

shrink from the sacrifice which the stern needs of the time demand from us. No life, surely, can be just the same during this war as it was before it. We are forced to postpone mere personal concerns in the face of public duty, and to lift our eyes to the wider horizons which now, thunder-riven, are presented to our view. It is sad, no doubt, to see our sons going across the sea, and to know that, in all likelihood, some will not return. But it would be far sadder to risk the loss, or even the transient interruption of the blessings which we have come to regard as our inalienable birthright; IT WOULD BE FAR SADDER IF, ONE BY ONE, THE LIGHTS OF LIBERTY WENT OUT AROUND THE WORLD.

No good purpose can be served by depreciating our enemies. I daresay that many Germans, at heart, oppose the mailed arrogance which caused this strife, and sigh for the old days when "Kultur" was culture, and not its monstrous travesty. But while we have something better to do than indulge in wholesale abuse, or gratuitous suspicions, the fact remains that, as far as we are aware,

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in striking the present blow. It has been long meditated, and for years the most systematic and skilful preparations have been made for it. We may not be in a mood just now to take lessons from Germany, but the madness of her colossal egotism and false ambition has, at least, called forth her utmost energies, has stirred her citizens, both men and women, to contribute something to the common task, and has inspired a reckless disregard of sacrifice. Surely if what we believe is a bad cause thus commands the zeal of a whole people, shall we, who believe