

A PERSONAL NOTE

I had written and published "The Splendid Wayfaring," the first volume of a trilogy, just before the War, and was engaged upon the second volume, "The Book of Generous Courage," to prove the utter rottenness of the German Kultur in peace and its inevitable doom in the fierce test of the furnace of Battle, when the War broke out, as I thought it would.

However, the deliberate judgments based upon the strategic notes on which I had been building that volume, over some thirty years of keen study, have been proved to the hilt ever since the German rushed into this war. And in another form, more easily grasped by the simplest mind, I now put it before the Man-in-the-Street in the hope that it may do something to help to guide him as to how alone he can rid the world of the brazen god before whom the Hun had willed to make us all bow down and worship.

"The Book of Generous Courage" must wait awhile.

There is no time to be lost if Britain and America are to awake to the appalling danger that lies ahead in the making of Peace. To the American in particular the danger is as hideous as it is secret and sinister. The great American tradition of aloofness