THE KAISER AND GOD.

BY BARRY PAIN.

"I rejoice with you in Wilhelm's first victory. ow magnificently God supported him!"—Teleam from the Kaiser to the Crown Princess.

Led by Wilhelm, as you tell, God has done extremely well; You with patronizing nod Show that you approve of God. Kaiser, face a question new-This does God approve of you-?

Broken pledges, treaties torn, Your first page of war adorn; We on fouler things must look Who read further in that book, Where you did in time of war All that you in peace forswore, Where you, barbarously wise, Bade your soldiers terrorize, Where you made—the deed was fine— Women screen your firing line, Villages burned down to dust, Torture, murder, bestial lust, Filth too foul for printer's ink, Crimes from which the apes would shrink-

Strange the offerings that you press On the God of Righteousness!

Kaiser, when you'd decorate Sons or friends who serve your State, Not that Iron Cross bestow But a Cross of Wood, and so-So remind the world that you Have made Calvary anew.

Kaiser, when you'd kneel in prayer Look upon your hands, and there Let that deep and awful stain From the blood of children slain Burn your very soul with shame, Till you dare not breathe that Name That now you glibly advertise-God as one of your allies

Impious braggart, you forget; God is not your conscript yet; You shall learn in dumb amaze That His ways are not your ways, That the mire through which you trod Is not the high white road of God,

To Whom, whichever way the combat

We, fighting to the end, commend our souls.

NOCTURNE.

O royal night, under your stars that keep Their golden troops in charted motion set, The living legions are renewed in sleep For bloodier battle yet.

O royal death, under your boundless sky Where unrecorded constellations throng, Dispassionate those other

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O what a deep, contented might The sun from out her Eastern Would bring the dust which in Had given its all for these.

WALTER DE L

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Carriage pair,
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A saddle on the withers and a hi

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A. S. F. in "Glasgow Herald."

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R. B.

THE SEAR

Political morality differs because there is no power a

Shadow by shadow, s
The lean black crus
Night-long their level
Revolve and find no
Only they know each
May hide the lightnin
And, in the land they
Is there no silent w
An age is dying; and
Rings midnight on
But over all its waves

And captains that we And dreamers that And voices that we th Arise and call us, a And "Search in thins "For there, too, burk

The search-lights mov

Search for the foe in the The sloth, the intell The trivial jest that we For which our fath. The lawless dreams, the That rend thy nobler

Not far, not far into the These level swords of Yet for her faith does Her faith in this our Believing Truth and J From founts of everlas

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A REQUIEM.

When the red storms of Death shall cease, And on each Belgie plain We note the fruitful year's increase

By waves of golden grain, And watch once more old scenes of peace

In ravaged field or fane; What voice from your ensanguined bed Shall wake your lives, ye glorious Dead?

Though now in Belgic grave concealed,
And bathed in bloody dew.
How bounteous is the harvest's yield

From seeds broadcast by you,
Who fought and died from Zutphen field
Till stedfast Waterloo!
'Neath Sidney's captaincy ye bled,
Who fell by Mons, unnumbered Dead!

From age to age your legions came Chivalric, true, and brave, To fight for Freedom and for Fame,

Your Marlborough's glory crowns each head Laid low but late, illustrious Dead!

From many a far self-governed sphere,
Where other stars control
The changes of the inverted year,
Men make your tombs their goal;
Till, by your blood united here
In cause and heart and soul,
All sons of Liberty are led

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W. J. COURTHOPE.

SUMMER IN ENGLAND, 1914.

On London fell a clearer light; Caressing pencils of the sun Defined the distances, the white Houses transfigured, one by one, The "long, unlovely street" impearled. O what a sky has walked the world!

Most happy year! And out of town The hay was prosperous, and the wheat; The silken harvest climbed the down; Moon after moon was heavenly-sweet, Stroking the bread within the sheaves, Locking twixt apples and their leaves.

And while this rose made round her cup, The armies died convulsed; and when This chaste young silver sun went up Softly, a thousand shattered men. One wet corruption, heaped the plain, After a league-long throb of pain.

Flower following tender flower; and birds,

And berries; and benignant skies Made thrive the serried flocks and herds-

Yonder are men shot through the eyes, And children crushed. Love, hide thy face

From man's unpardonable race.

A REPLY.

Who said "No man hath greater love than

To die to serve his friend?" So these have loved us all unto the end. Chide thou no more, O thou unsacrificed! The soldier dying dies upon a kiss, The very kiss of Christ.

ALICE MEYNELL.

TO THE BELGIANS.

O race that Cæsar knew, That won stern Roman praise, What land not envies you The laurel of these days?

You built your cities rich Around each towered hall,-Without, the statued niche, Within, the pictured wall.

