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The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace has just issued a pamphlet entitled "Problems about war for classes in arithmetic." This was prepared by Professor DAVID EUGENE SMITH, and will be sent to any teacher who requests a copy. Letters should be sent to the Endowment, 407 West 117th Street, New York City. The purpose of the pamphlet is to bring before pupils at an impressionable age some idea of their responsibility for a wiser use of money on the part of the whole world than that which looks for a model to the present vast expenditures for armaments.

[In 1915 U.S. military spending was 1% of GDP; in 2013 it was 4%. -Eds.]

The MONTHLY closes its third year since its reorganization with many of its earlier fears and anxieties removed, with its subscription list more than trebled, with a large and increasing body of contributors, and with a feeling of certainty that no mistake was made in regard to the opportunity that seemed to be offered in the field in which its operations have been centered.

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