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It is one amongst the numerous moral phenomena of the present times, that the enquiry is silently yet not slowly spreading in the world—*Is war compatible with the Christian religion?* There was a period when the question was seldom asked, and when war was regarded almost by every man both as inevitable and right. That period has certainly passed away ; and not only individuals but public societies, and societies in distant nations, are urging the question upon the attention of mankind. The simple circumstance that it is thus urged contains no irrational motive to investigation : for why should men ask the question if they