

schools of a nation will appear in the life of that nation." The youth does not stop to theorize or moralize, it *acts*, and when the imagination is once fired with the pomp and circumstance of war, the charm of music, etc., he is in his own estimation at least a "really live soldier," ideas that will grow with his growth and strengthen with his strength, until it will not be wondered at if in a few years he will be ready as a citizen, as a legislator, to give his voice and vote for war when even the least provocation arises therefor.

Dear friends, there are not two kinds of right, one for the State and another for the individual. What is right is right *always*, and right never compromises with a wrong in any shape or fashion.

I doubt if there is an instance on record where war effected a final settlement of difficulties. It is, invariably, an unreasoning, passionate method of deferring justice, and after the parties to a war have inflicted all the loss that each is able to bear, or until one is entirely at the mercy of the other, then the most trusted men of both countries and perhaps of others, will come together, and arrange for a treaty of peace, a procedure which shows that it is the wisdom and reason of such counsel that settles the dispute rather than the unreason and savagery of war.

If I had the time I would like to give you some statistics showing the immense burdens imposed upon this country by the civil war. There is not a taxpayer in the United States to-day that does not realize to some extent what it cost in dollars and cents, to say nothing of the great sacrifice of life.

And furthermore—following close in its wake—with all its attending evils, that great curse—the legalized saloon of to-day, fastened its poisonous fangs more firmly upon all branches of our Government, national, state, and municipal. The intemperance of the present time is largely due to the appe-

tites contracted by wornout or idle soldiers during that terrible struggle, and transmitted to the present generation.

Militarism and intemperance go hand in hand like brothers, where you find one you find the other. Notice if you please, the canteen system of the Government Soldiers' Homes, and the disgraceful conduct of drunken soldiers whenever they appear in public, either on duty or parade.

Now, where shall we look for a remedy? In the first place we have the promise of the Scriptures, "Not by might nor by power, but by my *Spirit* saith the Lord of hosts," and we are sure that we have that spirit of perfect love in all peace movements.

In the next place we should have a different sentiment taught in our school history than that which makes all war glorious and all participants heroes. Teach the youth how to avert rather than how to fight a war.

Third, let us have a Peace Department instead of a War Department in our National Government, with an International Court of Arbitration.

Fourth, a depreciation of military displays in all forms, from the present Fourth of July celebration to the sham battles of the G. A. R.

Fifth, the abolition of the "Male Oligarchy" of our country, and the substitution therefor of a true Republican form of Government. That is a Government in which every citizen, male or female, black, brown, or white, who can read his ballot from top to bottom, shall have a voice in the laws that control them.

I heard a lady remark a short time ago, "If the women are going to have the right to vote they ought to be compelled to shoulder the musket and march off to war with the men." Dear soul, she never stopped to think that there would be no necessity for such patriotic zeal there.

How long do you suppose it would be with the tact and wisdom of our mothers and sisters injected into all