

ica are also plain,—the growing corruption of her cities and her politics. Though her one appalling crime of slavery has been washed out in blood, perhaps atoned for by priceless sacrifices of priceless lives, blots enough remain to change all boasts into confessions. What patriot is not at times disheartened by the yet unsolved problems in respect to universal education, to national character itself, which will determine our future history? God knows how profoundly we need all true human efforts, and providential guidance, to accomplish our true mission for right and liberty. Still the splendid fact remains, that controversies embracing many causes of dispute, relating to acts that swept our commerce from the seas, and perilled the very existence of the republic in its hour of agony, when it seemed tottering to its fall, that these are to be settled by argument instead of arms. With all their faults, England and America are civilized enough to accomplish a triumph of peace that transcends all the victories of war.

It is a triumph of Christian civilization which we rejoice in to-day. Here is the reason why I regard it not only with joy, but with hope. Our text says, "Neither shall they learn war any more." Seven hundred years before the day of