

the enlightened and professedly christian United States of America, and then, in view of that as an illustration, asks the unanswerable question, "How can we think it possible that war can be banished forever and deny that sometimes it must be the last argument?" The best apparently that can be done is to, in some measure, mitigate the horrors of war. The millennium has not yet come, and apparently is not likely to come except through seas of blood and nameless horrors, of which the French Revolution and the past and present condition of affairs in Turkey and Russia are but faint pictures and mild types.

Judicial changes in Canada have been so numerous for some time past as to make the aspect of the Bench almost kaleidoscopic. The removal of Mr. Justice Maclellan to the Supreme Court to take the place vacated by Mr. Nesbitt left a vacancy which has been well filled by the appointment of Mr. Justice Meredith. This will strengthen the Court of Appeal. Mr. Justice Meredith has gained the reputation of being a sound lawyer and an excellent and most satisfactory judge. The Government has done well in making this appointment. It is said, though the appointment has not yet been made, that Mr. Mabee, K.C., of the Beatty-Blackstock firm is to take the vacant seat in the High Court of Justice. Mr. Mabee enjoyed a large practice at Stratford, and was well known as one of the leading counsel in Western Ontario. His appointment would be well received by the profession.

THE LAW OF AUTOMOBILES.

So far as we know there has been no litigation in connection with automobiles in this country which has come into our reports; but this modern juggernaut is sure to make law in Canada, as it has done (to a much larger extent than perhaps is generally supposed) in the United States. These machines were, of course, in use there long before they came into use here, and there are vastly more of them. We notice an article on the subject in the last number of *Law Notes*. We are told that in 1899 there were no decided cases on the subject. In fact there were only about fifty machines in existence in the United States at that time; but,