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PREFACE.

IN preparing for the press the following account of the Proceedings of the Peace Convention, I have been guided by what I believe to have been the wish of the assembled Delegates, in so far as that wish was expressed. The Papers which were read are given entire; and the Letters very nearly so. A record is preserved of all the Business done in the Convention; that which did not find a place on the minutes is omitted here. Whether I have exercised a sound discretion as to what was *spoken*, others will decide. It will be recollected, however, that on all hands I was urged to brevity; and this I have endeavoured to combine with fidelity and usefulness. The next number of "The Herald of Peace," to be published on the 1st of October, will furnish, to some extent, the means of forming an opinion, from the statements of the periodical press, of the impression produced by the Convention upon the public mind; and will state what has been done by the Committee in London towards carrying its resolutions into effect. More than one of the Delegates expressed their desire that a volume on the Statistics of War and Peace should be prepared, to embody the valuable materials collected by Mr. John Allen. The practical value of such a volume cannot be questioned; but the preparation of it must depend upon our receiving names of subscribers sufficient to cover the expenses of publication.

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