

been preparing for war. The time is near at hand when they shall prepare against war. We shall live to see the world set free from this great evil.

### *The Social Awakening of the Church*

The social awakening of the church is bringing new forces into action which will surely bring about the triumph of good over evil. To-day the social note is being sounded in a thousand pulpits. The old squabbles over dogma and rituals are becoming a thing of the past. The test of a church-member is no longer his loyalty to a creed, but the contribution he is making to the welfare of society. The finest minds in our churches are coming back to that truth taught by Jesus, that the church is not an end in itself, but a means of bringing in the reign of God in human life. When the rank and file of the membership of our churches adopt this conception, mighty things will be brought to pass. On Sunday the people will gather in the church buildings, not simply to hear some obscure dogma explained and defended, not simply to repeat the articles of some ancient creed that has no bearing upon the life of to-day, but to pray for the coming of the kingdom, to commune with the great Spirit who is closer than breathing and nearer than hands or feet, to sing the glories of the new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. The church meeting on Sunday will thus be an inspirational center for