

## PREFACE

A PREFACE is frequently in the nature of an apology made, either by some publicist to his circle of readers in introducing a new or little-known writer, or by the author himself for temerity in obtruding his views upon some threadbare theme. I offer no excuses for what may appear to be rashness on my part, because, although very many books have been written about war and wars, there are few indeed in which human warfare is regarded as a problem capable of solution, and scarcely any having for their purpose its elucidation. The reason is that war is generally believed to be inherent in human nature and that there is therefore no solution.

The intention behind these pages is to demolish this fatalistic doctrine and to substitute a reasonable theory more in accordance with the facts. As might be expected, once the real factors of the problem are known the solution is at hand for those who are not dismayed by the bogies of tradition.

At this time when all earnest men are looking for a stable foundation upon which the edifice of a durable peace may be erected, my hope is that this book will usefully contribute towards the attainment of their desires. Criticism, hostile or otherwise, is welcome, because honest discussion speeds the day when there shall be peace on earth and goodwill towards men.

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