

among themselves for dominion, victory, glory, or something else not always clearly explained. They expect us to acquire the art of killing our fellow men, separated by rivers or mountains, which "make enemies of nations, who had else, like kindred drops, been mingled into one."

Jesus said "my kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants *fight*, that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now is my kingdom not from hence." "Love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you; and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." The apostle James says, "but above all things, my brethren, swear not." And we know who has said, "neither by heaven, neither by the earth, *neither by any other oath*; but let your yea, be yea, and your nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these, cometh of evil."

From these considerations we think it necessary that the brethren petition to our Government for exemption from taking oaths and from military duty—acts which we deem opposed to the spirit of our holy religion. And would you not do well, brother, to urge this matter upon the brethren, by preparing and printing forms of petitions for the several churches, that they may lay this affair before parliament through their representatives? Mr. Merritt, M. P. P., and Mr. McFarland, M. P. P., have promised us their assistance. We pray that our Heavenly Father may bless your efforts in vindicating the Gospel, strengthening the saints, and illuminating Canada.

"The Lord bless thee out of Zion; the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

In love submitted,

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A. CLENDENAN.

The following is also worthy to be heard:—

SHALL WE LEARN WAR OR NOT?

This is a subject of some importance which I would desire to bring under the consideration of the brethren in Canada. Once or twice, at our yearly meetings, I have proposed to bring the subject up, but did not find the good brethren prepared to meddle with it. And whether at present, I shall have the pleasure to find them generally agreeing with me or not, I have yet to learn. I shall presume, however, that we are all of the same mind in reference to the above question.