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A REMARKABLE PROPHECY.

The Vision of Plato.

By R. L. Orchelle.

A correspondent who has been delving into Dr. Naumann's Hilfe, has called my attention to a wonderful prophecy of Plato in his "Timeus." We have had many instances of hit or miss prophecies which idle and curious people have dug out of dusty books and enthusiastically sent to the Times of the Frankfurter Zeitung as revelations rare and astonishing. But this quotation is not of this haphazard class. The parallels between prophecy and reality are too close, the similarities, the details and conditions too exact, to make it anything else than a marvellous coincidence—a prevision of the continental conflict to be. Plato wrote thus: my translation is from the German version, not the Greek, and my own Plato slumbers dustily many, many miles away! "There lived once upon a time in Europe an estimable people who had established an orderly commonwealth upon a soil which they had made blessed by their industry. The arts and the sciences thrived to a splendid fruition. Their mode of life adhered to the just mean between ostentation and ignoble poverty. Thoroughness, insight and justice were united by them into a beautiful bond. Their robust men, practised in arms, exceeded all others in valor, and were the leaders and the protectors of weaker tribes. But satisfied with the produce of their land and their own activities they did not covet the possessions of strangers, and dwelt in peace and friendship with their neighbors. "Now to the west of this land there lay in the ocean an island, upon which there likewise dwelt a powerful race. The name of the island was Atlantis, and it was fertile and rich in treasures of the earth, above all in ore. Many cargoes were borne to its shores, for by virtue of their strong fleets of ships, these islanders not only obtained the mastery over the neighboring islands, but extended their empery as far as the coast of Africa and unto Egypt. So they grew immeasurably rich, like to no other people before them, and built lofty temples and splendid castles, countless harbors and spacious wharves. "So long as they held virtue and excellence of soul in greater esteem than much gold they were happy and esteemed by all. But as they waxed too prosperous and the weaknesses of human nature began to gain the upper hand, selfishness, greed and lust of conquest seized upon them."

"To men of clearer vision they now became contemptible inasmuch as they devoted all that was beautiful and honorable to the base purposes of making money. But to the fool they appeared even then to be at the summit of their fame and fortune. Jove thereupon resolved to punish their arrogance. He permitted them in their blindness to precipitate themselves into a war with the peaceful people of the continent. And now the difference between real thoroughness and only apparent thoroughness became manifest. For the people to east of them proved themselves, even without the help of other nations in their extremity, so superior in their strength of soul and in every art of war that they won a complete victory over their opponents. Thus they saved from bondage those who had not yet fallen into bondage and liberated the enslaved. It was the greatest and most heroic deed accomplished by this nation. The isle of Atlantis, they say, vanished into the depths of the sea one terrible night,— vanished with all its inhabitants." This fable which Plato drew from the gray mists of antiquity, is indeed like an augury of our own day. Who that has the real interests of a higher form of civilisation at heart, who that cherishes the inalienable right of a great and peaceful nation to develop along the paths of progress, who that detests greed, craft, fraud and lust of

conquest in another nation that would, dog-in-the-manger like, monopolize the earth as well as the sea, does not hope that the dim old fable may become a flaming and historical fact?

TO ENGLAND CONCERNING AMERICA.

By Calvin Dills Wilson.

(In reply to the verses "To America Concerning England," by William Watson, the British poet, in which he censures American Neutrality, blaming the republic for not aiding Britain in the war.) Art thou a Mother then, who aimed at birth To slay the Babe, which looked on eyes of hate? Who hired the savages to kill the child? Was't thou who struck the stripling in his teens? When Man full-grown, was't thou didst hold the sword Would cleave him sundered in the Civil Strife? When in the hour of trial had we thy love? Art Mother of our millions who ne'er saw Thine island? Critic censor thou, thy scorn And wrath have followed all our upward way, Our lamps of thought all thine? The flame of Greece, Of Rome and Palestine? The children we Of Europe, not of one lone isle aside. Our fathers cleared the woods, and thou the toll Wouldst take. They grew a Washington and thou Wouldst pare him down to Captain of thy guards. We thank thee for the good. We thank all lands From which came light and warmth. We bless all those Who brought the fire from Heav'n. We thank all men Of thought, invention, art, of every place Didst thou discover Man, his speech, his mind? Invent his letters, laws? Was Adam born In England? Homer? Socrates? The Christ? Thy little thousand years are not our Past, But all the countless ages man has climbed We love fair England well, but Man the more; Our Mother is the Earth, our Brethren Men; We've many brethren, and thou art but one. Neutral? With infamy we'd stain the flag To take a part in quarrels thou and all Thy foes have guilty share in fostering. Thou reignest o'er four hundred million souls Thine allies are three hundred millions more Thou rulest the seas; thou bringest from India From Africa, every corner friends to help; Thou need'st no more to war with kingdoms twain— An hundred-fifty millions 'gainst thy hosts Now thine own battles fight. Ours we have fought Even with thee, for right and leave to be. But at the last, with all our might we'll aid The Briton, Teuton, Russ and Gaul by peace And stand for equal justice, right for all. Our guns are silent. The Republic waits. Glendale, Ohio.

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