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To my friends
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is affectionately dedicated

Introduction

ALL of us see events through our moods, "as in a glass darkly," and I do not profess to have seen Europe but with a heavy heart and a depression of spirit, which was not lifted because American money could buy almost anything my heart desired, or because the pleasure spots were brighter than ever.

My cheer, and there was enough, lay in two solemn facts which turned my faith into assurance. First, that there is a moral order in the universe, and God is on the side of the right; and the second, that the only way to overcome evil is through good.

I am greatly indebted to the Friends Service Committee of Philadelphia for making my journey through Europe possible. If my criticism of its work of relief abroad turns often into a panegyric it is due to the fact that in spite of much human frailty in the endeavour, the net result of its work is of profound spiritual value.

I owe much gratitude to Alfred Scattergood, the head of the German mission, to Doctor Hilda Clark and Elizabeth Pye, of the mission in Vienna, and to all the dear comrades who ranged

in their religious beliefs from Quakers to Roman Catholics, and who everywhere glorified their faith in the forgiving and redeeming Christ.

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