

strong to describe this awful tyranny, which holds millions in a shameful bondage and inflicts upon them unknown miseries of body and soul. The guilt of such sin cries to high heaven. It is an outrage on human nature, a crime against the love of God, an impious revolt against the Divine majesty. It is committed by those who decorate with a cross the vile perpetrators of war's most dreadful issues, and thus it dishonors Him who died upon the cross of Calvary for the redemption of men.

(1) The **sin of Germany** is plain—"For a nation to repudiate national morality, as Germany has done in word and deed, is to take up arms against the Kingdom of God ; it is to organize civilization in the service of the Kingdom of Evil ; it is to sin the sin against mankind, which God has given mankind the office to arrest and to judge, if there be international duty at all." (P. T. Forsyth, "The Christian Ethics of War," p. 111.)

(2) The **sin of modern civilization**, as represented by Great Britain, France, Canada and the United States of America, as well as by Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey, is no less obvious. War is not waged with bayonet and cannon only, nor are its victims only the mangled forms that lie out in "no man's land." There is war in the body politic ; and the forces, which produce economic and social strife, are precisely those which have devastated Belgium and Serbia, and are draining the treasure and blood of France and England. All the nations are sinners alike in this respect. The peace they enjoyed before the war was a covering spread over fiercest internecine strife. The "will to power," the "claim to world-power," the cynical selfishness, the brutal disregard of the rights and interests of others, the oppression that condemns multitudes to minister to the greed and lust of the dominant class ; and the wrongs that we justly condemn and loathe on the part of the German "war lords" have their analogues in the social system which we ourselves, even the most pacifically-minded, form a part. These sins the war is judging ; and those guilty of them are being judged before the impartial bar of history, and being sentenced by the dread arbitrament of the sword. Canada is involved in this sin, and is being comprehended in this judgment. We have sinned as a people. As a people we are paying the price. The war reverberates in our ears the call to national repentance. We have to repent of our selfishness, our love of money, our greed of pleasure, our commercial dishonesty, our political corruption, our social falsehoods, our want of a sense of honor, our neglect of public duty, our intense individualism, our bitter class feelings, our hypocrisy, unconscious as well as conscious, the orthodoxy