

he was also accustomed to impress upon servants the duty of shunning idleness and of serving their employers faithfully. The same principles of justice and fairness still hold good, although their application may not at all times be easy, in the complicated business relationships of our times. "The Lord is able to give thee much more than this," was the prophet's answer to the king who queried what he was to do for the money he would lose through obeying the Divine command, and this is still true for the follower of Christ. He may remain poor through his adherence to duty, but his earthly poverty may be accompanied by wealth in spiritual possessions, especially in that peace which guards the conscience, kept void of offence towards God and man. The love of money and the temptation to covetousness, so emphatically and so repeatedly condemned in the pages of scripture, are at the root of the practices to which attention has been drawn.

Closely connected with the same dispositions of the human heart are those jealousies between nations, which lead to strife and war. It has been gratifying to learn that the efforts to help the Doukhoborts to exchange their homes in Russia for a place of residence where they would be exempt from military conscription have been largely successful, and that some thousands of these persecuted people are now settling in Canada. We have been reminded by this illustration, of the terrible weight which the military system entails upon the liberties, the property and the moral well-being of the peoples of Europe.

We rejoice that the rescript of the Czar of Russia has led to the holding of a Conference at the Hague to devise measures for arresting the growth of armaments. A deputation from this Meeting has presented an address to the delegates, assuring them of our warm desires that success may attend their efforts, and that they may share in the blessing pronounced by our Lord upon the peacemakers. We have also convened a special meeting, in which several of our members have again set forth our faith in the essentially peaceable character of the Kingdom of Christ, and the claims of that Kingdom upon its citizens, to exemplify their citizenship by a cultivation of practical brotherliness.

Our warm Christian sympathies have gone forth towards the large number of persons who attend our Meetings for Worship, as well as towards the still larger number, more or less closely associated with us through the influence of First-day Schools and Mission Meetings. We desire for all of these a growth in everything that is lovely and of good report. We have adopted fresh