



The Principal's Message.

IT seems but yesterday since the JOURNAL issued its Foreword of Greeting in its first number for the current session, and now to all its readers it sends heartiest good wishes for Christmas and the coming New Year. Life moves rapidly with us at Queen's. We shall enjoy the brief respite of the Christmas holidays, and, as with Sam Weller's valentine, "shall wish there was more of it."

From its watch tower, as critic and publicist, the JOURNAL is ever on the look-out for what makes for the welfare of Queen's, yet also with an eye for those broader interests that affect the good of the commonwealth. In this wider survey nothing has of late seemed more noteworthy than the efforts that are being made to secure permanent international peace. We hail with sincere gratification the prospects of celebrating a century of peace between Canada and the United States, a gratification all the greater because the present relations are full of promise regarding the future. Beyond all other agencies the universities of the two countries should be helpful in promoting peace and concord, for it is the aim and life of a university to acknowledge the supremacy of reason and to advance the kingdom of truth; and reason and truth must always make for peace and concord.

These two nations, so largely one in language and literature, in laws, religion and government, in all the heritage that has come to them from the past, are becoming still more closely one in their ideals and aims. They are beset by similar difficulties; they strive together to solve the same problems. Their best citizens admire the same stamp of character, maintain the same code of morals, and are growing more willing to share the white man's burden of responsibility and duty along with the white man's privilege of enlightenment and liberty. They are drawing closer together because they are working towards the same goal. You steer your boat not looking at the wake you leave behind you on the water, but by looking forward to headland or lighthouse or star. You shape your life course, whether private or national, not by the memories and traditions with which you grasp the past but by the hopes and purposes with which you seize the future; and you are coming ever closer to those who share your hopes and efforts like ships that are steering for the same port.

Beneath all the distinctions that may divide the members of the English-speaking world there are great purposes and ideals that they hold in common, visions that they share together concerning the Kingdom of God among men, dreams of that coming day "when man to man the world o'er shall brithers be, and a' that."

And so, as the great Christian festival comes round again, with all its home joys, its hospitalities, its gifts and greetings, and its kindly helpfulness to those who need our aid, we think of that empire in which the Lord of Christmas is King; we seek to get nearer in spirit to the Christ Who is ever with us, and to be fellow-workers with Him in realizing His world-wide purpose of "peace on earth and good will to men." May this be the vision and the spirit of the sons of Queen's.—D. M. G.

