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The plight of the Superintendent of Education at the present moment recalls that of MacBeth:

“ They have tied me to a stake, I cannot fly
But, bear-like, I must fight the *course*.”

For well nigh a twelve month — since August 24th last — the civilized world has been in possession of that unique proposal of the Czar of all the Russias, in which he pleads for the cause of peace, and now the eyes of the world are centered on the “gathering of the clans” at the Hague to discuss disarmament and arbitration. Whatever be the immediate outcome of the conference now sitting at the Hague, it can scarcely fail to bring the world in some degree nearer to the realization of the universal brotherhood of man, and of the possibility of civilized nations possessing some means of deciding questions of right and wrong other than by the shedding of human blood. No discussion can be said to be fruitless which contributes even indirectly to the