

and many times in the crises of the world's history might have made war unnecessary if her spirit had not been scared by the clash of arms and

Battle's magnificently stern array!

William Penn went to America without cannon and sword, and with the determination to meet the Indians with truth and kindness. He bought their land and paid for it. He made a treaty with them and observed it. On one occasion he wanted to procure more land and made overtures for its purchase. The Indians replied that they did not want to part with the land; but to please their father Onas, as they called Penn, they would let him have some, agreeing that for certain English goods he should have as much land as a young man could travel round in one day. The result was unsatisfactory to the Indians, who protested that "white brother make a big walk," whereupon some of Penn's commissioners began to talk about compelling them to abide by their bargain. "Compel?" said Penn. "How can you compel without bloodshed?" Penn then asked the Indians how much more in English goods would satisfy them, and the price was named and paid. When the Colony of Pennsylvania was pressed for provisions and none could be obtained from other settlements, it was the Indians who supplied them with food. The name of good father Onas had a magic in it for many years after he was dead.