

## Current Topics and Events.



PEACE ON EARTH.

Peace ! and no longer from her brazen portals,  
The blast of war's great organ shakes the skies,

But beautiful as songs of the immortals  
The holy melodies of love arise.

### THE DESCENT OF THE OLIVE BRANCH.

The greatness of Japan's victories in war have been exceeded only by the greatness of her concessions to the foe beneath her heel. The astounding result of the Portsmouth conference—what shall one say of it more than simply that it is astounding ?

Anxious prognosticators who saw all nations becoming embroiled can now set

their minds at ease. The world's prayer for peace has been answered, and wondrously answered, in the hour when the clouds seemed thickest and darkest. Indeed, it is almost as if the Unseen Hand had suddenly intervened and hushed the strife. The settlement, though manifestly unfair to Japan, is at least favorable to her in one respect : her neighbor will not, or at least should not, live in