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WHY WE LOATHE THIS WAR.

BECAUSE it has been forced on the South African Republic after nearly one hundred years of pushing and jockeying by British politicians and soldiers.

Because, at the bottom of the so-called 'grievances,' we see artful plotting and masterfulness on the part of foreigners who wanted to override the Government of the Republic for selfish ends.

Because it is a war got up by deliberate misrepresentation through a prostituted press.

Because the British Government was unjust in reviving a claim to a suzerainty which, by solemn convention, had been given up.

Because the war is really only an official continuation of the Rhodes and Jameson raid.

Because it is the most natural thing in the world that the men of the Republic should fight for their own country—a country which they and their fathers made habitable and fruitful.

Because it is unenglish to attempt to sweep out of existence, or deprive of their freedom, a gallant little people like these Transvaalers.

Because it is cowardly to bring all the might of Great Britain and all the help of the Colonies to such a task.

Because our victory will bring us no credit, inasmuch as we ought to feel ashamed of ourselves that we should require such a monstrous force to overcome such a small population.

Because we see no hope of peace and contentment in South Africa if we carry there the avaricious or the overbearing spirit which has cursed Europe with ceaseless strife.

Because, practically, the whole world, before whose bar we stand, has condemned us, with scorn for our hypocrisy, or with sorrow for the loss of our good old English sympathy with small nations, rightly struggling to be free.

Because it has corrupted our young people, by suggesting unwholesome admiration for fighters who are slaughtering patriots, and by exciting pernicious and unenglish animosities against a brave nation, standing on its defence.

Because it has corrupted the Christian Church, lowered our Christian standard, and led even Christian ministers to 'crucify the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.'

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'Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them.'

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