

long as it gives him safety and opportunity; it is evident that mere bigness can give neither.

The best example of what the evolution of a federation of the world will be is what the federation called the British Empire already is. The nations which make it up are free and self-governing, and yet war between Canada and Australia is inconceivable. The moral force of the federation to which they belong has, however, been enough to make them voluntarily contribute in men and money to this war, even though they were not themselves actively threatened and though an invasion of either Canada or Australia was most improbable. If it were not for the name, there would be nothing to prevent every free nation in the world voluntarily joining and becoming a part of the British Empire or of the United States or of any other similarly constituted federation. A nation doing so would lose nothing of its freedom or of its right of independent self-government, but would enter a brotherhood which would make fratricidal war impossible. The federation of the world is nothing more nor less than a big British Empire or a big United States, and the evolution of mankind and the progress of civilisation make it inevitable that it shall come. The steamship and the telegraph and the railroad train have made it