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have outlined an extreme case, you say. Certainly; because I wanted it to strike you. But, gentlemen, it is a perfectly possible case; and while it is possible I submit that the people of England in mass can never be expected to realize that the Individual Citizen's Duty in Defence actually demands further care on his part than the payment of rates and the occasional cheering of a passing body of soldiers.

And it is not by any means clear what course the Government ought to adopt who has glimmerings of dissatisfaction with this state of affairs. It is not so infinitely understood track for him to follow, though there may be half a dozen possible ones. The sad fact is that the one of them he is conscious of, and, not simply of sharing the common delusions, and taking his just share in the responsibility, but, on the contrary, of saddling himself gratuitously with a responsibility far heavier than the work of stepping aside from the common highway. He is penalized for having a more sensitive conscience than his fellows, and for being in the race with his fellow-citizens for the prize of success he is handicapped by what many of his fellow-citizens regard as a rather unbecomingly quixotic and rather cranky view of his responsibilities.

It would be foolish for me to attempt to speak for such a company as this regarding the practical value of our military strength of a condition which would be a condition for every one of our citizens' Duty in Defence. This is a condition, are, doubtless, far better informed upon this military point than I can be. We have all heard the verdicts of the authorities upon our existing defence, and may add (with special reference to Sir George White's Memorandum to the Report of the War Commission), that the grave dangers attaching to our lack of any system of national military education. I make no attempt, therefore, to deal with the military aspect of the

Woe-go do people with a wide range of occupation will find themselves of voluntary military training. Many millions of people, on the other hand, with little or no choice of occupation, will never avail themselves of voluntary training. The sturdy, brave, honorable, conscientious, and well-advised people will not avail themselves of the opportunity of undergoing such training in order to fit themselves for the defense of their country. The gentlemen, at this militancy necessarily consists of the measure of those least in need of all that military training has to teach; those least in need of discipline, those least likely to be influenced by a sense of duty. And those of the more conscientiously kind, these are penalized under any voluntary training—Mr. Haldane's or any other—for the ignorance of the military and the lack of their fellow-citizens. Upon their shoulders the whole danger is laid. They perforce spare with the rest the dangers of unpreparedness and want of military training, and are left behind the rest of their spontaneous patriotism they will leave in return for give their time and energies to military training and conscientious competitors in the race after material property have left them behind at the starting-place.