

This probable action of the Dominion Parliament in favour of an International Tribunal should tend to encourage some among the clergy to lose no time now, but to "come out" of Ecclesiastical Christendom at once, boldly and fearlessly, and appeal to the common sense, and common humanity of man generally, to sustain them in the honest and earnest effort to abolish warfare by inducing the nations to erect a Supreme International Tribunal which would command the respect and support of "all nations" (as it would be composed of men known, and proved, to possess the highest wisdom and understanding), and consequently would be in a position to exert (if necessary) the combined force of "all nations" in maintaining Law and Order throughout the whole earth; that henceforth no individual nation will be required to be in a position to defend itself from violence and injustice, any more than any individual man is now required to arm himself and protect himself, in any part of the civilized world at present; the whole force of the combined world protecting all nations henceforth, precisely as the whole force of a city, or country, now protects the individuals composing the city, or country.

The few individual men, and the few thousands of men, who shall now do the most towards bringing about such a desirable state of affairs upon earth, will, of course, fairly earn all that men, and nations, can possibly do for them; consequently such few individual men, and such few thousands of men, need "take no thought for the morrow," but may boldly and fearlessly hazard the loss of income, if so required, in conscientiously exerting themselves in favour of the reign of "mercy and truth. . . righteousness and peace" over the whole earth; "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things [that is, every earthly advantage] shall be added unto you," and again, "Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God," such men being, of course, emphatically "the peacemakers" referred to.—Matt. V, 9; VI, 33, 34.

The predicted "seven shepherds [or clergy] and eight principal men," or honourable men, and worthy representatives of the State, (Micah, V, 3-5) will be quite sufficient now to introduce "the kingdom of God" upon earth so effectually that every earthly opposition that can possibly be brought to bear against it will serve but to prove its irresistible power and efficiency; for the thousands of men who fairly represent all the moral and intellectual force of the world will be immediately brought to the front and conspicuously before the notice of all nations, and "all the proud and all that do wickedly shall be as stubble" in comparison, and as "ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts; but unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his beams."—Malachi, IV, 1-6.

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