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DR. CHALMERS ON UNIVERSAL PEACE.

DR. CHALMERS' famous Sermon, entitled, Thoughts on Universal Peace, delivered on Thursday, January 18th, 1816, the day of National Thanksgiving for the restoration of Peace, may with safety be pronounced the most eloquent dissuasive from war, that has ever been written. Several large impressions of this Discourse have been printed; it has been most extensively circulated, read and admired in Great Britain; but very few copies have found their way to this country. I cannot, therefore, do my readers a greater service than by making them acquainted with so interesting an appeal to the best affections of the heart.

They will find the Preacher bringing to his subject a most vigorous and penetrating mind, alive to all the sympathies of our nature, and deeply impressed with the principles of Divine Revelation. He strips war of its fascinating allurements and displays it in all its horrors, and while sensibly affected with the misery it produces, he rejoices in the temporary suspension of its calamities—Temporary, for he still fears that the elements of discord are not yet destroyed, and that new wars may for a time be expected.

But encouraged by the book of Divine Revelation, he looks into futurity and views with infinite delight the certain promises of God, describing in the most sublime and beautiful language, the happiness of man when war and violence shall have ceased for ever. He selects his text from Isaiah,