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INTRODUCTION.

THE crisis through which the United States is passing, little understood by many, will leave its impress on the history of the world. That there is a great principle underlying the present contest, and that that principle is—that God hath made of one blood all nations, and not given to one the right to enslave another, will, I believe, become more and more evident. Putting aside all questions of the manner in which the war is or ought to be conducted, I would commend to the English public the following pages, as illustrative of the truth of the above statement. They are from the pen of an eye-witness well qualified to bear testimony to what he saw and heard during a residence of nine months in America.

And in further confirmation of the opinion I have given above, let me note a few facts to which history will bear witness as characteristic of the policy of

the Republican party on the question of slavery during their present tenure of office, which claim for them the sympathies of mankind :—

1. The forming of a treaty with Great Britain giving the mutual right of search.
2. The abolition of slavery in the district of Columbia.
3. The stopping of the African slave-trade.
4. The prohibition of slavery in the Territories.
5. The recognition of Hayti and Liberia.
6. The sanctioning of National aid to State emancipation.

I sincerely trust that peace may be restored on the basis of liberty for all, and that, when the passions excited by war shall have subsided, credit will be given to the sincerity of those who have laboured to stay the plague which threatened to involve and desolate the whole Union.

A. KINNAIRD.



PREFACE.

PASTOR FISCH does not need either introduction or recommendation to the religious public of England. His labours and his spirit are well known; but, as I have been requested to prepare a preface to the English version of his work on America, I accept the honour of associating my name with his.

The work is written with the Christian design of lessening one of the worst evils of our nature—what may be called "Ethnophobia," or international animosity. On the one hand, we can never put faith in the philanthropy of men who have no patriotism; for he who is ever ready to take sides against his own country, when he appears to contend for the general interests of humanity, probably does so rather from love of opposition than from large-heartedness. On the other hand, real patriotism

tends not to bad, but to good neighbourhood among nations as domestic affection among families. A perversion of the latter leads to encroachments and broils; but the stronger is one's love of his own kindred, if Christian principle rule his heart, the more will he desire to see other families happy.

He is not the better Frenchman who loves France and hates England; but he who loves France best, and England also. He is not the better American who loves America and detests Europe, but he who loves both, each in due degree. The man who hates other countries is a danger to his own, for he makes it enemies. Why should Americans hate Englishmen, and Englishmen Americans? If they who write on purpose to excite ill will between two private families are culpable, they who do it to excite animosity between two nations have tenfold guilt—the former promote a scandal, the latter provoke a war.

Speaking of the state of information in Europe as to America, M. Fisch makes the natural remark—"The tissue of myths which might be called the legends of the United States, is a curious subject of observation." And with equal truth may the remark be made in America of England. By the zealous labours of daily writers the two nations are caricatured before one another, till, if half of what is