Your ship-thronged wharves, your marts, With gorgeous Venice vied; Peace and her famous arts Were yours: though tide on tide

Of Europe's battle scourged Black fields and reddened soil, From blood and smoke emerged Peace and her fruitful toil.

Yet when the challenge rang "The War-Lord comes : give room!" Fearless to arms you sprang Against the odds of doom.

Like your own Damian, Who sought that lepers' isle To die a simple man For men with tranquil smile,

So strong in faith you dared Defy the giant, scorn Ignobly to be spared, Though trampled, spoiled, and torn,

And in your faith arose And smote, and smote again, Till those astonished foes Reeled from their mounds of slain,

The faith that the free soul, Untaught by force to quail, Through fire and dirge and dole Prevails and shall prevail.

Still for your frontier stands The host that knew no dread, Your little, stubborn land's Nameless, immortal dead.

LAURENCE BINYON.

THE VOICE OF INDIA.

Rajah and Maharajah and zemindar Show forth to-day the East's Imperial moo Gwalior, Mysore, Indore, Patiala, Oudh, Kashmir, and Hyderabad and Kishangarh, By prince and princess, Begum and Mehtar, Guikwar and Nizam, give the free, unwo Gifts of an Orient that forgets to brood, And leaps to follow in tempest England's s Nor evermore may England's self forget How city on city proffered boon on boon Delhi, Madras, Calcutta, or Rangoon Pouring the noble guerdons that have set Deep in our hearts the joy of noble debt To hearts more golden than the Asian r WILLIAM WATSO

GODS OF WAR.

Fate wafts us from the pygmies' shore: We swim beneath the epic skies: A Rome and Carthage war once more, And wider empires are the prize; Where the beaked galleys clashed, lo, these Our iron dragons of the seas!

High o'er the mountains' dizzy steep. The winged chariots take their flight. The steely creatures of the deep Cleave the dark waters' ancient night. Below, above, in wave, in air New worlds for conquest everywhere.

More terrible than spear or sword Those stars that burst with fiery breath: More loud the battle cries are poured Along a hundred leagues of death.
So do they fight. How have ye warred,
Defeated Armies of the Lord?

This is the Dark Immortal's hour; His victory, whoever fail; His prophets have not lost their power: Cæsar and Attila prevail.

These are your legions still, proud ghosts, These myriad embattled hosts.

How wanes thine empire, Prince of Peace! With the fleet circling of the suns The ancient gods their power increase. Lo, how thine own anointed ones Do pour upon the warring bands The devil's blessings from their hands.

Who dreamed a dream mid outcasts born Could overbrow the pride of kings? They pour on Christ the ancient scorn. His Dove its gold and silver wings Has spread. Perhaps it nests in flame In outcasts who abjure His name.

Choose ye your rightful gods, nor pay Lip reverence that the heart denies, O Nations. Is not Zeus to-day, The thunderer from the epic skies, More than the Prince of Peace? Is Thor Not nobler for a world at war?

They fit the dreams of power we hold, Those gods whose names are with us still. Men in their image made of old The high companions of their will. Who seek an airy empire's pride, Would they pray to the Crucified?

O outcast Christ, it was too soon For flags of battle to be furled While life was yet at the high noon. Come in the twilight of the world: Its kings may greet Thee without scorn And crown Thee then without a thorn.

A REQUIEM.

When the red storms of Death shall cease. And on each Belgic plain We note the fruitful year's increase By waves of golden grain, And watch once more old scenes of peace In ravaged field or fane; What voice from your ensanguined bed Shall wake your lives, ye glorious Dead?

Though now in Belgic grave concealed, And bathed in bloody dew, How bounteous is the harvest's yield From seeds broadcast by you.
Who fought and died from Zutphen field
Till stedfast Waterloo!
'Neath Sidney's captaincy ye bled,
Who fell by Mons, unnumbered Dead!

From age to age your legions came Chivalric, true, and brave, To fight for Freedom and for Fame, And Britain's cause to save : Your battleground was still the same, The Belgic soil your grave:
Your Marlborough's glory crowns each head
Laid low but late, illustrious Dead!

From many a far self-governed sphere, Where other stars control The changes of th' inverted year, Men make your tembs their goal; Till, by your blood united here

In cause and heart and soul, All sons of Liberty are led To form one realm, imperial Dead!

W. J. COURTHOPE.

SUMMER IN ENGLAND, 1914.

On London fell a clearer light; Caressing pencils of the sun Defined the distances, the white Houses transfigured, one by one, The "long, unlovely street" impearled. O what a sky has walked the world!

Most happy year! And out of town The hay was prosperous, and the wheat; The silken harvest climbed the down; Moon after moon was heavenly-sweet, Stroking the bread within the sheaves, Locking twixt apples and their leaves.

