Nowhere in the world will the death of Mr. Wilson have aroused stronger emotions than amongst those at Geneva who, while he has lain stricken on his sick-bed, have been privileged to take part directly in the attempt to translate into practice the high principles of international co-operation and conciliation for which he may truly be said to have given his life. Undoubtedly the greatest of our spiritual leaders has passed away, a man who had the opportunity granted to few indeed of standing at a cross-roads in history and pointing out a new way for his fellow men. Mr. Wilson came to Europe at the end of the world's most desperate war, and stood in the councils of the exhausted nations as the acknowledged champion of a new hope and a new vision. In the main Mr. Wilson triumphed, for his hopes for an association of nations, for an ordered method of arbitration, for a permanent agency of peace, were inscribed as Part One of the Treaties. Slowly at first but with increasing faith the other nations turned towards this new ideal, while Mr. Wilson himself was making his last fight at home. With that struggle we on this side have no concern. While the non-entry of the United States caused serious dislocation to the original ideas of the League, it shortly became manifest, first that an international association was none the less essential at this moment of history, and second that
that such an association could perform useful service even if seriously handicapped by events beyond its control. So the work has gone on, even increasing in scope and importance and bringing always more nations and wider interests about the common council table. The passing of Mr. Wilson, while taking away the greatest advocate of international co-operation, will provide a new and sober inspiration for those of us at Geneva who are most insufficiently, but to the best of our powers, attempting to carry on the ideal which he set. Mr. Wilson has gone but the work for which he gave his life has only just begun.