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" Oh, ye Colleges of Ancient Art, Modern Art, High Art ! Oh, ye Priest Sanhedrims, ye Modern Colleges, Royal Academies, ye Greek Nightmares, and still worse Hebrew Nightmares, that press out the soul of poor England and poor Europe, when will you take flight, and let us have a little breath, think you ? Exodus from Houndsditch, I believe, is the first beginning of such deliverance."—(From Carlyle's *Journal*, 1848.)

" Matter itself—the outer world of matter—is either Nothing or else a product due to man's *mind*. To Mind, all questions, especially this question, come for ultimate decision, as in the universal highest and final Court of Appeal. I wish all this could be developed, universally set forth, and put on its true basis. Alas ! I myself can do nothing with it, but perhaps others will."—(From Carlyle's *Journal*, 13th November, 1869.)



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## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

Now that the orthodox "Christian" nations of Europe are engaged upon the most gigantic war ever known on this planet, the present might be considered an opportune time in which to enquire into the hidden sources of all warfare. The nations called civilised have always been in the habit of appealing to the God of Battles when international relationships had become too strained to be settled otherwise than by the use of physical force. It is common knowledge that the present advanced generation is the heir of some nineteen hundred years of professed Christianity. It is true that the best "intellects" of the churches and chapels have been unwearying in their studies in the Higher Criticism. It is unquestionable that the Archbishops and the Pope are in receipt of salaries that compare not unfavourably with the wages of the Carpenter of Nazareth, who unwittingly was the means of founding the huge black-leg-proof Trade Union that now masquerades in His name. Our statesmen and ambassadors have had at their disposal the history of all diplomacy since Jacob, and the writings of all political economists since Plato. Yet notwithstanding these unique advantages, the orgy of blood-letting in which the most highly civilised nations of the world