

for you until after the war, and in this way I, too, can help la France."

The wonderful thing was that neither thought that there was anything extraordinary in it, and the soldier went to the battle-front sure that this woman whom he had never before seen or heard of would take care of the children and return them to him if he ever came back from the war.

Occurrences like this, of which, did we but know them, thousands have taken place since the war broke out, make us firm believers not only in France but in the men and women who make the world. We cannot but know that in Germany, too, there is the same inherent good in human nature, and that the whole trouble has been caused by the wrong German system which has repressed the people instead of stimulating them to individual progress. It is their misfortune that they have not enjoyed democratic opportunity; it is their fault, to a much smaller degree, that they have not demanded a freedom which they were prevented from learning.

France came out of the war of 1870 chastened in spirit and with the consciousness of a great injustice against which she was helpless. The evil of the Second Empire was made clear, and republicanism was born of her very misfortunes. Her people, with a splendid courage, met the