

But we must confess that what is going on is the contending forces of right as opposed to wrong. These are the spiritual forces on either side, one from above & the other from below. But our senses and faculties have been seriously blunted, and in the case as individuals as well as nations, we have looked too much after the material & forgotten the spiritual forces. And we are now reaping a harvest. All the wonderful secrets have been revealed, and the world's civilisations have proved that they are not altogether capable of retaining this world to that state as it came from the hands of the Creator and as He looked out on the work accomplished He pronounced it "Very Good". The things that are seen are temporal, but the things unseen are eternal.

And now I must bring my work to a close. I ~~must~~ ^{and} confess that it is written with no idea of the spectacular, and there may be some mistakes, if more light was brought on various matters and also of persons mentioned ~~but~~ and were these things being spoken one to another, further matters might be brought to light. As I mentioned some where in these pages, unless we have gone further afield than our

own district) we are apt to look upon any place that we have lived in many years, and especially from childhood as the "hub of the universe". As I have jotted down the various matters I have been living as it were in an age long gone by. The beginning of the journey, but now I realise that the journey must in the natural order of things be drawing to wards a finish. When I came on the scene, there was the Maori War being waged in N. Zealand. At the same time - there was the American Civil War. Both against South. In 1870 there took place the first Franco-German war, which lasted less than six months, but practically for the next twenty years the British Empire was engaged in wars in India, Afghanistan, The Gulus, in S. Africa also the Matabeles, then in 1880 the first Boer war then the Sudan ~~from~~ ^{to} which a contingent of Australian soldiers were engaged. There was also the Russo-Turkish war, then came the Boer war of 1899-1902. To which ten contingents of New Zealand soldiers were sent. Soon after came the Russo-Japanese in which the Russians suffered severe defeat. Then came the great war of 1914-18. But really it might be said that there has been continual warfare somewhere or other. When we come to think of it, it is a terrible business. Most of them were for self aggrandisement, & our outlook on war has altered very considerably & certainly