

serve their resources, has brought new and stringent legislation against this traffic which is responsible for the waste of so much money and manhood. Russia took the advanced step of totally suppressing the sale of all alcoholic liquor, and David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the British Exchequer, has declared: "By that means she has increased the productivity of her labor by something between thirty and forty per cent. Sweden, Finland, and Iceland have voted in favor of the national prohibition of the liquor traffic. In the United States at the beginning of 1916 there were nineteen States under State-wide prohibition, and other States will come in during the year. At present more than fifty per cent of the American people live under prohibition laws, and more than seventy-five per cent of the area of the country is dry. A recital of these facts ought to quicken the faith and stimulate the activity of all who look for a new earth and who sometimes pray almost despairingly, "Deliver us from the evil."

### *The Abolition of War*

In the presence of a world conflict, it may seem utopian to discuss such a question as the abolition of war. The old dream of the day when all disputes among the nations would be settled by arbitration seems to be shattered. Will peace be followed by feverish preparation for renewed conflict? Have we entered upon a long era of battle and bloodshed?