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BURWASH MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

When the late Nathanael Burwash, President and Chancellor of Victoria College for so many years, had reached the Jubilee of his ministry, the event was signalized by the creation of a foundation of five thousand dollars to be known as the 'Burwash Memorial Lectureship'. The object sought was to perpetuate the memory of faithful and distinguished services by securing for future years 'an agency by which the truths, studies, and causes in which Dr. Burwash had been interested might find from time to time such further exposition as scholarship would be able to supply and as the coming generations would require that the truth might make them free'.

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FOREWORD

THE committee appointed to select the second lecturer in the Burwash Memorial Lectureship series had the happiness to secure the Hon. N. W. Rowell, K.C., LL.D., a distinguished Canadian citizen. Mr. Rowell had recently enhanced his reputation as an exponent of high matters of Church and State by a notable part taken at the Assembly of the League of Nations. Being well known as a careful student of political principles and a wise interpreter of national conditions, it was assured that his handling of the problem of the maintenance of World Peace would be illuminating and constructive. Large audiences in the Convocation Hall of the University of Toronto listened to these addresses and gave liberal indication of their appreciation. This volume, containing these lectures in but slightly altered form, is issued in the certain confidence it will contribute to a right understanding, more particularly on the part of Canadian citizens, of a problem of paramount importance and urgency. In this, as in other social problems of human welfare, the right attitude of will and feeling is not in itself sufficient.

There must also be the right understanding. And to this there is no royal road. Patient investigation, sympathetic reading of other nations' histories and literatures, travel and sojourn within their borders, a cosmopolitan and liberal mind are required. To this end the chapters of this volume will make a worthy contribution.

R. P. BOWLES.

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PREFACE

THE following lectures were delivered at the University of Toronto under the Burwash Lectureship, Victoria College, during the last week of November 1921.

The general theme of the lectures is World Peace, and the design is : to set forth the necessity for international co-operation for its preservation ; the methods from time to time suggested and employed for its maintenance ; the part played by the British Empire in promoting and preserving peace ; and the interest of the people of Canada in the question by reason of (1) their membership in the League of Nations, (2) their citizenship in the British Empire, (3) their place in the family of nations, and (4) their adherence to the Christian faith. As Canada is entering upon new experiences in the larger life of the British Commonwealth and of the world the problems arising out of Imperial and International relationships are of ever-increasing interest and importance to Canadians.

At the time the lectures were delivered the Washington Conference on the Limitation of Armaments was in session. The Conference, which was formally opened on the 12th of November 1921, concluded its labours on the 6th of

February 1922. During the Conference the following treaties and resolutions were agreed upon by the parties concerned and announced to the Conference :

1. A treaty between the United States of America, the British Empire, France, Italy, and Japan, limiting naval armament.
2. A treaty between the same Powers, in relation to the use of submarines and noxious gases in warfare.
3. A treaty between the United States of America, the British Empire, France, and Japan, signed 13th December 1921, relating to their insular possessions and insular dominions in the Pacific Ocean.
4. A declaration accompanying the above Four-Power Treaty.
5. A treaty between the same Four Powers, supplementary to the above, signed 6th February 1922.
6. A treaty between Japan and China relating to Shantung.
7. A treaty between Nine Powers relating to principles and policies to be followed in matters concerning China.
8. A treaty between the Nine Powers relating to Chinese customs tariff.
9. Two resolutions relating to the appointment