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THE circumstances under which we are assembled furnish abundant evidence that we have come together, for the performance of some special, if not extraordinary duty. The devotional rites in which we have already engaged, show that we are committed to some great religious transaction. The ARK is not in any imminent danger, nor are we obliged to look for it either in EPHRATA or in the fields of the wood. The peace of Sion is not threatened with disruption, and the City of our solemnities is radiant with the glory of the Lord. Our frontiers are not invaded as in the days of the chivalric DEBORAH, nor is the country wasted by fire and sword, as in the days of the heroic JEPHTHAH and GIDEON. We are convened together, not to conclude an armistice with our enemies, but to commemorate our triumphs over them—not to ratify a treaty of peace, but to devise means for more effectually prosecuting a war infinitely more honorable and glorious, than that which animated the followers of GODFREY, or inspired the troops of TANCRED.—The conquest of the Saracens, and the recovery of the holy sepulchre were in accordance with

“The low ambition and the pride of Kings;”

But this Society, as a part of the militant host contemplates the subjugation of “The Prince of Darkness—the salvation of souls—and the extension of the Empire of ‘The Son of Man.’” Their weapons are not carnal but spiritual, and are mighty through God to the pulling down of every strong hold—their motto is onward—and as they advance from conquering to conquer, they perform the grand march of their invincible and glorified commander—

“Thine the kingdom, power, and glory,

Thine the ransomed nations are:

Let the Heathen fall before thee,

Let the Isles thy power declare:

Judge and conquer

All mankind in righteous war.”