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## EDITORIAL.

### THE UNCHANGING RESOLVE OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

Three messages stand out amongst those delivered on the fourth anniversary of the entrance of the British Empire into the War; that of his Majesty the King to the Heads of Allied countries, that of the Bishop of London, representative of the Church, delivered at the morning service, on Sunday, at St. Paul's to the great congregation which filled the Cathedral to the doors, and that of the Prime Minister, representative of the State, delivered in sealed packets and read on Saturday evening to audiences in the theatres and elsewhere.

### THE KING'S MESSAGE TO THE HEADS OF ALLIED COUNTRIES.

On this the fourth anniversary of the day on which my country joined in the great conflict which still distracts the world it is my privilege to convey to you my greetings, and to emphasize once again the unchanging resolve of the British Empire to concentrate its entire energy upon a victorious conclusion of the struggle. Thanks to the determination of our peoples and the splendid achievements of our brave sailors and soldiers, I feel confident that the dawn of a victorious peace is not far distant.

### "GO FORWARD."

The Bishop took for his text the words "Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." He spoke of the necessity and the power of prayer, and said:—

"Prayer which is to move the world must be accompanied by the resolute action which attests its sincerity—back to the desk to-morrow or after the needed holiday; out into the battlefield again after the precious days of leave; on to the land to

gather in the harvest. Away with all doubts and all fears, all croakers, and all those who weaken the knees of the valiant. Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid and be not dismayed; the Lord shall fight for you."

### "HOLD FAST."

The Prime Minister's Message to the Nation was "Hold Fast." He wrote in part:—

"The message which I send to the people of the British Empire on the fourth anniversary of their entry into the war is 'Hold Fast.'

"We are in this war for no selfish ends. We are in it to recover freedom for the nations which have been brutally attacked and despoiled, and to prove that no people, however powerful, can surrender itself to the lawless ambitions of militarism without meeting retribution, swift, certain, and disastrous, at the hands of the free nations of the world. To stop short of Victory for this cause would be to compromise the future of mankind."

### THE WAR SHRINE.

Thousands of people who worshipped in the churches and chapels in the morning were present at the blessing by the Bishop of London of the War Shrine in Hyde Park in the afternoon, and placed there their floral offerings in remembrance of the valiant men and women with the Expeditionary Force, the sick and wounded, the prisoners and captives and the heroic dead. The shrine still remains, close to the Marble Arch and to Park Lane, that great highway of traffic where all may see, testifying to the affectionate remembrance of the Nation for those who in concert with our Allies are keeping the flag of freedom aloft on land, on sea, and in the air.

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