

AN ALIEN'S PLEA.

Sir:—I cannot omit to express my thanks to the Hon. Dr. Clark of Red Deer and the Hon. S. W. Jacobs of Montreal for their high-minded impartiality towards us "alien enemies." The words, spoken by a father who had three sons on the front, are giving room to the hope that the alien problem is beginning to be looked upon from a more individual standpoint.

We "alien enemies" do not mind to remain the "enemy on the paper" until the peace is signed, to comply with a formality, but we hope that after the signature of the peace we shall be free from this stigma, which is only estranging us towards this country. Let us forget after the war that we were the supposed enemies of a people with whom we had no personal quarrel.

We "alien enemies" who have preserved an unprejudiced mind in spite of the war, have no "hostile" notion and want no "hostile" notion; all we want is to earn honest our living and to work with our comrades, irrespective to race, flag or creed, for the progress of the civilization.

We share the sorrow of the Canadian people, thrown in this European whirlpool through circumstances which were beyond the control of this nation, and we are not blind to the fact that Great Britain and Canada could not have stayed out of the war when her two allies, France and Russia, were in danger to be crushed.

We are bowing in reverence before the heroes who were standing such terrible hardships, and before those who made the supreme sacrifice, and we shall always be glad when we can bring a ray of sunshine in the homes of the unfortunate widows and orphans whose family life was so cruelly broken up through the war. What difference does it make, then, if we foreigners are "Canadianized" or not, so long we play an open game with cards on the table and refrain from any secrecy, and so long we do not evade the obligations towards this country?

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