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AS IT OUGHT—AND AS WE HOPE IT ALWAYS WILL BE!

CHRISTIANITY (to Lord Salisbury and President Cleveland)—Men and brethren, respecting the Empire and the Republic, there is a better way to settle your disputes than by recourse to arms. Will you adopt it!"

SALISBURY AND CLEVELAND—"We will!" (They break their swords and shake hands.)

It is a very happy circumstance that the holy Christmas-tide, which a year ago was made ominous with the menace of war, should this year be made glad with the assurance of peace. We suppose there was really never any serious danger of Great Britain and America quarrelling over the Venezuela question, but it is none the less pleasant that peace with honour has been secured, and that our large cartoon expresses the real situation to-day.