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THE ANGEL OF PEACE

WILL it be peace or war? This is the question men and women have anxiously been asking during the last week, and now the question is answered, and the Angel of Peace has descended upon our land once more. And not on ours alone, but on our new possessions beyond the seas, which have been gripped in the horrors of war. We, in this country have had our share of sorrow and suffering, but over the land where the strife has waged the shadow of desolation has fallen most heavily, and there also the Peace Angel has been eagerly awaited, and will be eagerly welcomed.

The country will be with Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in his belief, expressed in the House of Commons that the announcement of the declaration of peace "will cause most profound and universal satisfaction, not only to the House, but within the whole bounds of the world wide Empire. It will ease and comfort many an anxious and aching heart. It will give rest to many who have served in all ranks, and whose energies have been so long—for many, many months overborne. It will put an end, let us hope, to the sufferings,

disastrous losses, and confusion, which, during the continuance of the war, necessarily blighted the fair South African dominions of the Crown. We are all at one in our recognition of those who have fought for us, of the courage and endurance, the patience and discipline which they have displayed, and by which they have maintained the traditions of the British Army. I am sure we can go further, and say that we are unanimous in our admiration of those who until now have been our enemies, and who are now our friends, whose military qualities, whose tenacity of purpose, whose self-sacrificing devotion to liberty and country have won for them the respect of the whole world, and, foremost of all, the respect of us who have been their adversaries." The dawn of peace will be welcomed by none more heartily than by the nursing profession, for none realize more keenly the horrors of war. It is in the hospitals that its most ghastly results are seen, and the sisterhood of healing having taken a splendid part in the relief of the inevitable sufferings of both Briton and Boer, will rejoice that Peace is with us, and that we are now one people—never again, it is to be hoped, through all the ages to fight in opposing ranks.

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