

far the people consciously and deliberately determined so to assert its supremacy, is a question which will be easier for them to settle now that they have thrown off the shackles by which they were fettered till just the other day. Certainly no voice was raised in protest at the time in Germany. Even now no German voice has been raised against the crimes and outrages which have marked the German conduct of the war. And till that is done we only deceive ourselves if we imagine that any change of political constitution carries with it of necessity some change of heart. The Prussians are still what they were, and Mr. Balfour was well within the mark when he spoke of them as "brutes." The fact is—though the right interpretation of the fact is very different from that given by the ex-Kaiser—that two irreconcilable ideals have been opposed to each other throughout the war. The first had for its watchwords "Might and the Mailed Fist," "Shining Armour," "Blood and Iron," "Frightfulness," "The End Justifies the Means,"—that end being of course to put Germany "on top of everything"; while the second had regard to fair play and the rights of others, especially those who were weak and oppressed. Its exponents desired nothing better than to live in peace and security with their neighbours, gradually eliminating any reasonable ground of future quarrel. It is well that the second ideal has triumphed. Life on this planet would have been intolerable, alike for individuals and for nations, if the German war-machine, which has wrought such havoc during the war, had not been absolutely crushed.

Much praise is being given to the President of
MR. WILSON the United States for his messages to Germany.

They were vigorous and uncompromising in tone, and expressed in terms of the most perfect lucidity. The Imperial Chancellor gave Mr. Wilson his opportunity, and he took the fullest possible advantage of it. If he had felt some difficulty at the outset of the war in making up his mind what it was all about, the President certainly came in with a rush at the end. There was a little doubt at first