

next few centuries will bring about far greater changes in the basic establishments of civilisation than has the whole Christian era up to this time. The co-operation of the thinking men of the whole world, and the communication to each other of the results of their work, allowing each to begin his researches where the others left off, will also permit a rapidity of development hitherto unprecedented. It is this universal co-operative influence, only felt for a hundred years, which has allowed the last century to produce greater scientific discoveries and greater results in their application than all of history before, and this influence will prove cumulative and will serve to speed up progress to an extraordinary extent.

The development of civilisation along international lines is certain to make great wars impossible in the near future, and the world may confidently look forward to a time when war will be merely the exercise of police powers upon backward, uncivilised, or recalcitrant nations. International civilisation, international commerce, international finance, international brains, have already developed to a degree which will shortly make impossible the barbarism of such a war as the present one. The only thing that made it possible in 1914 was the survival of