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when I was born, and ~~in~~ in one part of  
 the world or another, there has been wars, and  
 the last one is said to have been the greatest  
 in all history. Another seems to be looming  
 in the near future, and we wonder, are  
 we with all our boasted civilization, and  
 our knowledge of the great mysteries of the  
 universe, really much better underneath  
 than the savage Maori that we say  
 massacred our troops, whilst <sup>we</sup> adopted more  
 civilized methods of destruction. We ~~speaking~~  
 in general, with our engines of destruction  
 and bombs and poison gas, and torpedoes  
 very highly technical methods. This is  
 what the world has come to. In some  
 respects, we have got a long way further  
 a head and whilst I am a New Zealander and  
 a citizen of no mean Country, I could to a certain  
 acknowledge my connection with the Great British  
 Empire. I have a thrill of inside of me that  
 there is developing within us or has developed  
 a conscientiousness of what is right and just  
 justice. It is right and just under some cir-

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constancies to shed blood for the righting of  
 wrongs, but it is sad to think that with all our  
 learning and teaching and marvellous ingenuity  
 it should be necessary.

In our social life, we at the present day are  
 I think <sup>as a whole</sup> more concerned for the "Under dog" we have  
 our humanitarian institutions, our hospitals, homes  
 and asylums, and a general feeling that we  
 are our brother's keeper, but then again there is  
 not that same honesty of purpose in giving  
 a "square deal" to all who are entitled to it.  
 and value given for value received. What are we  
 heading for and what are we coming to. Is our  
 creed to be "Of all the human family, I love  
 myself the best, God Providence take care  
 of me and Sambo take the rest".  
 I don't think there is any thing at the present-  
 time like the snobbishness that there was in  
 former days, between the different grades of society  
 I can call to mind an instance of a Colonel  
 in Christ Church, who took legal proceedings against  
 another <sup>civilian</sup> because he failed to salute him as  
 an officer