

SHIRKING THE ISSUE.

distribute over all Europe the guilt which you know in your heart to rest upon the Central Empires alone? There is only one conceivable reason: your racial resentment against one of the Allies is too strong for your sense of justice, for your historic candour. I do not say that your resentment is groundless; but I do say you ought to have had the magnanimity to rise above it, and not to let the wrongs of your race make you the apologist of the authors of a colossal wrong inflicted upon all humanity.

You will tell me that you are not an apologist for Germany. Not directly, no; but indirectly you are one of her busiest champions. When a crime is committed, a man who speaks no plain word in condemnation of it, but devotes himself to arguing that the victims were ruffians and fools, may fairly be called an apologist for the criminal.

You keep repeating that the statesmen of the Entente were "mediocrities." I doubt whether history will endorse that verdict; but in any case it is nothing to the purpose, until you have shown what the most brilliant ability could have done to hold in leash the ferocious cupidity and power-hunger of Germany. You enlarge upon what you consider errors and injustices in British