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The Day of War the Day of God.
Psa. xxix. 10. 11.

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- Hymns. 440. "Lord of our life, + God of our Salvation"
 47. "God moves in a mysterious way"
 659. "God the All-terrible! King who ^{ordained}"
 25. "The Lord our God is clothed with ^{might}"

Scripture Isa. xvii. 12-14.
 xxvi. 1-4. 20. 21.
 xxx. 15-18.
 xxxiii. 7-22.

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Down	London
Place	Westminster Chapel

A. The Hour.

The week has been one of tumult.
 Brain and heart have been assaulted.
 Let us endeavour to think.
 Three times.

- 1 The things which are uncertain
- 2 The things which are patent
- 3 The things which are certain, if not patent.

i The things which are uncertain.

- i First let us recognize that uncertainty is the note & peril of the hour.
 The waiting for events.
 The high tension thus created.
 The possibility of fatal mistake through fret & fever.

ii The elements.

- a. Russia.
- b. The Allies. France.
 Italy.
- c. How far are we implicated?
 1. By actual agreement not at all.
 2. By moral obligation ~ ~ ?

Today.

"The wind comes seething through great forest trees
Followed by dread & awful silences
Wherein we wait, & watch, & in our hearts
Cry "From the storm, Oh! God, deliver us!"
Our country holds her sword upon her knees
Silent, with eager eyes that watch her face,
Our men stand: all on fire to fight, but we
Women, close by their side, must fold our hands
Nor seek to see: because our eyes are blurred.
And so we hear the stir of gathered hosts
Followed by dread & awful silences,
Wherein we wait, & watch, & in our hearts
Cry "From the storm, Oh! God, deliver us."

II The things which are patent.
i The weird & devilish situation.

a. No one wants war.

If - { Certain men do, simply for the sake
of power, they are accused of their hands.
If - { Crooks anywhere are clamouring
for it --
Let them be examined - Who are they?
They are drunk.
Appeal from Caesar drunk to C. Scher!

1. We do not.

2. Germany does not.

3. Russia does not.

{ Save as she may be careless in view of
internal conditions.

4. What of Austria & Serbia & France & Italy?

Exclude the Ruler --

What of the women & children?

Then what of the men - as men.

b. Yet - Some force impalpable, spiritual
devilish is attempting to Compel A.

1. Confusing the issues

2. Paralyzing our counsels

3. Stirring our animosities.

ii The tragic human situation.

a. The Past.

1. Preparations for War, in the interest of peace; which have made Europe an armed camp so electric, that the crack of an assassin's pistol threatens to engulf civilization in chaos.
2. Policies which have attempted to secure safety, now threaten to compel war.

b. The Present.

1. The haunting horror, as men awake to face what they have done.
2. The sense of fate, and the futility of everything.
3. The Compulsion of fear.
Nahous at Bay ~ ~ ~

IV. The things that are certain - if not patent.

i. "The Lord will keep them for ever"

a. Compelling men to work out their own choices.

1. Biblical Revelation.

a. The Hebrews Monarchy

b. The Hebrews Politicians.

c. A focused N. T. illustration.

Judas ~ The Beg.

Do quickly ~!

2. The present situation.

a. Safety by physical force.

b. Federation on grounds of suspicion.

b. Compelling the wrath of man to praise Him.

1. In the re-awakening of the moral and spiritual sense resulting.

2. In the reconstruction which follows upon disaster, and are made possible by it.

ii. "The Lord will give strength to His people."

a. Quiet souls who wait for Him.

b. Strong souls who work with Him.

iii. "The Lord will bless His people with Peace".

B. The Duty.

I Courage.

i An affair of the heart. { Instructed.
Fixed.
Steady.

ii Certainty of God.

Whatever happens ~ Peace or War.

II Cooperation.

i Peace instead of Panic

ii Prayer instead of Pride

iii Principle instead of Policy.

Difficult Days are still before us.

{ Deprivation

{ Discussion.

{ Danger.

Let us { think ~ without truck.

{ speak ~ without malice.

{ act. ~ without fear.

worthily as those who believe
in God.