## TWO CITIES AND TWO KINGDOMS.

If all the thousands who profess to know the Lord would show by their works, as well as profess by their words, their alliance to Christ, how speedily would the ten armies of Satan forsake his service and enlist in the army of King Immanuel! Speedily would the nations "beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks." We should not see "nation lift up sword against nation, neither learn war any more." When we consider what harm war has done in the world, we are led to think it is quite time that it should cease. If we take the calculations of Edward Burke, who estimated the numbers slain in war from the beginning of the world until this day at 35,000,000,000, we find that the loss of men by war has been twenty-five times the present population of our globe. Oh, that we could see the happy time when the darkness would be put away and the true light shine; when the heathen and "the uttermost parts of the earth" shall be in the possession of the Prince of Peace! The powers of darkness are not shaken, as we shall see if we take the estimates of Europe in the year 1879,-the nations of which are said to have 2,500,000 men under arms. These men are non-producers, taken from their legitimate spheres of labour, and cost the nations an average of \$200 per man per annum-about \$4,000,000 each day -or a total of \$1,500,000,000 per annum. How much better would it be if all these men and all this money were used in saving men's souls and bodies, instead of destroying them! We ought to have hearts to feel

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