

commentary on our economic theories and on the numberless schemes that have been put forward as substitutes for charity in relieving poverty and distress. And on the other hand it is significant that in the day of direst need, charity alone has been really efficient in its tireless ministrations. Its greatest work is yet to be done, when the storm shall have subsided and the wreckage of war shall have been cleared away, leaving untold suffering as its principal result.

Meanwhile, the voice of humanity is gradually making itself heard. High-minded people are expressing the belief that this is the last of the world's great struggles and that the inevitable reaction will bring enduring peace. "War on war" is the cry that echoes from heart to heart and proclaims the advent of a new era. It is a righteous enthusiasm and every Christian will pray that it may issue in a blessed realisation. But to bring this about something more than devout wishes is needed. The lessons of the war must be pondered, the former errors avoided, the evil conditions remedied, and the real causes once for all removed. Nothing is to be gained for the security of peace by assailing the truth of religion or by training the next generation to live without moral principle. No lasting harmony can be looked for unless the false notes of selfishness and greed are silenced forever.

War is an affair of the nations; its outbreak and its termination are national measures. Its prevention likewise, at the critical moment, must depend upon