

HYMN FOR AUGUST 4, 1915

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Tune—"Rest." B.C.P. 445.

ONE YEAR OF WAR

I.

One year of War! Thy chastening blow
Comes to its close to-day,
And Thou, O LORD our GOD dost know
The bitterness of warfare's woe,
Whose end seems far away.

II.

One year of War! O GOD the loss
Of these appalling hours!
Borne down beneath the heavy cross,
Earth's pleasures seem to turn to dross
For these sad hearts of ours.

III.

One year of War! GOD soothe the strain
And struggle of these days,
Blot out the strife, and ease the pain,
Accept our sacrifice to gain
The favour of Thy praise.

IV.

One year of War! LORD, may we learn
Thy chastening rod to see,
In this war-judgement to discern
Thy will, that we to Thee should turn,
More loyal be to Thee.

V.

One year of War! dear Prince of Peace,
Bring to an end this strife:
Make hate and cruelty to cease,
From Death and Hell grant us release,
And bring us all to Life. Amen.

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