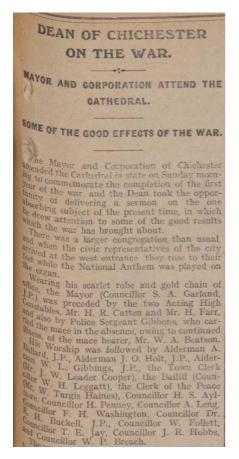


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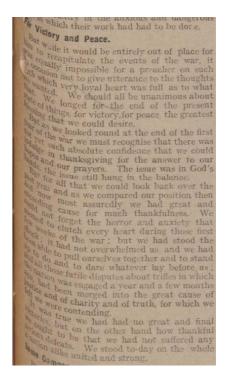




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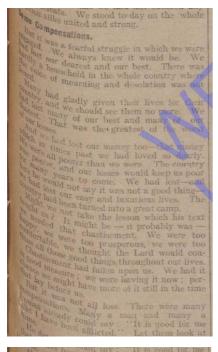


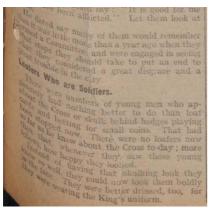


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In fact, the crisis had made men of them and had turned them from what they used to be into, in some cases at all events, the heroes we had among us to-day. It was the same with the women. Thousands of those women whom they looked upon as the most frivolous creatures in the world had ceased to worry about their pleasures or about their fancied rights, and had discovered how avenues of service were open to their sympathies, and were doing all they could.

A Sadder but Batter England

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If it was a sadder England, a poorer England, a more confused England on which the sun shone to-day, it was in many respects a better one than it was a year ago. War was not the right method of settling disputes. He thought we all felt that more strongly since we had to go to war. The method was not right, but unfortunately we lived in a world where there were a good many people who would have no other law than might is right.

War, which had beer forced upon us, was cruel beyond all telling, but the objects for which we were fighting had raised the whole national character, and we were beginning to feel at last that we had the very highest aims set before us, and having a cause worth fighting for we would fight to the utmost of our might.

Till Victory is Won.

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And so in spite of all, in spite of the troubles which have fallen upon us, in spite of the anxiety which we still felt, he thought we might take heart that day, and even more than that. We might look forward to the second year of the war with great hope that all would yet be well, and go forward to fulfil those fresh duties which the gracious mercy of our God had imposed upon us.

The war had called us out of ourselves. That was a good thing—a great thing. It had brought before us how, in the midst of all our disputes and our party strife, we are all Englishmen determined that England should maintain her place in the future as she had done in the past. It had emphasised the fact that in spite of imperfections—and that was a very important thing—we were at heart a God fearing and a religious people. Strengthened then by these thoughts, strengthened by this glorious hope, they might people. Strengthened then by these thoughts, strengthened by this glorious hope, they might still go forth until the great task that lay before us would be done—until victory, to which we all looked forward with such confidence, had at

The Dear concluded with an appeal for generous support to the collection, which was shared between the Belgian and the French Relief

The service ended with the Benediction pro-nounced by the Bishop (Dr. Ridgeway), who afterwards celebrated at the choral celebration of the Holy Communion.