

Editor's Page

The Ultimate Standard of Progress

In our July issue we wrote of "an epoch-making opportunity for Anglo-Saxons," and now a supplementary idea may be emphasized. The world-shaking war, begun with this month of August, suggests among many other things that not by races, but by the standard of Christianized civilization attained is the true progress of nations to be reckoned and recognized.

It is needless to write now of the menace of German militarism, which has unquestionably had much to do with setting the pace in armaments in Europe, just as it would be unwise to forget that many of the German people are peace-loving citizens and leaders in literature and art. The prophecies to the effect that permanent peace will follow the present great war have already their sceptical critics, but there is no ignoring the thought that the army of peaceful progress and of Christianized humanity may ultimately enforce the curtailment of armaments and the organization of an international or intercontinental arbitration court.

Meantime, in the war's first stages, its unifying effect on the nations of the British Empire has been one of the most notable and inspiring results.

Our Sixth Volume

Before or with the opening of a new volume it is customary for many publications to forecast their future or outline the varied good things they have in store for their readers. Not only because

"The best laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft agley," but because we would rather satisfy and gratify our readers by performance, month by month, than seek their good-will on promises and prospects, we refrain from mentioning in detail the articles we hope to publish in the near future.

At the same time we may emphasize that what was true immediately after the present management took charge of this magazine, has continued true in an increasing degree, and we have at no time lacked an abundance of articles bearing upon one department or another of the field we seek to cover.

As one of the leading articles in this number may suggest, we hold that our ideal affecting "social, literary and religious life and work," involves an interest in all matters bearing directly on educational questions. We are also glad to be able to reproduce in this issue Professor Bronson's searching article on "Ministerial Perplexity—and Some Suggested Ways Out."

We are gratified to be able to record that we have an enlarged and continually increasing mailing list of bona-fide subscribers. Our progress in that direction has been steady, and our faith in our field and opportunity of service remains undiminished.