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SOME THOUGHTS CONCERNING THE WAR,
PRESENTED IN A DISCOURSE PREACHED IN THE UNITARIAN
CHURCH, MONTREAL, ON THE 18TH APRIL, 1855, BEING
THE DAY APPOINTED BY ROYAL PROCLAMATION, AS A DAY
OF PUBLIC WORSHIP THROUGHOUT CANADA, ON ACCOUNT
OF THE WAR.

BY REV. J. CORDNER.

“A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction.”

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IN our days a sound of battle in one land is a sound of battle in all lands. The methods of communication between the various civilized countries are so rapid and complete, that any important blow struck in one of them is immediately heard every where. A message flying over the telegraph wire can now be conveyed from one distant European capital to another in a few hours, where, within the memory of living men, it formerly took almost as many weeks. And the word of peace or war, of joy or sorrow, can cleave the Atlantic from shore to shore in a few days. Besides the marvels of the ordinary printing press, we have the wonderful popularisation of the