

... German culture is neither the first, nor the last, nor the only culture which leads to perfection. . . .'

May I, in conclusion, suggest to the reader one lesson among the many which will come out of the present great struggle? When the war is over, however much of promise and hope it may ultimately mean for Poland, she will undoubtedly be left in a condition of tragic desolation and misery. But every endeavour will be immediately used to make good her enormous losses; Europe will have learned that no great Power can safely allow a weaker nation to be oppressed, for the crimes committed against one people, if left unpunished, are likely to be repeated against others; and it may be hoped that people in the West will look at Poland through their own, and not 'through German eyes'. If the Western nations will try to come into closer contact with their Eastern friends, they will find much of interest, much that they will consider worth knowing and perhaps admiring. They will find a civilization which has grown up without the aid of militarism, and a principle of national solidarity and self-reliance combined with respect for individual rights. Above all, they will find true, devoted, and patriotic hearts. Perhaps they will see less wealth and material power than elsewhere; but they will also see less hypocrisy and more sterling humanity.