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## PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION

N publishing this third edition, now eight years after the appearance of the first, I have not deemed it wise to make any material changes in what was then written. The nature of the argument, as an interpretation of the forces and movements then clearly seeming to me to be rapidly working out the federation and peace of the world, is such that it could not well be made more forcible by recasting it into another form. The recent extraordinary progress of the nations, in spite of the persistence of the rivalry of armaments, toward the ideal attainment then forecast is made all the more striking by presenting it, as is done in the last two chapters, alongside the prediction at that time written down. The ten chapters have there-

fore been left standing substantially as they were, with only a few corrections and minor changes made necessary by the lapse of time. The foot-notes have been slightly modified in places, to enable the reader the better to contrast the state of international affairs eight years ago with that at the present time. The eleventh chapter, though never before published, was written soon after the Hague Conference of 1899, during which it was my privilege to be at The Hague, and was an attempt to interpret the work of that remarkable gathering and its bearing upon the future relations of the nations. In the twelfth chapter I have attempted to set forth the chief features of the progress of the federative movement since the close of that Conference and the establishment and opening of the permanent International Court of Arbitration. I have included in this exposition a brief account of the work and results of the Second Hague Conference, which has just closed its labors.

BOSTON, December, 1907.



## PREFACE

**T**HE substance of what is found on the following pages was originally given in two lectures delivered before the faculty and students of the Meadville Theological School, Meadville, Pennsylvania, in the spring of 1897, on the Adin Ballou foundation. The lectures have since been carefully revised and considerably expanded, and are now given to the public for the first time. The surpassing interest of the subject discussed is my only justification in venturing to bring my thought before a larger number of hearers than was reached when the lectures were given. The conclusions reached are the result of many years of careful study of the international movements of modern society and their causes, and they cannot be fairly judged except from the point of view of these movements.