Introduction.

My good experiences in England, described in the first part of this account, were chiefly made during my seven weeks' stay at Ramsgate, the very period I intended to spend in England but for the war. In the second part I dealt with the troubles I had to undergo as an "alien enemy".

Each chapter is no more than a sketch of personal impressions and experiences written down soon after they were received. In publishing them, I hope that both my colleagues and the boys of the upper forms may take interest in them. The latter may even derive some advantage from reading this booklet. It is chiefly with regard to them that I choose to publish it in English at a time when we are on the worst of terms with our neighbours on the other side of the Channel. We must not forget that the knowledge of the English language as well as of the French language will be as important for us Germans after the war as it was before. When the war is over and our armies come back victorious, as we hope, from the hostile countries, we shall still want to trade with our enemies of to-day; and the way to succeed is to sharpen our tools, not fling them away. On the other hand, there are the English and French literatures, the value of which will outlive many wars.

It remains to me to acknowledge the kindness of Mr. H. C. Norman, Head Master of the County School at Ramsgate, in assisting me both in my studies and my difficulties caused by the war.

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