

tion may be formulated in view of the improvements which science may be able to reach in the armament of troops, in order to maintain the principles which they have enunciated, and to reconcile the necessities of war with the laws of humanity."

St. Petersburg, 29th November—11th December, 1868.

(Here follow the signatures of the Plenipotentiaries.)

Sanctioned and promulgated in France by decree of 30th Dec., 1868, this declaration subsists between the following powers: Austria-Hungary, Bavaria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Persia, Portugal, Prussia, States forming the old confederation of North Germany, Russia, Sweden and Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, Wurtemberg.

The obligations which it involves should be religiously observed during any war which may take place between two or any of these States.

Let us add, in conclusion, that the threat of employing any means prohibited by the laws of war should never be made. In penal law, the threat of a crime constitutes of itself, in certain cases, a guilty action, and it is so according to the laws of war.

To act through the dread of a prohibited severity, even although without having the intention of resorting to it, would be to compromise one's own loyalty, and, at the same time, to abuse the good faith of the enemy.

(To be continued.)

AN APOLOGY.

The proposition that the pursuit of game for sport is a survival from ages which we have agreed to call barbarous needs no elaborate demonstration. It is not the only instance of the business of one period surviving as the pastime of the next. In this industrial epoch, pastoral and agricultural pursuits are indulged in by many for their pleasure; and a time may come when people will keep miniature Wall streets in their backyards, or amuse themselves with the exchange of cleverly adulterated commodities, not for profit, but for pleasure, not as a business, but because in such way a field may be secured for the display of that adroitness wherewith their ancestors shall have won undying fame.