

(II) Books avowedly one sided like those of E.D. Morel, Blatchford ("My Life in the Army").

The essay disregards entirely the fact that many men were not harmed, that sacrifice, courage, virtue, honesty of purpose had their place and their reward. So far as it touches on the barrack life of the soldier it is out of touch with today.

So far as this angle of the essay is concerned, too much of an effort is made to show that there was no difference in mentality between the Germans and ourselves. We know that the soldiers on both sides were very similar, but those who were turned into brutes were the exception apart from the occurrences at the beginning of hostilities.

(II) The economic theory that 'distribution of the raw materials of the earth is the work of honourable nations as of good men' will not bear examination. It is based on communism, not on individualism. The individual entrepreneur wants to gain profit and unless all our political theories are upset, he must have the protection of his own nation.

The proposals are seductive, but the easiest way is not always the best one in the end.

(III) The political theory of "democratic control" is one of which we have heard a great deal since the war. Here also is a favourite text for careless speakers and careless thinkers and while we certainly cannot accuse the writers of the essay of either fault, they have perhaps followed too far along the road where few have really trodden.

Democratic control as opposed to control by representative government means communism or anarchy. The democracy cannot discuss a question, it has had no machinery for discussion. Democracy more than any form of government lends itself to control by a clique. It means newspaper parliament.