

of his Welsh prisoners. Not until the treaty of Münster in 1648, when vital religion had begun to influence the nations deeply, did it become international law that all prisoners should be released at the close of war. The humanizing effect of Christianity may be seen in the care of the wounded as compared with their treatment in the olden days. After the terrible battles of old, prisoners were allowed to languish and die on the battle field. In the Genevan convention in 1864 the nations decided "That in war every facility is to be given to those attending the wounded, and ambulances, military hospitals, and doctors are to be considered as neutral, and are to be protected alike by both sides." I am glad to notice that in this struggle now going on in South Africa, British and Boer wounded are alike cared for by both sides, and that after a battle, the men who have been engaged in deadly conflict vie with one another in the work of caring for the wounded and dying men. I might also speak of the abolishing of privateering, and the protection now afforded to women and children during war. All these mitigations of the terrible horrors of war are related to Jesus Christ as the oak is related to the sun. Whether the world at this stage of its evolution could do without war is a question difficult to answer, but "truth is mighty and must prevail," and the day is coming when

"The war drum will throb no longer and the battle flags
be furled,
In the parliament of man; the federation of the world."

It was no mere dream of an overwrought imagination when the Hebrew Prophet saw the time of universal peace, when "men would beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks, and nations would learn war no more." The tide is rapidly rising, and the time is not very far distant when national disputes will be settled by the arbitrament of international law, rather than by the arbitrament of the sword. During the last twenty-five years, twenty-two cases of international disputes which one hundred years ago would have caused war have been settled by arbitration. And the time is surely coming when under