WILL DYSON.

CREATIVE MILITANT.

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Brisbane has always seemed to me very (suitable to have in the part of the country exactly Mr. Will Dyson's art was developed. This is not to say that his art is not the result of other influences, but it is to say that there is no other artist of whom it can truly be said that he has been so thoroughly assimilated. He comes into this city, he lives in this city, he works in this city, and he dies in this city. The art which he makes is an expression of his own nature, and it is in this sense that it is truly Australian.

Mr. Dyson has been sent to the Front, and his war drawings are now before the public in London and Paris. They are a wonderful expression of the spirit of the age, and they are a wonderful revelation of the soul of the artist. He has, in a sense, become a symbol of the war, and his work is a lesson to us all.

It is impossible to describe in a few words the power and the terror of his drawings. They are not merely pictures, but they are a revelation of the inner life of the artist. They are not merely representations of things, but they are a protest against things. They are not merely a record of events, but they are a challenge to men.

Mr. Dyson has been invited to come to America, where his work will be exhibited in New York and Chicago. He will then return to England, and there his work will be shown in the Royal Academy. It is wonderful to think that an artist of his power and his vision should have found his way to America, and that his work should be known there.

Will Dyson's lines, "The Arts in Australia," are a powerful expression of the spirit of the age. They are a protest against the materialism of the world, and a challenge to men to take up their work and to make of it something more than a mere occupation.

It is said that the world is "out of joint," and that the times are "wasting." But it is a great comfort to know that there are artists like Will Dyson who are working to make the world better. He is a true artist, and he is a true Australian.