

tion of the fact of there being a Supreme Being who overrules the destinies of the nations, and controls the issue of the present conflict.

The Lieutenant-Governor of each Province represents the King therein. The King is the Sovereign of a nation which professes the Christian religion, and Christianity is part of the law of the land (see ante Vol. 51, pp. 385, 474). The King is also recognised and styled the "Defender of the Faith," that is defender of the religious belief of this Christian nation.

This being so, surely it is becoming that any Proclamation from such a source should, when the occasion is appropriate, publicly recognise the existence and sovereignty of the Supreme Being who, "by the Grace of God," gives delegated powers to His Majesty the King and indirectly to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor. Surely the occasion is appropriate; and one cannot read the Proclamation without a feeling that when it deals with such an anniversary and with a war, the most stupendous in the history of the world, and which has wrought such awful havoc and killed so many of Ontario's sons, it should have some reference to Him who said: "Oh that My people had hearkened unto Me, and had walked in My ways; I should soon have subdued their enemies and turned My hand against their adversaries." There is no such recognition in this Proclamation. Its language, from a merely patriotic and recruiting point of view, is excellent; but it is not what the occasion demands. It misses the mark. God is carefully left out, and the appeal for victory is hoped for as a result of the devotion and patriotism of men. No Christian people can afford to leave God out, and as the Proclamation comes from the governmental head of a great Province of the Empire, that Province as a unit leaves Him out.

Those who think as we do are in good company, and we quote the name of no high ecclesiastic, no sentimental woman, when we refer to the names of men known to warlike fame, the bravest of the brave, stern, hard-hitting soldiers such as Have-lock, Stonewall Jackson, Gordon, Lord Roberts, and last, but not least, Sir David Beatty. These did not leave God out, and they were honoured for their faith. If the nation followed their example by a humble recognition of the God of Battles, peace would ere this have been signed at the point of the bayonet at the City of Berlin.

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"When England can look out on the future with humbler eyes and a prayer on her lips, then we can begin to count the days towards the end."—Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, K.C.B.