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## GOD'S LIGHT.

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God placed within my heart a light,  
Of such a pure and steadfast ray,  
'Twill lead my steps 'mid darkest day,  
If I but guard the flame aright.

Serene as from yon azure height  
The stars shine on the wanderer's way,  
My faltering footsteps need not stray  
If I but keep in sight the light.

No evil breath, however slight,  
Must reach this little light of mine,  
For 'tis of God,—His hand divine  
Has placed within His star of light.

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## CONDITIONS ESSENTIAL TO THE PROMOTION OF PEACE.

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The Peace to which special attention is directed in this paper, is "International Peace."

The same conditions more or less apply to the promotion of general peace in the social and industrial fields. In these we are far from its enjoyment, and will continue to be so long as class legislation, presumption, robbery by law, a spirit of depredation in commercial life, and inadequate attention to the attractions of rural life, continue.

In the sphere of international polity there is, at the present time, a semblance of peace, but its continuance is by no means assured.

When it is considered that Europe contributed last year to the maintenance of arms, no less than \$920,500,000, and more than 28,500,000 men. The expenditure of so vast a sum, enough to materially relieve European

distress, may not only be questioned, but it may well be asked what further evils will be inflicted upon Europe and the world in consequence of the withdrawal of a nation of men from industrial pursuits, to simply, at present, an aimless life of military discipline? It is the duty of every man and woman, as a religious being and a citizen, to be thoughtful concerning the condition of humanity everywhere: and the *simple application of individual responsibility* to the study of the European situation, would promote the growth of the peace spirit.

We have the spectacle of European armies, said to be under present conditions necessary to the balance of power, or the political equilibrium; and until some other plan equally restraining is substituted. Here are bodies of men, voluntarily or involuntarily, combined not for creation, but who, well equipped with all the modern and most approved engines of destruction, stand glaring fiercely at each other that peace may be maintained, it is said. They are officered by ambitious men, whose reputations depend upon their valor and prowess in battle, and whose traditional business it is to fight. Scarcely reasonable, is it, that such will long be content with the duties simply of "police patrol." These standing armies are a standing menace to peace.

Fortunately for a time at least there is a possible promotion of peace in the altered conditions of warfare itself. The great increase of devastating power given the instruments of modern armies which the study of past tactics and strategy can scarcely overcome; the wholesale slaughter with its rivers of blood, which would inevitably result in conflict, will deter the most selfish, the