

GERMANY AND GERMANS

patient study of each other's habits of thought and mental world, a truer sense of proportion and a clearer recognition of our real similarity of aim. As years have passed since the foundation of the Empire, we have watched Germany wrestling with the same difficulties as those which perplex ourselves. Like Britain, Germany is trying to do her duty to the uncivilized nations within her sphere of influence. At home, the social and economic problems, and that which lies at the root of them all, the problem of education, have not reached their solution in either country, but both nations are earnestly striving to solve them and have profited greatly by each other's experience and example. In the matter of faith both are enduring the same shock of assault, and both are struggling to learn the very truth of the beliefs which are so dear to both nations, and which have produced in the one country Bach and in the other Milton. The educated German has a claim on the sympathy of all who are likewise storm-tossed :

Is he not sailing
Lost like thyself on an ocean unknown, and is he not
guided
By the same stars that guide thee ?

Both nations are witnessing what will be, we trust, the birth of a renewed faith and devotion among the educated youth, and in the great struggle between Paganism and Christianity in the East both nations play a prominent part.

On our debt to Germany it is superfluous to expatiate. In music, philosophy and scholarship the modern world owes more to Germany than to all the rest of Europe put