

(1) On July 31, 1918, Sir Robert Borden was the guest at a luncheon given by Sir Robert Perks, Bart., and attended by a large number of Methodist laymen. In response to a toast he spoke as above.