

7. Christ has begun to occupy the dominant place in the world of law and culture and morals. When Pilate wrote above the Cross "Jesus of Nazareth King," he unwittingly foretold that Christ should have dominion in the Latin world of law, civil and international, in the Greek world of literature and culture, and in the Hebrew world of ethics and religion. The flags of at least two of the world's greatest empires bear the sign of the Cross. The same symbol was fittingly chosen for the international and supernational ministry of aid and friendship to all who suffer the horrors of war—the Red Cross. The principles of international law are based on the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount. The violations of international law, the cruel wrongs of exploitations, or the maladministration of subject colonies are condemned by the conscience of humanity because that conscience has to some degree been Christianized. Christians have often failed, and Christian nations, but Christianity and Christ never. "The war," said an Egyptian paper in 1915, "has proved not the failure of Christ or Christianity, but of Christians." The old Greek civilization, its music, sculpture, painting, architecture and literature have been literally led captive in the train of Jesus Christ. All the fine arts have become finer because of his coming into the world and his death on the Cross. All the world has gone after Him for new ideals. Whether this was done with reverence and awe or whether art stripped Jesus, as the soldiers did, of his raiment and, having re-