

## War and Agriculture

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THE cry of the people of Europe is "give us bread and give us peace." Even America, a continent famous for its agriculture and its great natural resources, is beginning to feel the strain in the present crisis.

The war lords, in pursuit of their so-called culture, countenance and uphold the most atrocious and ungodly crimes! How different from agriculture, the most peaceful occupation on

The farmer feeds the world. Commerce is built upon and nourished by Agriculture.

War has revolutionized the economic world. What once seemed essential industries have been curtailed by war time measures, and those that were looked upon with indifference now bulk largely in the public view. In this respect war has been a mighty sifter of the industrial world.

Out of this readjustment of the national industries, Agriculture—the occupation once scorned by our cleverest men—has climbed to her real place of respect and honor, and the farmer, as well as the soldier—once scorned by their fellow-men—are now receiving the homage of all classes. They have been transferred from an insignificant role to one of dignity and honor.

Agriculture at the present time is held in very high esteem by the public. The Prime Minister of our Province is also our Minister of Agriculture—an honor never given to any other industry or profession in the history of politics. He assumed the power that he might better assist and serve so essential a calling as agriculture. At no time in the history of Agriculture has so much space been devoted by our newspapers to the discussion of the farmers' problems.

The war has caused the greatest honor possible to be paid to this College by the Government, a compliment that makes all graduates and undergraduates proud of it. Our President was made Commissioner of Agriculture, and the different members of our staff have been asked to assist the various departments in solving many of their weightiest problems. This makes us



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earth; where success is marked by the degree in which the farmer follows out the universal laws of God and Nature. Still, war and agriculture—so widely different—are closely connected and have many things in common.

Commerce needs military and naval protection, but it also needs agriculture to sustain it. What could our army in the field or our great army of workers do without proper food and clothing?