

little has been done to stem the tide, scarce a blow struck to main this monster crushing freedom from the people. On the dawning century's horizon there is evidence that war to the death shall here be declared.

Then there is the problem of the world's disarmament. Men smile to-day at the suggestion. But the nations have about reached the limit of military endurance. This fact is dynamic in its declaration that swords must be beaten into ploughshares. All previous efforts touching this matter have been merely academic in character. Even the farce of The Hague was little else. The two great English speaking nations are to-day at war with weaker peoples. This old century seems likely to die amid the the clash of arms. Yet scarce will the new century begin its role, before its noblest manhood will be called to displace the arbitrament of the Sword by the nobler arbitrament of Reason. This demands the highest power of noblest manhood.

Add the problem of Colonial Self-Government. In this matter our country has witnessed some interesting experiments, the most notable being our Canadian Confederation. The development of this idea shall be a dominant feature of the new century. On the broad plains and amid the majestic mountains of Asia, and in the wide fields of Africa, some form of self-government is to be developed. Peoples in bondage to ignorance will be freed by the magic power of letters. They will read, think, do, and in the natural course of events self-governing people are to be evolved.

But the frontiers of nations shall change, and continental maps be made anew. Decaying tribes shall lose their independence in the larger freedom of Anglo-Saxon and Tuetonic ideals and institutions. Effete European monarchies shall be displaced by those destined to rule. With the new century is to be born the Australism destined to develop into the Australasian Colonial Federation. The South American republics cannot remain as now constituted. They must rise to higher national ideals, combine to realize them, or else yield to the more constructive ideals of nation building peoples. In the course of its new imperialism the "Stars and Stripes", shall probably float over Mexico and Central America. No problem of states-craft has called for more fully rounded manhood than the development of Colonies. No political problem of the twentieth century will be fraught with more delicate conditions than its development of colonial life and government.

Here are problems to tax the combined powers of a Cromwell, a Chatham, a Gladstone, a Lincoln, and a MacDonald. Above the strife of arms amid which the new century is to have its birth, its voice calls us to solve these mighty problems. She calls for the mightiest dynamic of all the ages, MANHOOD, CONSECRATED TO GOD'S CALL TO DUTY. Young men, you are to be actors in this mighty play of