

could be trusted, as they had been credited in the past, to do their best to prevent the great collapse to the world system of credit which had become a very intricate web in the last twenty-five years. But the men of finance, especially of Germany, did not give the help. *They failed us.* I believed that the great numbers of Canadians, Americans, Russians, Greeks, Italians, Japanese, English and other students from all parts of the world who had been privileged to do work at the twenty-two universities, the technical and trade schools of Germany would all do their best to enlighten the world as to the advantages of co-operation and friendship. But the most disappointing and incomprehensible effect of the war has been to set Germans to work to justify what a great many of us do not and cannot consider defensible. *Her men of education have failed us.* And a third hope was that the Labor parties of the different countries would be a mighty force for agreement and humanity. The joint declaration of the English and German Labor parties, October 1, 1912, and the joint manifesto of the French and German Labor parties, March 1, 1913, were splendid documents, and justified great hopes. *But with few exceptions the Labor parties have been a disappointment.* Liebknecht is one of the heroic exceptions, but such phenomena have been individual rather than typical. My fourth hope was based upon a very late development in the attitude of many prominent leaders in the Churches of Great Britain and Germany. It really looked as if they were becoming alive to their duties as messengers of the Prince of Peace. Ten thousand members in Great Britain, between four and five thousand in Germany of the "Associated Councils of the Churches of Great Britain and Germany" had joined "to promote a better understanding between the two nations". *But here, too, we have but present failure to record.* Many German pastors are now calling upon God to help their cause, which as Britishers we do not feel He can do. Russians, British, Turks, Italians, all parties, are making the same petition. Surely somebody is wrong, or maybe all are wrong. What is a possible solution?