

avoid war is a most beneficent and patriotic one ; and by it many difficulties that might have resulted in a war, have been happily settled ; among these are the Geneva arbitration of 1872 and the Behring Sea of 1893, and there are many more. It has now become the established policy of the United States and Great Britain to settle by arbitration questions arising between them which cannot be disposed of in the ordinary course of diplomacy.

The two nations have now committed themselves to this policy. Now, when such progress is made to arrest the awful destruction and demoralization of war, is it true patriotism, is it for the good of our beloved country, that this spirit of strife should be stirred up? Our present position among the nations makes it certain that no unjust aggressive war will be waged against us.

If war comes it will be a war of injustice and aggression on our part. Do we want to train our boys for conquest and oppression, "to cry havoc and let loose the dogs of war" to invade the liberties and rights of weaker nations. If we do the curse will react upon us, and in invading the liberties of others we may destroy our own.

Rome did not conquer the world until she had extinguished every vestige of her own liberty. Let us say to this West Point trained warrior that we do not need his services, that we have a better, cheaper and more efficient way for the physical development of our boys ; a way that needs no guns nor uniforms, or the false glitter of war. Let us take the advice of Dr. Dudley A. Sargeant of Harvard University (and there is no better authority on physical training). He says, "Advocate a large number of gymnasia, and in time of peace follow after those things that make for peace instead of inviting war by preparations for it." The true strength of our government lies in the virtue and intelligence of the people ; in reverence for justice, order and law. We injure our young people by encouraging a spirit of contention, false glory

and fondness for the trappings and display of war.

The Women's New-Century Club of this city has earnestly discussed this proposal and voted against military drill by a large majority.

The First-day School Union of Concord Quarterly Meeting of Friends, consisting of the representatives of thirteen schools in Pennsylvania and Delaware, at a meeting held at Wilmington on April 6th, unanimously expressed its earnest disapproval of the introduction of military drill into public schools, and desired its expression on this question to be publicly recorded. —From the "Every Evening," Wilmington, Delaware, 4th mo. 26, 1895.

THREE POWERS.

The Spirit saith : "All things are mine,
In earth and sky and sea ;
Unmeasured space, unnumbered dead ;
The wealth of things that be."
Nor Truth saith nay.

And Mind doth say : "S ill yet am I
The power in every thought ;
I rule the earth ; great kingdoms sway
Where sceptered hand is naught."
Nor Truth saith nay.

Yet Love, in modesty unmeet
For power unlimited and great,
Doth rule them both ; in ecstasy
O'er sweet its power to mate ;
Yet knows it not.

George Everett Anderson.

MAY BLOSSOMS.

The breath of May-time blossoms
Is floating on the air,
Their incense and their fragrance
Are wafted everywhere.

Out in the dewy meadows,
Clad in their azure hue,
Forget-me-nots and violets
Lift up their eyes of blue.

Within the shady woodlands
Are troops of shining ones,
With leafy trees to shade them from
The ardor of the sun.

The earth is fresh and fragrant
With May-time blossoms here,
The season of the May flowers
Is loveliest of the year.

—E. AVERILL.