

BROTHERS ALL

THE WAR AND THE RACE QUESTION

THE MEETING OF THE RACES.

THE war which we are witnessing marks an epoch, not only in the history of England or of Europe, but in the history of mankind. If there were any spectator who, through the unnumbered ages, had followed the course of the creature called Man upon this planet, he would have seen naked cave-men, thousands of years ago, drive each other in pursuit and flight over the hill-sides with stones and clubs ; he would have seen, later on, the mail-clad armies of Assyria and Rome move over wide regions, sacking and slaying ; and in recent time he would have seen the still larger armies of Europeans fight with weapons that mowed men down at long range. But he would never have seen a war which engaged so large a part of the men upon earth, which affected, directly or indirectly, the whole world, as this war does. And the reason is that this war has come at the end of an epoch wherein a certain process, which our supposed spectator would be able to follow, has gone forward at a rate such as he would not have observed at any earlier time.