

GERMANY UNCIVILISED

CIVILISATION does not consist in knowledge; that is often one of its least important attributes. Neither does it consist in religion or in the much misused term of culture in the sense of what the Romans called the humanities.

It is almost impossible to give to civilisation a definition which will not fall short at one point or another; it is inclusive of so much which is ethical, which is scientific, which is governmental, which is artistic, which is social, that to know what the word really means we have to study the history of all that has happened since the birth of man with a view to understanding its bearing upon what man is to-day and what he may become during the development of the future.

A true civilisation must be both exceedingly complex and exceedingly simple, however paradoxical this may sound. Its simplicity lies in the fact of its universality, of its catholicity, of the fundamental broadness that must make it applicable to every unit in the body politic. Its complexity lies in the need that it be equal