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There is, perhaps, scarcely an inhabitant of this land who does not, in some degree, share the common feeling of interest which agitates England, as she gazes in the direction of those regions where our armies are at present engaged in mortal strife. How much is at stake that involves the interests and security of Europe! How much, too, especially affecting the spiritual prosperity and happiness of men! Touched by the scenes enacting around him, the heart of the Christian is pained with deepest anguish by considerations which more peculiarly affect those who desire the establishment of the kingdom of peace and righteousness on the earth. Such minds are averse to *all* war; and with troubled thoughts they kneel to God, perplexed how to give utterance to the emotions which oppress them; and in what way to express the longings which cannot find utterance, because connected with subjects so incongruous to those which usually occupy them, when approaching the throne of their Father in heaven. They hope, and may even cherish the belief, that Christ's kingdom will be advanced by the results of the contest; but their part is rather that of "watchers," who keep silence," and observe what transpires around them. Their position seems indicated in the 46th Psalm, verses 8, 9, 10, 11. When they behold the "desolations which are made in the earth," they are "still," because they know that God is the ruler of the universe, and that it is in his hand to give the award, and to determine the destiny of the people upon the face of the whole earth. There are, however, some gleams of light, some indications of a merciful character, which may encourage these servants of the Prince of Peace. Small things indicate the movement of the tides, Great things begin with gentle under-currents, so slight as to be scarcely