186 WAR THOUGHTS OF AN OPTIMIST

inevitable; it is merely a question of the time at which it is to take place. I believe that it can be made to follow as a result of the present war, and if this is accomplished William II. will have proved himself the greatest benefactor the world has ever known by making it clear that such as he must for evermore belong to a bygone and unregretted past. The contrast of medieval Prussia with the world of to-day will make possible the universal federation of a near to-morrow.

April 1915.