

of your Holiness that the future arrangement of the world must be based on the elimination of armed forces, and on the moral force of right, and on the rule of justice and legality."

That is the principle his cruel and wicked predecessor refused to give effect to, and out of the mouth of his successor he is thus broadly and implicitly condemned. If he had listened to the eminently just advice, nay, the entreaties of his really enlightened and civilized contemporaries, and not to the selfish and designing and unscrupulous monarch who sways, and will probably prove to have destroyed, the German Empire there would have been no war.

But His Imperial Majesty goes even further and says: "Fully conscious of the importance of the promotion of peace on the method proposed by your Holiness, namely, to submit international disputes to compulsory arbitration, we are also prepared to enter into negotiations regarding this proposal." It may be observed that this proposal did not originate with the Pope. It had long before the war been the subject of discussion among the really enlightened nations of the world, but it is needless to say that among the scientific savages it found no favour.

JUDICIAL Demeanour.

Nothing brings the administration of justice into greater contempt than uncalled for observations by Judges, and by the want of that judicial attitude which is appropriate to their position. It has almost become a habit with some Judges to express opinions on matters which are not before them, and for others to forget that they are Judges, and allow their temper or their feelings to get the better of them. An illustration of this occurred recently at a criminal trial in England. It appears that two boys, who were undefended, and who had pleaded guilty in a Police-court, but not guilty at the Quarter Sessions, were acquitted by the jury on the latter occasion. The Judge thereupon informed the jury that they had not found a verdict consistent with the oath of office which they had taken, and said he would report them to the Home Office. He also ordered the jury to stay for the rest of the