

course, the proof, publicly brought out, that the interest of the body politic is also that of every one of its members, and the good of the whole, that also specially of each part—the adoption, not merely in theory, but in practice, of a law of nations, by the great leading powers, and the submitting disputes regarding territory, commerce, and all the questions arising out of active multifarious dealings among the nations, to reason and fixed rules, and settling them by the arbitration of intelligent, humane men, instead of by the discharge of a park of artillery. *Secondly*, by the art of war being by scientific discovery so advanced in the degree and in the immediateness of its destructiveness, so likely utterly to destroy one of the sides, or, better still, both, that it would come to be as much in reality abolished among well-bred, enlightened nations, as the duel would be among civilized men, if it were certain that one or both would be extinguished on the spot. “Satisfaction” would not be so often demanded by nations or individuals, and dissatisfaction not so often expressed, were this accomplished. *Thirdly*, and chiefly, by nations not only becoming shrewder and more truly aware of their own interests, or such “dead shots” as to make the issue of any war rapid and fatal, but most of all by their becoming, in the only true sense, better—more under the habitual influence of genuine virtue, more informed with the knowledge, and the fear and the love of God and of His laws.

Colonel R. P. Anderson, 34th Bengal Infantry, in his late work before cited, entitled “Victories and Defeats,” puts almost the same ideas into terse and soldierly language :—

“War,” he writes, “is a malady which is to be cured like many the physician deals with—by *mind*. If rifled guns carry miles, it may be found prudent to fight with smaller armies. The smaller nations then, may yet be a match for the greatest, in the same way as in our navy, 4 huge guns do now instead of 120 small ones. In other words, as science progresses it will be no more wonderful for the meanest nations to command respect and assist in upholding the general peace of the world, than it is to see huge railway vans raised by the mere pressure of the handle of a powerful machine. Towards this all is tending. ‘As the body has many members, but all have not the same office,’ so nations are all members of the body of humanity, working their own ways, doing the particular work that God has required of them.”