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To the women who, having magnified love and duty, that their country's honour may be exalted, await the dread issue with sublime courage; and, by their sacrifice for the Empire, inspire their representatives in the field, and set an example to all who are not privileged to bear arms.

CONSIDER THESE THINGS

QUESTION OF QUESTIONS.

TWO dames, in days when orthodoxy was in flower, were discussing the new doctrine of the larger hope which would remove everlasting torment from the calendar of mercy. It seemed a frightful innovation; so very upsetting to all the ideas about God's love which had descended from ana-baptist days.

"Well, my dear," said the elder, "let us hope it isn't true; and if it should really be true, we must do our best to hush it up."

One feels a little like that after reading the unpleasant sentence from Peter McArthur which Mr. Dudley has used in "The Recruit." It is a disconcerting, even a terrible sentence:—"Even though our national destiny is involved in this war, there seems to be a growing apathy."

Of course, no man can speak for more than the area in which he hears; and it may be that Mr. McArthur is mistaken, anyway. His saying induces a desire to hear from everywhere what the private

and public temper really is. Everything, surely, is comprehensible in the answer to the question, "What is the attitude of young men towards enlisting for the front?"

FOR THE BELGIANS.

THERE is a timely intention to form a Propaganda Committee for Belgian Relief Work in Canada. It was never likely that the rush of money and materials for the stricken people would be maintained in mid-winter at the pace of the early fall, when resentment against the Germans blended so novelly with sympathy for the Belgians.

Certain of the exceedingly prudent sort remind us that we have troubles of our own. It will not help the out-of-work in Ontario to tell him that the Belgians are worse off than he is. But, after all, there is a public purse to which the Ontarian has right of access.

The Belgians have no appeal that the law would enforce—which makes their persistent claim upon our morals all the