

the humiliation was understood there, or for what cause it was felt. But this I may affirm: viz., that it was either right or wrong for our mother country to enter on this strife. It did not come into her borders. She went out to meet it. Did she recognise Duty in the act, or did she not? I believe she did, and I believe that her going out to the Crimea was a noble national sacrifice on the altar of national Duty. She entered into solemn covenant, moreover, not to aggrandise herself, be the result what it might. So far, then, as taking part in the war is concerned, I see no reason for humiliation. That costly armament, and that great expedition, which left her shores for distant seas and foreign climes was a national offering on the behalf of the Right as against the Wrong. Viewed in this light, it has moral worth and moral dignity. Viewed in any other light, the whole proceeding was, and must still remain, indefensible. Canada has already connected herself to some extent with that offering by a money vote through her legislature. And if the sacred cause of Right should clearly require the sacrifice on the part of Britain to be prolonged, Canada should not stop with one such offering, nor two, nor ten. If the cause in which our mother country is engaged, be, as I hold it to be, the cause of human freedom and progress, then we ought to sustain her devoutly — by our prayers, generously — by our purse. Thus linking together the inseparable twain — Faith and Works.

Connected with the conduct of this war, however, there may be, and there is, cause for national humiliation. There is no longer any doubt of the gross incompetence of many persons officially connected with it, to meet the demands of the time, and the exigencies of their position.