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Women and the war, 1918.

Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple, Cleveland

Oct. 18, 1918.

Abba Hillel Silver

Yours is one of my
treasure letters. When I think
of anyone who saw my boy
and loved him away over
there where he went for
"his great adventure" my heart
goes out to them in gratitude
if they include me in a
little of the inspiration they
received from him.

For him and to give
him back ^{to him} again.

I thank you most
sincerely, for your appreciation
of my son.

Very truly yours
James Hollowell Putnam

47 Englewood Ave
Brookline.

Surely that other great
Ruler would meet
him face to face;
for David was
a part of the Truth
of the world.

He was my only
son, but I have no
regrets only a great
thanksgiving that
God gave me
such a son to keep

Judeo

This war has written double

18-3

below

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I. What women have done for this war.

1- They have given devotion. Among the heathens not a woman's voice was raised.

Back of
the
Patriot

2- They gave their boys - wherever a star shined it was a brave but suffering heart. Behind every soldier was a mother, or wife or sister.

3. They gave of their labor. (1) Millions who filled men's places. Tasks to which they were unaccustomed. Factories, mines.

Back of
every
one
was
a
mother
(and)

(2) Red Cross work - the loving hearts that put out the merciful hands.

(3) Antennae work here. in a host of camps -

(4) Work over seas - Nurses - Antennae work. Home atmosphere -

Wilson's fight

II. What war has done for woman

1. Taught many a new devotion. Shown path of duty to pampered, 'Society' Cut them out of all conventionalities & put us in pos. of rel importance.

2. Gave to many who were restless a definite goal. 'Loan & Labor' p 402

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3. Gave Economic freedom to
millions - which is deceptive +
character builder + ~~self respect~~
4. Self respect. There is ~~nothing~~ that
men can do which women can
do - and better.
5. In a word it brought democracy
to woman's life - by giving it
greater ~~opportunities~~, freedom &
development + ~~security~~ & equality
(these things make woman suffrage mentally)
~~more wise~~

III. ~~What~~ woman's work in Reconstruction

4. ~~Conserve~~ ideals of the war.
1. ~~Thin part of war - Peace. Her interest~~
 2. ~~Financing of the war -~~
~~financial - not material~~

- IV. ~~War~~ ~~center~~ ~~help~~
1. ~~Teach~~ ~~interest~~. Less at home & school.
 2. ~~How~~ ~~up~~ ~~to~~ children - ~~True~~ ~~forces~~
 3. ~~Fight~~ ~~Economic~~ ~~wrong~~ - ~~Child~~ ~~labor~~
~~women in industry.~~

III

1. Continue her present services
2. Then turn her enthusiasms into

A Conserving ideals & war.

1. a. Peace -
- b. Idealism -
- c. Religion -

~~B2~~ By means of Home influence
& school - & example.

B. Working for Social Reformation.

a. New skill training -

a. Poor

b. Hospitals -

c. - Criminals

d. Orphans

e. Child labor

f. Woman exploitation

g. Unrest -

3. Let each woman find her
field of work there -
work for new day

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1. Conclusion. It was a woman
who led the hosts of Baruch
against Russia - it was she
that led Dr. & Emory
(Cavell) -

2. It will be the spirit of woman
that will lead the world to a
new day after photograph - & be the play of the



~~Get the~~

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story of mother, father & little

the dream is now real when
a telegram came, the angels
waiting - the the land & the
in the story which history
went -



She has written a double
epic: the epic of the common
man & the epic of woman. Of the
first I have spoken in the past
the second I would speak now -

The woman that serves as the
theme of most ancient Epics as all
too familiar to us - a woman of great

Grace & Beauty, & high lineage
who is surrounded by numbers
& servants & of the person
of whom - besides perfect
marvelously & being go
forth to battle = The Covenant
together of pure & exact
position - & a weak fragile
being to be protected & defended

The epic which this world has
written of woman is the story
of woman's exaltation through service
& suffering - the common tasks
& labors - the drudgery - & the
story of a woman's fight
for her woman fighting
not the story of mere charity
to women but of woman

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money to men —
To my friend Edith
Cavell is a more
glorious Epic than
Helen of Troy — and
the story of her death
thousands who served
as heroes more far
more noble than that
of the laughing daisies
of Bouquies & ^{Shubert} ~~Shubert~~ ^{Shubert} ~~Shubert~~

And what shall we say of the women—of their instant intelligence quickening every task that they touched; their capacity for organization and co-operation, which gave their action discipline and enhanced the effectiveness of everything they attempted; their aptitude at tasks to which they had never before set their hands; their utter self-sacrifice alike in what they did and in what they gave? Their contribution to the great result is beyond appraisal. They have added a new luster to the annals of American womanhood.

Urges Votes for Women.

The least tribute we can pay them is to make them the equals of men in political rights as they have proved themselves their equals in every field of practical work they have entered whether for themselves or for their country. These great days of completed achievement would be sadly marred were we to omit that act of justice. Besides the immense practical services they have rendered, the women of the country have been the moving spirits in the systematic economies by which our people have voluntarily assisted to supply the suffering peoples of the world and the armies upon every front with food and everything else that we had that might serve the common cause. The details of such a story can never be fully written, but we carry them at our hearts and thank God that we can say that we are the kinsmen of such.