

ceases to be supremely valuable, and to make toward civilisation as much as any other one factor.

Civilisation presupposes a sanity of vision which will prevent excess even under new and different conditions. Cannibalism is impossible to a civilised people; it is revolting to the conception of the dignity of man upon which every civilisation must be based. Equally impossible to a truly civilised people should be terrorism and reprisal, and the fact that, in Belgium and Poland, Germany has made use of them, forbids her any right to claim civilisation.

Justice is one of the foundations of civilisation, and justice rests upon responsibility. To seize hostages and shoot them for the acts of others over which they have no control is an act of injustice entirely incompatible with even a modicum of civilisation. Yet Germany admits and glories in this barbarism, and by so doing ranks herself with the Huns and the Visigoths.

Every one has a bit of the barbarian in him, and civilisation is an artificial product. An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth is human nature, and it is impossible not to expect that those who have suffered from German barbarism will have a strong impulse to retaliate in kind when the opportunity comes. The degree of civilisation to which the British nation has attained will largely