

one that may not or will not be realised to-day or to-morrow; but if and when this war is decided in favour of the allies it will at once come within the range and before long within the grasp of European statesmanship."

"Utopia!" sneers your unbelieving pessimist. "European statesmanship!" answers Mr. Asquith.

THE ALTERNATIVES

The world after the war shall have to face again its age-long social problem: the problem of living together and working together—the warring classes in a common industrial order, the warring nations in a common world. And what are the alternatives? If it is not to be what Mr. Asquith calls a "real partnership," what shall it be? Shall the spirit be the Christ spirit of social love and coöperation, or the Devil spirit of hate and cut-throat competition? One thing is certain: Not again in this generation, not again in this century, shall the world deceive itself with the self-contradiction called "armed peace." That fallacy at least has had its day. Armed peace has proved itself inevitable war.

But if not Christ, then whom? If not Christianity, then what? The only alternatives are Cæsar and Cæsarism. Cæsarism the world has