CIVILISED NATIONS BETWEEN 1853 AND 1866, THAT IS TO SAY, IN THE SPACE
OF 14 YEARS.

*This is a number equal to the whole male population of Holland.   It is also
a number equal to that of all the working men employed by the industrial or
commercial classes in France.   (Audiganne, " Les Ouvriers d' à present," page
405.)   And yet this immense amount of human life, strength and intelligence,
has been devoured by war in the recent 14 years of this century, so distinguished
by its civilization, industry, and popular liberty !*

SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL LOSSES BY RECENT WARS.

Crimean War, 1853-4	340 *million* pounds sterling.	
American Civil War, 1861-5—		
The North	940 million	" "
The South	460 million	" "
Italian War, 1859	60 million	" "
War of Schleswig Holstein, 1864 ...	7 million	" "
War of 1866, between Prussia, Austria		
and Italy	66 million	" "
Distant expeditions to Mexico, Cochin		
China, &c.	40 million	" "
Total	1,913 MILLION POUNDS STERLING !	

Even these are only the immediate and positive expenses of the wars ;
and some of the struggles are not yet ended.   Complete returns cannot be
obtained respecting the expenses of Spain in the expedition to Cochin China,
nor of those of Peru, Chili, and St. Domingo.   We are not in possession of
the costs of recent conflicts between the Republics of South America and
Spain, or of the still continuing war between Brazil, La Platta and Paraguay
—a persistent and furiously devastating struggle.   Nor have we full returns
from Mexico as to its war for independence against France.   And yet,
irrespective of all these unfurnished expenses, we have accounted for the
frightful amount of nearly 48,000 million francs (or £1,913,000,000), which,
if employed in works of peace, would have *entirely transformed* the social
and financial condition of civilized nations.   *But the evil genius of War has
devoured the whole of it in fourteen years,* IN ORDER TO SWEEP FROM THE
FACE OF THE EARTH NEARLY 1,800,000 MEN.