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COMMANDING OUR WEALTH¹

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"If we command our wealth we shall be rich and free."—*Edmund Burke.*

In his Quebec broadcast, August 29, 1943, Prime Minister Churchill spoke of marching forward to the end of the present military struggle when "the whole world may turn with hope, with science, with good sense and dearly bought experience, from war to lasting peace." Possessing "all the grand comprehensions," as he once said of Lord Rosebery, Mr. Churchill included science among the forces to be employed in the creation of a lasting peace. He was not betrayed by the shallow observation that men have used science for destruction, nor did he erroneously conclude that science causes war. If one may venture

¹ Address of the retiring president, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Cleveland, Ohio, September 11, 1944.

to extend his statement: hope, science, good sense and experience are four hard-riding horsemen equipped to lead the procession of victory in the post-war years.

THE FOUR HORSEMEN

Among the banners of victory there will also be represented justice, religion, the freedoms and generosities of humanitarianism, and all the arts in which men strive to express the instinct for beauty and enjoy the creations of disciplined taste. The four horsemen who carry these banners represent the benevolent and spiritual virtues. We may agree that they should be in the forefront of the procession and one day may be when their noble rank is more generally recognized. Whatever the place of the second group of forces, the faith for which they stand must surely inspire hope,

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