

It does not take much observation to see that the Christian conscience is at work. National spoliation is becoming intolerable to the citizens of Christian countries. The idea of a strong nation's preying upon the weakness of another is becoming obnoxious to the whole of mankind. Men are slowly approaching that high state which will allow national disputes to be settled not by clash of armed forces, nor the strength and superiority of dreadnaughts, but by the Christian Mind.

Despite the sayings of men, God is slowly and surely manifesting Himself. Christianity is beginning to rule the world. And after all it is the only ruling power that can rule to the whole of the world's amelioration. When under its influence, men will love their neighbor as themselves; when the true spirit of service shall be established; when every soul shall be in subjection but not in oppressive bondage to God; when, under the principles of Christ, men shall be established in one universal brotherhood, living together in perfect harmony; when unholy wars shall be done away, and human blood-shed shall be no more—then shall we be able to exclaim with the Israelitish host that, for us, "He hath triumphed gloriously."

Some men say that such ideas of the coming age are but the results of after dinner dreams. They say that the nature of man is antagonistic to harmonious living. There is truth in what they say. But it remains that some of the most beautiful things have been the outcome of beautiful dreams; and also that we of the Christian religion, while accepting the fact that righteous living is against the nature of *man*, know it is not the man who is to work the change in conditions, but the spirit of God and the Christian principle working through Him.

And so we are ready to work faithfully during this century. We are ready to contribute our share in this great movement, confident that the dreamed-of beauties of life will be reached. And while the changes that must take place may be attributed to the social systems of men, we can feel profoundly sorry for those who hold such a view, and at the same time we may glory in the power of our Faith.