

sons of to-day are possessed of as strong arms and brave hearts as those in the age of chivalry. But in this is the secret revealed. Her aim is peace. She sees true dignity existing in this, and consequently waives the claims of ambition, conquest and fame. In effect she says, let *right* be guarded, and *honour* will take care of itself. Let peace be preserved, and useful knowledge will flourish, wealth will abound, commerce will be extended, and a kindlier feeling will exist between the nations.

It is gratifying to every worker for the best interests of fallen humanity, to see other nations besides England adopting the like sentiments. We cannot too confidently expect that the time will soon arrive when all nations will see the folly of war, and be led to adopt peace as their motto. It will be a glorious time when this blessing shall be universally enjoyed. The very earth will feel that the curse lies lighter upon her, and that she is returning to her primeval purity. The sun, long wearied with the sad spectacle of bloodshed and misery, will lend his cheering rays more freely, and will gladden nature, radiant with the smiles of peace. No picture can be drawn with charms sufficient to represent what our earth would be, had not war entered into it. No jarring sound of strife would be heard, but, on the other hand, all would be vocal with praise to the great Creator. The whole earth would declare His glory, and the voice of many waters would proclaim a mighty God in whose hand is peace.

What a contrast a state of war presents in comparison with the bliss of peace! It takes away all happiness from the habitations of men. The sword reeking in human blood sends multitudes prematurely to the bar of justice, makes mourning widows, hungry and unprotected orphans. War causes the rights of the innocent and defenceless to be trampled in the dust. It transforms men who should be