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INTRODUCTION

THE abolition of war, to which increasing numbers are looking with genuine faith as a reality of the near future, is the largest proposition ever yet conceived by the mind of man. WAR—oldest of human institutions—the one thing permanent in a world of ceaseless change! Something justifies its existence or it would not have survived so long. With all its attendant evils, has it not been the principal means in the past of resisting injustice, oppression, and public wrong of whatever nature? Has it not been the most powerful agency in the growth of civilization and its conquest over barbarism? Is it not true, as one writer puts it, that, “from Marathon to Mukden, nearly all questions of