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"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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IF.

If any little word of mine  
May make a life the brighter ;  
If any little song of mine  
May make the heart the lighter,  
God help me speak the little word,  
And take my bit of singing,  
And drop it in some lonely vale,  
To set the echoes ringing.

If any little love of mine  
May make a life the sweeter ;  
If any little care of mine  
May make a friend's the fleetier ;  
If any lift of mine may ease  
The burden of another,  
God give me love, and care and strength  
To help my toiling brother.

—Selected.

## THE THINGS WHICH MAKE FOR PEACE.

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Life, love and peace are the foundation stones of the new kingdom which the Prince of Peace came to establish nineteen hundred years ago. Love is the basis of life, and peace is the manifestation of love. Thus they are inter-related and interdependent. The latest teachings of science show that down through all the ages the main factor which has been working out the destiny of the whole created world has been the law of love, manifested in the struggle for the life of others. Progress has been slow toward the attainment of the Divine Ideal, but men are coming to grasp the great truth that as we all want life so must we all love ; that a civilization based upon selfishness cannot endure ; that to live is to give, and that as we give our best in loving service to humanity, we will have peace, individual, national and universal.

In asking what we can do to herald

the glad coming, let us consider first the basis of all activity. Is it not thought? Thought is the first principle—the impelling power of all activity. First, last, and always, then, let us think thoughts of peace. Let us hold our fellowmen in mind as all being sons of God, and remember that the only way we can raise ourselves is to help others to rise. Jesus taught us the great all-embracing essential of peace when he declared the thought of anger to be under the same condemnation as the act of murder. The hearts of men must come into harmony before we can have universal peace. If all men this night the world over could unite in love to God and love to man, when to-morrow dawned the whole world would be at peace, and arms and forts and all the destructive munitions of war could be converted into constructive, life-giving energies and instruments of peace.

Is it not our duty, then, to oppose everything which tends to foster and keep alive the spirit of war? Under this head would come the glorification of war and warriors which runs so largely through our history and literature. Children should be taught to look upon the glories of peace, and the heroisms of peace, and to regard war as inglorious, brutal and unmanly. It is easier to be a good soldier than to be a good citizen. It is easier to die for one's country in the enthusiasm of battle than it is to live for one's country amidst the subtle temptations and selfish ambitions of a time of peace. Every day of our lives brings opportunities for heroism. The world needs men of honor and industry and benevolence far more than it needs skillful soldiers. Art, too, has joined hands with literature in teaching the lesson of