

We note with interest that King Edward was far more alive than his ministers to the result of Austria's action in 1908. It was her ministers, too, that held back Queen Victoria when she desired to oppose Prussian aggression in 1866. In both cases timely action would have prevented the tragedy of the present war. At a time when popular criticism does not spare even the sanctity of thrones, these two recent incidents are instructive.

The author does well to remind us that the war against Serbia was intended in any case—the murder of the Archduke was only a pretext; it is even suggested that this murder was planned in Austria. Another interesting side-light on German aims is given us on p. 199, where we are told that "De Lagarde proposed that the Slovaks, the Slovenes and the Czechs, like the Redskins of North America, should be imprisoned in reserves from which they should be forbidden to move." We commend this to the notice of those who still ask what we are fighting for.

The book has a map, an index, and a good bibliography.