

## ΚΕΦΑΛΗ Ε

### THE WOUND OF AMFORTAS<sup>27</sup>

The Self-mastery of Percivale became the Self-masturbatory of the Bourgeois.

Vir-tus has become “virture.”

The qualities which have made a man, a race, a city, a caste, must be thrown off : death is the penalty of failure. As it is written : In the hour of success sacrifice that which is dearest to thee unto the Infernal Gods !

The Englishman lives upon the excrement of his forefathers.

All moral codes are worthless in themselves ; yet in every *new* code there is hope. Provided always that the code is not changed because it is too hard, but because if is fulfilled.

The dead dog floats with the stream ; in puritan France the best women are harlots ; in vicious England the best women are virgins.

If only the Archbishop of Canterbury were to go naked in the streets and beg his bread !

The new Christ, like the old, is the friend of publicans and sinners ; because his nature is ascetic.

O if everyman did No Matter What, provided that it is the one thing that he will not and cannot do !