

main as the truest and most merciless exposure of a spurious culture in all its forms. Here we are reminded that "man looketh upon the outward appearance but God looketh on the heart." Here we are warned that the hidden rottenness of life will be eventually exposed. Here we are informed in the plainest of terms that all the decoration and garnishing and polishing of life is useless without a cleansing from within, and no great and lasting transformation of society can ever be expected that does not touch and regenerate the secret springs of being.

#### THE FALSE CONCEPTION OF CULTURE

At the present moment the world is vastly interested in the idea of culture because Germany has presented to us a type of culture which she has nourished with the most assiduous care for the past generation. You are all well aware that the German Empire in its present form came to its birth under the dominance of one great idea,—the profound conviction of the supreme value of the Teutonic mind and the German element for the