

THE WORLD'S FAIRS

IV.

After describing Universal Exhibitions in some of their chief features, we have shown, that their frequent repetition is after all due to the influence of the economical interests. We have concluded from this, that Universal Exhibitions should be organised, when and where the condition of manufactures and trade demands them, but not as an instrument of political demonstration.

As the exhibition countries now take for themselves alone, one half of the exhibiting room, and leave only the other half to the rest of the world collectively, such exhibitions can no longer be considered the occasion of a thorough and general comparison of the industrial achievements of all nations. They must in future be looked upon as the battlefield of a country's domestic interests with the interests of the commerce of the world.

