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PREFACE

THE Essays that constitute this volume were written at the suggestion of the Council for the Study of International Relations. The Council found itself hampered in beginning its work by the lack of books on international relations suitable for use in study circles and classes ; and it wishes to acknowledge its great indebtedness to the contributors for providing it with a general text-book at short notice, in spite of the pressure of much other work. It is hoped that the book will be found of value to all who realise the importance of the study of international problems. It should be pointed out that the Council for the Study of International Relations exists solely to encourage and assist the study of international relations from all points of views ; the books and pamphlets which it publishes or recommends are selected with that object alone in view, and the Council is not to be regarded as necessarily sharing the views set forth in them.

"Remota justitia quid sunt regna nisi magna
latrocinia?"—ST. AUGUSTINE.

(Without justice, what are states but great
robber-bands?)

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I

WAR AND PEACE SINCE 1815

1. EARLY EFFORTS TO SECURE EUROPEAN UNITY

THE cry that was raised at the beginning of the present European struggle—that this must be a war to end war, and that on the conclusion of peace the system of isolated and individual states must give place to some sort of European confederation—had a familiar sound to the student of history. The great war of the French Revolution against Europe was prefaced by a declaration of the brotherhood of peoples and of the determination of France to wage no war of conquest. The message of the Revolution to Wordsworth was, "Wars shall cease: Did ye not hear that conquest is abjured?" Napoleon had visions, not altogether unlike those that now have their home in Berlin, of a Europe, rational, prosperous, and peaceful under the presidency of the superior civilisation of France. And when the system of coalitions began to grow up against the power of Napoleon, it was not only the overthrow of his power that the Allies contemplated: they thought they saw through the battle-smoke a settled order in Europe, and a condition of permanent peace.

The circumstances after the battle of Waterloo seemed