

this hemisphere, and though one hour at Gettysburg cost the American people more lives than the entire death list by bullet wounds and disease, yet the sufferings of the American troops in transport ships, on the soil of the Antilles, and in the hospitals and camps at home, have shown the whole nation the bitterness of war.

"Did your son get safe home from Cuba?" asked a neighbour.

"He did better than that," was the answer. "He got safe home from camp."

"Lest we forget, lest we forget," God's providence has shown the Americans within the space of four months that General Sherman uttered the truth when he said, "War is hell."

These two peoples have been settling their differences by arbitration and not by the sword, and when General Grant, who led greater armies and had more uninterrupted victories than Napoleon, was asked on what he depended most for his fame, he answered, "The Treaty of Washington, where we settled the Alabama claims by arbitration."

And now the very breath of the world is taken away by the appeal of the Czar of all the Russias for universal peace. The Russian Bear looks odd but interesting in his suit of sheep's clothing. The growing "rapprochement" between England and America, and the appearance of Brother Jonathan on the scene of the Far East has no doubt helped on this overture from this greatest of military despots, who each year has 280,000 conscripts join his army, which in times of peace numbers one million, while the war footing rises to two and a half millions of men. The curse of militarism, with its vast expenditure of money and men, lies heavy on the nations. If an international agreement to disarmament can be made it will

be the most momentous and beneficial movement in modern history, a blessed presage of the twentieth century.

The high mission of the English-speaking race, with its language, its literature, its institutions, its spirit of adventure, its gift of colonization, its open Book and evangelical creed, is to be a spiritual blessing to the world, and to lead the nations to Christianity. God's voice would seem to say, "I have a purpose concerning you, the Anglo-Saxon people. I led you out from your early home in the low marshes of the North Sea. I gave you a second home in sunny England, and a third home on the virgin soil of America. I held Australia in reserve for you, and have put into your keeping India, Africa, the Isles of the Sea. I have given you the best soil of all the world and the wealth of all mines, that you may have might and majesty and dominion. I have scourged and chastened you, baptized you with blood and fire, washed out the curse of slavery and made freedom, law and order the heritage of all, that you might proclaim liberty throughout all the earth to all the inhabitants thereof.

"You are to become the world's evangelizer. My purpose concerning you is written in letters of light in your grandeur, your wealth, your power, your liberty, your religion. Go forth on your high and holy mission, and you shall stand in your lot until the last fires shall blot out the sun; and the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, shall come down from God out of heaven."

We do not attempt to define the terms of this alliance. A heart union is of more importance than a formal treaty. An alliance offensive and defensive between these two almost irresistible powers might develop a too aggressive policy and alarm the European