

Canada that our duties have not yet ended to those countries in whose service and for whose liberation from militarism and from the oppression of might we set out to secure. But is the whole crusade over? Once the Armistice was signed and the Peace ratifications have been passed, is there then nothing left to do to fulfil the purposes for which we crossed the seas? Certainly we did not cross the seas from lust of conquest, from the desire for gain; neither your country nor mine had the least thing, in territory, in added wealth, in anything of the material benefit to be gained from the war that was waged and from the consequences of that war which bore so heavily upon us all. Neither do I think we went across the seas merely to tear the crown from the Kaisers of middle Europe and throw them in the dust. We went to end the reign of might, acting through militarism, which bound and crippled the peoples of middle Europe and which threatened the peace and prosperity of the world. That is what we went for. The thing is not accomplished for which we set out; the goal of the crusade has not been reached; the work has not been carried to its completion if we simply overthrow militarism and leave anarchy to take its place, if we simply liberate people and then after a war of four or five years, which takes from them so much of their strength, and so much of the virile qualities necessary to maintain and to build up new countries and new powers, we leave them crippled and maimed. There are yet the weak to be strengthened; there are yet the feeble who require the guiding hand and helpful arm put about them, and, it seems to me, that our work has not been finished until we bring about that consummation for which we set out,—if we had any excuse for setting out at all in that great crusade of which I have just spoken.

Now, whatever we may say, I think we are all agreed in this conclusion: That the day has passed when any one nation