

5. But worse still, such a vast—and ever vaster—proportion of the income of nations is spent on war even in times of peace, that there are no funds to carry out reforms and steps of progress in industrial, sanitary, educational and other phases of civilization, now called for by the advance of knowledge and scientific possibilities. One shot from one of a thousand guns costs more than the salary of a skilled teacher for one year! What if the amounts spent in war—and preparation for war—were turned into avenues that would benefit the people?

6. Militarism to-day is making a strenuous effort to win the world, as if conscious that its days are numbered. The men interested in its development know that when the people become conscious of the facts and of their own power war will cease.

7. Whatever good purpose war may have served in the past, it is now unnecessary and can only work harm. Competition is taking peaceful forms and is gradually passing into co-operation. Private and tribal war has gone; international war must go. National and international co-operation must be won. Upward evolution must not now be turned back to degeneration.

8. Peace is now the goal. The Nations are coming to know one another. There are ever-increasing facilities for free intercourse. The most of international difficulties are already being settled by friendly diplomacy or arbitration. All will be when the peoples systematically cultivate Peace.

9. The cry of imperial danger and the frenzy worked up to militarize the Dominion of Canada and other self governing units of the Empire, reserved to lead the world into an era of peace, is a colossal folly—a crime of crimes.