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The morning is the gate of day,
But ere you enter there
See that you set, to guard it well,
The sentinel of prayer.

So shall God's grace your steps attend,
But nothing else pass through
Save what can give the countersign :
The Father's will for you.

When you have reached the end of day
Where night and sleep await,
Set there the sentinel again
To bar the evening's gate.

So shall no fear disturb your rest,
No danger and no care
For only peace and pardon pass
The watchful guard of prayer.

—The British Weekly



Making War Impossible

By Rev. J. B. Fraser, M.D.

Of all the problems arising out of the War, and they are legion, the hardest of all and the most urgent is the "making war impossible." This is the problem to which the Peace Conference in Paris gave so much time and thought after the armistice was signed in the end of last year. This is why a League of Nations has been formed, with every precaution that could be thought of to prevent the possibility of another war.

But, even this will not make war impossible, for unless the war spirit can in some way be cast out, and replaced by the spirit of the Prince of Peace, even the nations in the League may be at war with each other before

the boys of to-day are old enough to enlist. It is up to them to say "never again,"—to make war impossible. And they can do it.

How? They can remember the horror of it; the misery and suffering of the millions in the enemy countries; the deaths of millions more of boys and men, in trenches and dugouts and on battlefields; the countless widows and orphans and others in mourning for their loved ones who will never come back; the worldwide waste and want; the bitterness and hate and spirit of revenge awakened, which in many will continue through their life. All this, and very much more, should be often thought of; not the "glory" of victory and the "deathless fame" of our heroes, dead and living. The glamor of the pomp and show of military reviews and triumphal parades are so liable to blind the young to the ghastly cruelties and brutalities of war that they should think much and oftener of the shocking barbarities and wholesale slaughter, lest they forget.

They can cherish the spirit of Jesus, who came not to kill and to destroy, but to save; not to be served, but to serve and to sacrifice, to give his life a ransom for the many; to set up a new standard of greatness. The common standard of the Gentiles then was the power to "lord it" over others with less strength, and to have a larger retinue of servants. It is the far too common standard still. But, Jesus said to his disciples, "so shall it not be among you."

It was this ambition to lord it over others, to enrich self at their expense that led to the war, just over. And the same spirit will everywhere and always end in war, for in the final reckoning it is the nation that is a law unto itself that defies its neighbors, that ignores its solemn obligations and determines