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INTRODUCTION.

THE people are entitled to know what is being done to promote their welfare and the men who are doing it, in order that they may approve the things that pertain to their peace, and support the men who dare to take a stand for the realization of these things.

It has been my good fortune to come in touch with leading statesmen who are doing the things that make for the peace of the world. It is my duty to them and to the people to make public the facts which have come to my knowledge.

I was present at the great Peace Congress at London on July 23d, 1906, which resulted in a declaration, by over five hundred members of the world's most important Parliaments, in favor of ideas whose adoption by the governments will make peace and justice in international affairs not only a possibility, but a reality.

After the Brussels session of this Union of the World's Parliaments, it was my privilege to visit the homes of several of the great statesmen, whose stand in favor of the plan proposed at Brussels by Hon. Richard Bartholdt, resulted in the progressive action taken by the London Conference.

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This gave me a rare opportunity to know these men as they really are.

I wish I could have met them all. I wish I could present a more perfect picture of those whom I did meet.

But I have done the best I could, faithfully to reflect the facts, in the light of devotion to truth, and without distortion from personal or political considerations. Being an eye witness to the great service rendered by Mr. W. J. Bryan to the cause for which these men have done and endured so much. I have acted on the idea that the cause can be still further promoted if the people can become acquainted with these Peacemakers, when Mr. Bryan's return is awakening a great interest in this matter. A book on all phases of the question was in preparation and a part had been put in type, The printers joined me in an effort to overcome all limitations of time, and to present at this moment those parts of my book, which will enable the readers to get at the heart of the matter, if they will overlook all superficial errors.

In publishing a book on the Peacemakers, in which I mention only a few men, I do not mean to claim for them exclusively a title which belongs by right to every man who will claim the inheritance which belongs to him as a man. I do not even mean to say that these men are the greatest Peacemakers of the world.

Every man in any age or country who has brought, or who may hereafter bring, into human consciousness a true idea, is to that extent a peacemaker. And good literature is merely a feeble reflection of the light which these men shed upon the human sky.

The Prince of Peacemakers never took any part in politics. He had a higher office to perform. He had to stand for and demonstrate the absolute truth, which alone can give the peace that neither men or nations can take away. But there is a peace which the operation of true political principles can give, and there are thousands of brave men who are laboring to extend the operation of these principles, so as to reduce to the narrowest possible limits the area in which war is waged, and to enlarge the area of peace thru justice, duly administered. More than two thousand of these are banded together in an organization known as the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

In this little book I will present this Inter-Parliamentary Union, and the plan for permanent peace which it has now espoused, and then an image of its leading men, as they have appeared to me.

In doing so I will add to articles already published some that are yet to appear, and I must trust the imagination of the readers to make the necessary connection between men and events, which it would have been a pleasure to contemplate and to publish if time had permitted this.