

kingdoms under one king has gone on and prospered, while in Russia and Poland it soon broke down, and Poland, as a separate state, has been quite wiped out. Denmark has been cut short by the loss of the Duchies; and the Netherlands have been cut into two separate kingdoms. The Ottoman Empire has lost at all points. Greece has become quite independent, and Servia, the Danubian Principalities, and Egypt nearly so. Notwithstanding the check of the Crimean war, the power of Russia remains great in Europe, and it has greatly increased in Asia. In other parts of the world this time has been marked by the wonderful advance of the English-speaking people everywhere, both in the British colonies and in the United States. On the whole, the world has greatly gained since the great changes at the end of the last century. Nearly every country is far better off than it was. But the tendency of these later times has been to group Europe together under a few great powers, to lessen the importance of the smaller states, and even wholly to wipe out cities and kingdoms which did great things in past times. But, however we may regret this evil, it is not to be set against the general advance in freedom and good government, as well as in all manner of useful inventions, which marks the times in which we live.

THE END.