

magnanimous act of the Khalif Omar who protected that Church.

May this wonderful beginning—even if it is not followed by the harmless conquest of the rest of the Holy Land—be the earnest of the creation, for the first time on earth; of a government devoted wholly to Peace, with no temptation to war in itself and no provocation to other States, because founded by the agreement and solemn guarantees of all peoples to whom the land is dear and holy. What fitter soil could be dedicated to this ideal, which we pray to be gradually fulfilled all the world over, than that on which the coming of the Prince of Peace was predicted, on which He was born and suffered and died, that He might draw all men to Himself and to one another!

In these pages we have been engaged with the merely material foundations, resources, and securities of the New Syria. Wide and rich as they are, pregnant with the fullest promise to the land and its various peoples, they cannot avail without the devotion of these peoples, and of the Western Governments and democracies which support them, to those principles and ideals of which the land's sons have been the prophets to mankind. In the words of one of them—*until the Spirit be poured from on high and the wilderness become a fruitful field, and the work of righteousness be peace and the effect of righteousness quietness and confidence for ever; and My people shall abide in a peaceable habitation and in sure dwellings and in quiet resting places.* Then shall it be confidently said, *Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee!*