

CHAPTER III

The Solidarity of the Race

THE world was never so small as it is today, yet never was it so large. Discovery has increased our knowledge of its vast areas, while invention has decreased its circumference and diameter. The sources of the Nile are known; central Asia has been explored; we have maps of the heart of Africa, and the north and south poles have been discovered; desert and jungle and ice floe have yielded up their last secret to the intrepid pioneer. Joseph Cook's statement in one of his Boston lectures, that "the nineteenth century has made the whole world one neighborhood, the twentieth century will make it one brotherhood," is being fulfilled.

An earthquake in Tokio is recorded on the seismograph at Washington; famine in India changes the price of wheat on the exchange at Chicago; the annual flood of the Nile is watched with keen interest by the cotton brokers of Manchester; the assassination of the crown prince of Serbia brought a panic to the pearl markets of Arabia; the Red Cross drive for Armenian relief found response in the heart of humanity everywhere; from Patagonia to Alaska, and from Shanghai to Chicago gifts were sent for distribution to the victims of Turkish atrocities. It has become literally true that no man liveth to him-