

rendered it a bye-word and a kind of synonym for all that is selfish and to some extent disgraceful. Instead of being a mere pursuit, too often taken up with a view to the furtherance of private aims, statesmanship would be elevated to the dignity of a profession in which the great motive would be an intense and disinterested desire to remove the evils which afflict man as a social being. The career of John Stuart Mill may always be pointed to with safety as one of the most singular and useful examples of what may be accomplished by deep earnestness of purpose, purity of aim, and unwearied industry, even when the mind has been coupled with a frame so fragile as to render the tenure of life exceedingly precarious.

THE Indian difficulty seems as far from solution in the United States as ever. The troops sent against the Modocs have been repulsed, and every success of the aborigines renders more possible a general uprising of the tribes. It is to be hoped that the war will be confined to the Lava Beds, and that the United States Government will be satisfied with avenging the death of the Peace Commissioners and quelling the uprising, without hastily abandoning a general policy of fairness and conciliation in dealing with this difficult question.

THE troubles of Spain and France are by no means at an end, and an Italian crisis was only staved off by the almost unexpected recovery of the Pope from a serious illness. The defeat of Thiers' candidate at a recent election in Paris, and the return of a thorough-paced Republican deputy, who hails from the Communist city of Lyons, cannot be regarded without significance. The event, trifling as it may seem to foreigners, speaks of portending ruin to the Monarchists as the result of an appeal to the people. It speaks, too, of dissatisfaction with the position so long maintained by President Thiers, while striving to mediate between parties diametrically opposed to each other. The Carlist guerillas in Spain may continue to give trouble for some time to come, but the most serious danger to the recently established Republic arises from the embarrassed condition of its finances. The country seems to be on the verge of bankruptcy and with no immediate prospect of relief. It may be that Spain will yet display some of the remarkable recuperative power which has enabled France to free her soil from the invader and increase the resources of the country; but if the display is ever to be made at all it must come soon or it may be too late.

[Notes on Canadian Pacific embroglio and other events held over for want of space.]