And while this rose made round her cup, The armies died convulsed; and when This chaste young silver sun went up Softly, a thousand shattered men, One wet corruption, heaped the plain, After a league-long throb of pain.

Flower following tender flower; and birds,

And berries; and benignant skies Made thrive the serried flocks and

Yonder are men shot through the eyes. And children crushed. Love, hide thy

From man's unpardonable race.

A REPLY.

Who said "No man hath greater love than this, To die to serve his friend?" So these have loved us all unto the end. Chide thou no more, O thou unsacrificed! The soldier dying dies upon a kiss, The very kiss of Christ.

ALICE MEYNELL.

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Your ship-thronged With gorgeous \ Peace and her fam Were yours : the

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THE VOL

Rajah and Maharaj Show forth to-day Gwalior, Mysore, Kashmir, and Hyd By prince and prince Guikwar and Nin Gifts of an Orien And leaps to fellow Nor evermore may How city on city Delhi, Madras, C Pouring the noble Deep in our hearts

To hearts more

INDIA TO ENGLAND.

[We publish to-day an account of the arrival of Indian troops at Marseilles, and below a poem finely expressing the spirit in which they come, by a distinguished Indian Judge, Nawab Nizamut Jung, of the High Court of Hyderabad.]

O England! in thine hour of need, When Faith's reward and Valour's meed Is death or glory; When fate indites, with biting brand, Clasped in each warrior's stiff'ning hand, A Nation's story;

Though weak our hands, which fain would The warrior's sword with warrior's grasp.
On Victory's field;
Yet turn, O mighty Mother! turn Unto the million hearts that burn To be thy shield!

Thine equal justice, mercy, grace, Have made a distant alien race A part of thee!
Twas thine to bid their souls rejoice, When first they heard the living voice Of Liberty!

Unmindful of their ancient name, And lost to Honour, Glory, Fame, And sunk in strife Thou found'st them, whom thy touch hath Men, and to whom thy breath conveyed A nobler life!

They, whom thy love hath guarded long, They, whom thy care hath rendered strong In love and faith, Their heart-strings round thy heart entwine; They are, they ever will be thine.

In life-in death!

NIZAMUT JUNG.

THE TRUMPET.

The author of this poem, Mr. Rabindranath Tagore, is the famous Indian poet we assays have brought in recent years a new delight to lovers of English literature. Me sonally not unknown in this country, himself translates many of his works from the and his command of our language has done much to make the West acquainted with the

Thy trumpet lies in the dust.

The wind is weary, the light is dead. Ah, the evil day!

Come fighters, carrying your flags and singers with your songs!

The trumpet lies in the dust waiting for us. The trumpet lies in the dust waiting for us.

I was on my way to the temple with my evening offerings, Seeking for the heaven of rest after the day's dusty toil; Hoping my hurts would be healed and stains in my garments was When I found thy trumpet lying in the dust.

Has it not been the time for me to light my lamp?
Has my evening not come to bring me sleep?
O, thou blood-red rose, where have my poppies faded?
I was certain my wanderings were over and my debts all paid
When suddenly I came upon thy trumpet lying in the dust.

Strike my drowsy heart with thy spell of youth!
Let my joy in life blaze up in fire.
Let the shafts of awakening fly piercing the heart of night and a thrill shake the palsied blindness,
I have come to raise thy trumpet from the dust.

Sleep is no more for me-my walk shall be the same at a second Some shall run out of their houses and some in their beds shall toss and grown in their beds shall toss and grown in their beds shall be sounded.

From thee I had asked peace only to find show.

Now I stand before thee—help me to don my
Let hard blows of trouble strike fire into my heart beat in pain—beating the drum of the latter with My hands shall be utterly emptied to take up thy received

BABINDRANATI

LORD ROBERTS: BY RUDYARD KIPLING.

(From the "Daily Telegraph.")

He passed in the very battle-smoke Of the war that he had descried; Three hundred mile of cannon

When the Master-Gunner died.

He passed to the very sound of the quas.

But before his eye grew dim-He had seen the faces of the sons Whose sires had served with him

He had touched their sword-hilts and greeted each

With the old sure word of praise,

And there was virtue in touch and speech

As it had been in old days.

So he dismissed them and took his rest.

Between the adoring East and West And the tireless guns in the North.

Clean, simple, valiant, wellbeloved,

Flawless in faith and fame, Whom neither ease nor honours moved

A hair's breadth from his aim.

Never again the war-wise face, The weighed and urgent word That pleaded in the marketplace-

Pleaded and was not heard! Yet from his life a new life springs

Through all the hosts to come. And Glory is the least of things That follow this man home.

RUDYARD KIPLING