

"We should have covered ourselves with dishonour and betrayed the interests of our country if we had accepted it. We are entitled to say for our country that we have made every effort for peace, and that war has been forced upon our country.

"The Government is confident that the nation is unsheathing the sword in a just cause. We are fighting, firstly, to fulfil international obligations which, if entered into by private individuals no self-respecting man could have repudiated, and, secondly, to vindicate the principle that small nations were not to be crushed in defiance of international good faith at the arbitrary will of a strong and over-mastering power."

The Dominion of Canada joins hands with the other Dominions and dependencies of the Empire, to help the Motherland with men and money. The feeling of this country in that respect may be best expressed by the words of the Governor-General of Canada to the Imperial Government:—

"My advisers, while expressing their most earnest hope that a peaceful solution of existing international difficulties may be achieved and their strong desire to co-operate in every possible way for that purpose, wish to convey to his Majesty's Government the firm assurance that if, unhappily, war should ensue, the Canadian people will be united in a common resolve to put forth every effort and to make every sacrifice necessary to ensure the integrity and maintain the honour of our Empire."

Our King asks his people that in entering into this contest we should be "United, calm, resolute and trusting in God." The words are weighty and well chosen. The attitude of the Empire wherever flies the "Meteor flag of England" shews that his people are responding. We trust our King and he trusts us, and we all trust in "the God of our Fathers and of each succeeding race."

GOD SAVE THE KING.