

lomat to Germany in 1913, we are told that it was a "puzzle from first to last." The Kaiser had asked that he should be sent (but what for?) and he returned quite proud of his performance, not realizing that the Kaiser had fooled him to the top of his bent. As to this the comment is: "The man whose heart swells with pride in his own ingenuity usually walks all his life in blinkers." It is not surprising that Lord Haldane's visit to the Kaiser was a failure, that it awoke a distrust at the time, or that it opened the way to endless misrepresentation in the future. What surprises is his stoicism: that he should subsequently have shewn so few signs of disappointment, distress, or mortification; that he should have continued up to the present moment to hold himself out as an expert on German psychology." Lord Haldane certainly gave occasion to his critics to question his loyalty, though we do not go as far as that.

Speaking of Mr. Asquith and his colleagues, he says in reference to their indifference and refusal to take warning: "But supposing that no one had told them, they had their own wits and senses, and these were surely enough. A body of men whose first duty is the preservation of national security—who are trusted to attend to that task, paid for performing it, honoured under the belief that they do attend to it and perform it—cannot plead, in excuse for their failure, that no one had jogged their elbows, roused them from their slumbers or their diversions, and reminded them of their duty."

The following remarks of a Canadian commanding officer whose experience qualifies him to speak intelligently of the situation, so far as the voluntary system is concerned, does so in the following words:—

"The volunteer system is ineffective, unreliable, inequitable, undemocratic, and prodigally wasteful of economic energy. It lacks dignity. It smacks of insincerity and moral weakness, if not of hypocrisy. It is the refuge of the shirker. It cannot claim to be the child of hoary antiquity. It never has been the British system, which is the militia levy."

We cannot, however, quote further. Our interest as a legal