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P R E F A C E.

"TILL the war-drum throb'd no longer, and the battle flags
were furl'd
In the parliament of man, the federation of the world.
There the common sense of most shall hold a fretful realm
in awe ;
And the kindly earth shall slumber, lapt in universal law."
—*Locksley Hall.*

" Until it is agreed and enforced that no nation in Europe
shall take possession of another, or of any part, international
law will be no better than quibble and contradiction."

" A housebreaker is condemned to die ; a city-breaker is
celebrated by an inscription on the gate. The murder of
thousands, soon perpetrated and past, is not the greatest

mischief he does : it is followed by the baseness of millions deepening for ages."

"If the wiser and better of every country were its governors, there would be few wars, few wants, few vices, few miseries."

"Every chief magistrate should be arbitrator and umpire in all differences between any two, forbidding war. Much would be added to the dignity of the most powerful king by rendering him an efficient member of such a grand Amphictyonic Council."—*Imaginary Conversations*.

"Nor will the work of civilisation be complete till the nations of the world shall have established an international council—call it what you will—with a tribunal strong enough to put down international violence, and to administer justice between nation and nation, as certainly and as peacefully as between man and man."—*The Usages of War*, Q. R.

"All things speak
Peace, harmony, and love. The universe,
In Nature's silent eloquence, declares
That all fulfil the works of love and joy—
All but the outcast, Man. He fabricates
The sword which stabs his peace."

" War is the statesman's game, the priest's delight,
The lawyer's jest, the hired assassin's trade ;
And, to those royal murderers whose mean thrones
Are bought by crimes of treachery and gore,
The bread they eat, the staff on which they lean.

War, with its million horrors and fierce hell,
Shall live but in the memory of Time,
Who, like a penitent libertine, shall start,
Look back, and shudder at his younger years."

—*Queen Mab.*

" How difficult and how noble it is to govern in kindness, and to found an empire upon the everlasting basis of justice and affection ! But what do men call vigour ? To let loose hussars and to bring up artillery, to govern with lighted matches, and to cut, and push, and prime,—I call this not vigour, but the *sloth of cruelty and ignorance*. The vigour I love consists in finding out wherein subjects are aggrieved, in relieving them, in studying the temper and genius of a people, in consulting their prejudices, in selecting proper persons to lead and manage them, in the laborious, watchful, and difficult task of increasing public happiness, by allaying each particular discontent."—*Sydney Smith.*
