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NOTE

CHAPTERS I, II, III, and IV of this book have already appeared in the Nineteenth Century and After. Chapter V is reprinted from the Westminster Gasette. I have to express my obligation to the Editors for permission to reprint them in the present form. They are reprinted almost without alteration, and I have not attempted to change them, even in those cases where what was written some months ago would now be expressed rather differently. The Introduction is new.

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INTRODUCTION

THE articles contained in this volume, which were written during the summer of last year, contain an examination of some of the suggestions as to terms of peace which have from time to time appeared in Germany. I republish them, for they may be useful as helping to throw into a proper perspective the complaints that now come from Germany, that it is England, and England alone, which, by the immoderate nature of her demands, stands between Europe and the peace which all desire. It is well to probe the nature of the terms which many men in Germany would have proposed at a time when a decisive German victory still appeared probable. It is well that we should not forget these things, for there are still not only neutrals, but even Englishmen, who continue to talk as though the British Government had wantonly refused favourable offers of peace and reasonable terms of reconciliation which had been offered by the German Chancellor.

It would have been easy to increase the bulk of the book, by including in it selections from the