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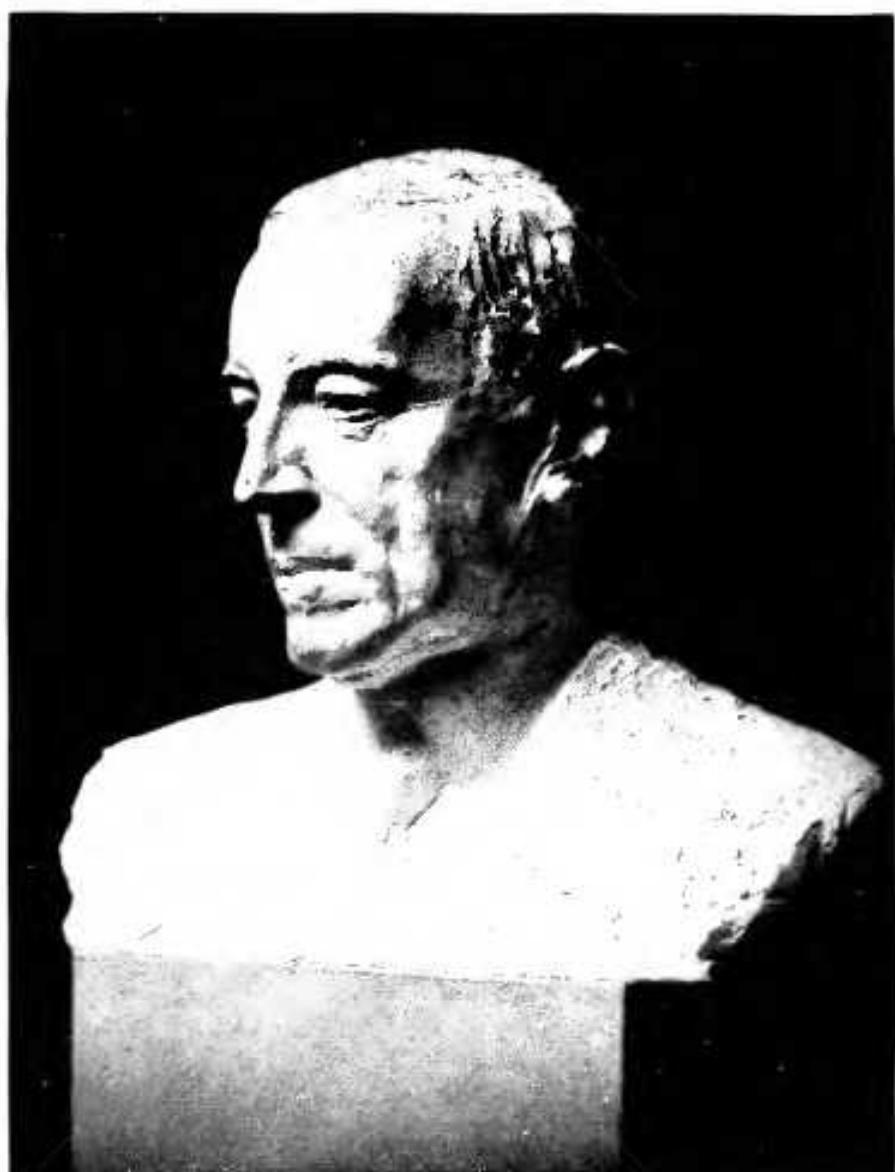
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EXPLANATION AND DEDICATION

EXCEPTING the first, these chapters were written for Continental European readers; I have indicated, on the title-page preceding each paper, the time and the occasion of its publication, and the journal wherein it first appeared. I do not now gather them into this little book because I imagine them to be an important or permanent contribution to the subject of the war, or of the peace that shall finally ensue. I bring them together in the hope that they may have a passing and inspirational value to such as think and feel profoundly about the meaning of these days, and who see, or seem to see, that the world's political and social redemption is the possible, even probable, ultimatum of the war.

Each paper has had two or more translations into other languages, other countries, than

that in which it was originally published. The opening paper, which gives the book its name and which was first printed in *The New Age* of London, has since been put into German for *Die Freie Zeitung* of Bern—the organ of the earnest and able German intellectuals who are working for a new and democratic Germany, and who include among their number such men as Professor Foerster, Dr. Schlieben, and the author of “J’Accuse.” Monsieur Paul Desjardins, co-operating with the French Minister of Public Instruction, has honored the concluding paper, “Pro-America,” by publishing it as a preface to a classic edition of President Wilson’s message of April 2.

Chronologically, the opening paper should have come third in the book. I have placed it first because it seems to me to afford, more fully than the papers which follow it, a perspective of the President’s prodigious purpose. The five succeeding papers are offered in the order in which they appeared.

To connect them a little more closely, I have

somewhat developed the papers since their publication in the reviews and journals indicated; but, in the main, they stand substantially as originally written. I have not tried to eliminate the minor repetitions which are inevitable when one is presenting the same general subject under different phases and to different peoples. Nor have I thought best to modify their form or appeal, even though they necessarily must prove retrospective, in some of their aspects, in the light of subsequent events and decisions. I think such American readers as I may have will prefer that my words retain their first impulse and order.

Monsieur Louis Ferrière, Geneva's beloved and consecrated citizen, and long a pastor of her National Church, has graciously consented to accept the dedication of these pages. He has blessed me with his friendship since the days when I was a student in his city; and it is due to my fellowship with him, and to the spiritual compulsion I have received from that fellowship, that such halting powers as I have

are all mobilized in the service of the Cause which this book so disjointly and inadequately advocates.

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