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[These pages are reserved for any last remarks which, in these changing and critical times, may be required by events that have occurred up to the day of going to press.]

“**T**HERE are still material points of disagreement in “the Cabinet, and if these points are not settled by agreement, the result must be the break-up of the Government.” So said Mr. Asquith on Tuesday, 18th April, when explaining why he had decided to postpone for another week the statement on recruiting promised for that day. Yet it immediately appeared that this Cabinet, so disagreed as to be on the point of breaking up, was completely agreed on one thing; for, said he, “the Cabinet is united in believing that such an event would be a national disaster of the most formidable kind.”

Let us grasp the full meaning of this remarkable sentence. It is one of those that reveal the secret of a man's whole conduct without his realising it in the least. These few words flash up the whole truth. Here is a man who brought us up to the war without having made due preparation for it; who is before all men responsible for the Dardanelles tragedy and for all else in the conduct of the war; who denied any shortage of munitions while our men were perishing by