

the peoples of the allied nations lead us to believe that behind the awful cloud that hangs like a black pall not only over the blood-stained fields of Europe but throughout the whole civilized world there is a silver lining that presages the incoming of an age of lasting peace. This encourages us to hope that the travail through which humanity is now passing will result in the downfall of the brutal doctrine that might is right, and the establishment of confidence, respect and eventually regard between all the nations of the earth. If this be the result then our present sufferings, great as they are, will not have been endured in vain.

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“In the long vista of the years to roll,  
Let me not see my country's honour fade;  
Oh! let me see our land retain her soul:  
Her pride in freedom, and not freedom's shade.”

—Keats.

