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EDITORIAL.

TO PRAYER AND DEDICATION.

On March 28th last His Majesty the King called upon us through prayer to dedicate ourselves anew.

In a broadcast to the Empire and the United States, as well as this country, speaking of the Allies' crusade against the forces of darkness, he said, "We must dedicate ourselves anew to the service of the just and good cause for which we fight." The King's speech was broadcast in French, Afrikaans and Hindustani; to Canada, South Africa and India.

Transmission continued throughout the night until the speech had been broadcast in every European language.

THE KING'S BROADCAST.

The King said:—

Since I last spoke to you we have been through very hard and anxious times. We have shared the anguish of peoples who, having long enjoyed peace and prosperity under our flag, are now subjected to all the horrors of war.

Our hearts go out to our comrades in Australia, New Zealand, India, and Burma in their hour of trial. We know that they are facing it with the same unflinching spirit as those at home in the Mother Country. We shall give them every help in our power, and we are glad to know that strong American forces are already ranged at their side.

SPUR OF ADVERSITY.

In the stress of these tragic events there have been many searchings of heart. That is a good thing, for adversity can be turned to good account if we use it as a spur to greater purpose.

A tremendous amount has already been achieved. To underrate the effort we have already put forth would be a great mistake, a great disservice both to ourselves and our Allies. The country has never been so united, and has never worked so hard as it is doing now.

That does not mean, however, that there is not a great deal more that can be done. We can, and must, improve our teamwork. We can, and must, quicken the pace, for speed is the sinew of modern war.

These things are not just matters for those in authority. They depend on each one of us, in every walk of life, doing his job with all the energy at his command.

RESOLUTE ON OUR WAY.

I ask you to go to your tasks in the critical months ahead with a new fire, with fresh confidence in your-

selves and in each other. We all make mistakes, but let us be certain that we are, ourselves, doing our utmost before we waste time and energy in finding fault with others.

I am completely sure that, however steep or stony the path ahead of us may be, we shall continue, as always in our history, resolute and cheerful on our way.

There are moments, no doubt, when some of us may not feel as fresh as we were two and a half years ago, when we started at the bottom of the hill. But don't forget that we are also much nearer the top, and as we have climbed the country's muscles have been braced, its fibres toughened, and its heart-beats are stronger and steadier. As the full abomination of the evil spirit against which we are fighting under every sky and climate has become understood by all our will to endure has hardened.

We know that we have undertaken a veritable crusade against the forces of darkness. Were they to prevail, the lights of freedom, tolerance and kindness would be blotted out for long generations. There can be no peace until the wicked forces that have wrecked the world are cast down and utterly destroyed.

WE NEED GOD'S HELP.

United in close comradeship with our brothers and sisters overseas, and with our mighty and valiant Allies, we shall go forward together, undaunted and unwearied, till our task is accomplished.

To come through the ordeal before us we need God's help—and for this I have called my peoples to prayer to-morrow. We must dedicate ourselves anew to the service of the just and good cause for which we fight.

In our prayers let us thank Almighty God for bringing us thus far in safety through so many dangers, and let us ask Him to give us that spiritual strength which great causes deserve and with which they conquer and survive.

Strong in our faith, resolved to shrink from no sacrifice, we shall march on to triumph of right, which alone will open to all the promise of a broader and a better age.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER.

The King and the Queen and the Princesses attended a service for troops on the Nation's Day of Prayer; and, needless to say, cathedrals, churches and chapels throughout the land were crowded to the doors. Thus in all places of worship men and women united in supplication for spiritual strength to inspire the ultimate victory of righteousness.

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