

PREFACE

done by their cringing and whining when they are faced with the penalties of their crimes.

And yet there are other sides to the German character. There are many admirable features in German life and thought. The war seems to have brought out all that is worst and basest. The Germany of the Hohenzollerns seems to have lost its moral character in its lust for war. But this is not the time or place to treat of the nobler Germany—the Germany of great idealism, of noble poetry, and of divine music. This is the Germany of the past; and it remains to be seen whether it will be again the Germany of the future. The way they have chosen is the way of national destruction, but there may yet be enough moral character in them to lead them back into the way of life.

A few of the following chapters have already been published as articles in *The Christian Guardian* (Toronto), but have been completely rewritten, and now appear for the first time in their proper sequence.

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