

## THE VISIONS OF YOUTH

FOR the young men and women of to-day the tragic interest of the war must be almost exceeded by that of its issues and sequels. It will fall to them in the following years and decades to deal with these and with the problems which they will create.

I am asked, as an observer from without, and, I trust, a hopeful and sympathetic observer, to say a few words about the spirit in which our younger folk will approach the matter, and will be affected by this portentous inroad and eruption of war into the midst of the world's peaceful and progressive life.

It would never have occurred to me to do such a thing if I had not been asked. The young might more naturally speak for themselves. But one man's thoughts may set others thinking; and I proceed.

I should be disposed to say that the attitude of the generation now growing up towards the consequences of the war will be largely influenced by the mixture in them of drastic and hopeful ways of feeling and thought. By drastic I mean that they are ready not only to face and promote change, but to find that it means a great deal of recast, clearance, and transformation in both thought and things, and especially a recurrence to first principles, with an eagerness to see them carried out. It is this last which