

" One is the 'head' and the other the 'legs'; both acting apart for a certain period to be
 " brought finally together. The gradual improvement in fire-arms is acting in this direc-
 " tion ; each ruler will learn to cultivate friendship and peace, and those who rebel will
 " be overpowered, or forced to submit. There is evidence of this in the 'balance of
 " 'power'—a principle which is still in its youth, or, perhaps, approaching its manhood ;
 " it will arrive at its full maturity when civilization has reached that point where man-
 " kind acknowledges that war and peace, although extremes, have met, and that discor-
 " dant notes aptly arranged produce harmony. How can we think otherwise when we
 " find that the engines of war are now becoming so terrific that their very power
 " to destroy life is an indication that they are ultimately intended to *preserve*
 " it ? The fact is evident that man was made a free agent so that he might work
 " out his own destiny. What is seen in a school is but the type of what is done in
 " the world ; a lot of boys fight away till they find that it is better to live in peace.
 " The human family has been brought into collision, as nations, at different ages or
 " periods ; and generations were required to make such a huge school fully aware of
 " the advantages of peace. As moral training brings boys to their senses, so will the in-
 " tellectual portion of humanity, which rapid civilization is now making so formidable,
 " come forward to insist upon peace being upheld. As time draws on, science—or intel-
 " lect developed—will give the preponderance to the thinkers of society : invention will
 " make up for superiority of numbers, and thus the opposition of the ruder members who
 " delight in war and violence will be checked. Truth may be compared to a permanent
 " perfume. Fresh from the scent shop it is of course more perceptible to our senses than
 " after long exposure to the air ; but like the soul of man it retains its innate worth long
 " after the body has evaporated, or disappeared from our gaze. The action of an atmos-
 " phere of falsehood may partly deprive truth of its most powerful influences, still it re-
 " mains immortal, and can never be quite annihilated. It may be, and often is, hidden
 " like the sun, only to burst forth with redoubled splendour. 'Steady progress' is the
 " very opposite of 'go-a-head' haste. The first is based on a previous calm and dispa-
 " sionate investigation of all new theories or inventions ere we adopt them in room of
 " antiquated systems. On the other hand, the latter may tempt its votaries to adopt all
 " novel ideas and schemes too hurriedly, and without mature thought or deliberation. It
 " consequently breaks down. Truth is to be found by watchful care and by using our
 " powers of judging by analogy. It is the precious metal mixed up with dross, and to see
 " it in its beauty the mass must be melted down. The time draws on when there will be
 " the 'drawn battle between barbarism and civilisation' ; the two gladiators well
 " matched, will shake hands and retire for ever from the 'arena of war' ; then will be
 " fulfilled these words, 'when men shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their
 " 'spears into pruning hooks ; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall
 " 'they learn war any more.' A millennium of peace will then ensue such as we are
 " taught in our Bibles to believe."

In taking leave of our readers, we can assure them that we
 have for many years conscientiously labored in the cause of their
 defence, and have in these pages recommended what our experi-