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has been 'war in heaven'—Michael and his angels arrayed against the Devil of Nietzsche. Before the war on earth began, we could see the strife in the heavenly places, where thoughts meet in the clash of warfare before they materialize down below. In Britain no less than in Germany the doctrine of force was being proclaimed; and the right of the strong to do as he willed with his own was set forth in our reviews with barefaced effrontery that made old-fashioned people blush and gasp. Now the consequences of the new morality are before the eyes of all mankind, and men who have suffered from it will be less inclined to regard it as an improvement on the old. It is often said that force cannot destroy the cult of force. But force can only reign while successful, and when defeated on its own field no longer commands the adoration of its blind votaries. The world waits eagerly for the discrediting of the grim idol before which ghastly hecatombs have been offered with blood and tears beyond all thought. Soon, we believe, Moloch will be dragged from his pedestal, and some other object of worship will be set in the empty shrine. Can we doubt what this will be? The Tempter offered universal sovereignty to the Son of Man, were He only ready to bow before him and hold the throne in fief from the first creator of the Will to Power. He has tempted the nations all too successfully in every age, and in this colossal strife we see the effects of yielding. Surely now the weary nations will turn to the only rival claimant for that throne. Philosophers will preach a new idealism, historians will bring new morals from the accumulated experience of the past, biologists will show