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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.

## NOTICE TO PAY

**T**HE Budget recalls a picture of the end of a numerous family's excellent lunch at a hotel. Father was scrutinizing the bill. The family was scrutinizing father, whose mien did not suggest grace after meat. Even the waiter was interested. The notice to pay had more in it than father cared to discuss before the whole family, much as he desired to express his ideas. Notice to pay is a sequence of the enthusiasm for the war which begot innumerable street parades last August.

### Only An Instalment.

Finance Minister White stands where the waiter stood; but he has only said, "Would you like to see an instalment of the bill? Can you let me have something on account?" Being asked out loud for something on account the family's attention is likely to be absorbed by that aspect of its situation, rather than by the items which constitute the account.

Most people when they ask your opinion of the budget are thinking only of the new taxes. A war is on, and unaccustomed, direct taxes are proposed which everybody can feel before they are in operation. As the

taxes come after the war we at once call them war taxes, and dwell upon the tremendous sacrifices we are making for the Empire. Discussion turns upon the wisdom of this or that impost as a device for getting the sum the tax is expected to produce.

We forget the fundamental in the detail. From the point of view of nourishing the national spirit for enduring all that the war entails, this is a deceptive mental process. It tends to neglect of the essentials of the situation which belong to every man, woman and child who posts a letter, or buys a railway ticket, or purchases a necessary of life.

### Blame It on the War.

It is not fair to say that because none of the new taxes will help pay for the soldiers we send to Europe the taxes are therefore not war taxes at all. If the war had not come the financial situation, grievous as it was, might not have compelled the sort of taxes that now confront us.

But if we are honest—which is the only way to be patriotic—we cannot disregard the fact that the war is being blamed officially and privately for things for which it is not responsible.