

thousands where the old one scarcely killed its thousand—yet all will admit that it is carried on more humanely than formerly, while there is a greater readiness to submit international disputes to arbitration than in time past. And many are found who are not afraid to denounce war altogether.

For this we should ever pray. But we must remember that it is out of the corrupt heart of man that all these envyings and disputings which lead to war arise : and that the right and only way of promoting peace upon earth is by being at peace with God.

And now, my brethren, it only remains for me to ask each of you if you know anything about this peace. Have you ceased to rebel against God? Have you been to Him and acknowledged your sinfulness, accepted Christ as your Redeemer, your High Priest and Intercessor, the captain of your salvation ; trusting wholly and entirely to His merits for the forgiveness of sins ; looking only to Him as the way by which to come to the Father ; and being fully determined by God's grace to take up your cross daily and follow Him "through good report and ill?" For depend upon it brethren, God will accept no half service. We can have no peace with Him without giving Him the heart. Neither can we have real peace within so long as we keep back part of the price. A full surrender of self to God is not only His due ; but is the only way by which we can enjoy that peace which passeth understanding : by which we can be truly happy here and live worthy of complete happiness hereafter. And to those who are in the enjoyment of this peace let me say, that the very fact of enjoying it ought to make you anxious for others to share the blessing with you ; and your duty to God, and to the world, is to strive by every means to be in the fullest sense possible a peace maker ; seeking to make known the conditions upon which people may be at peace with God, and persuading them to accept peace on those conditions ; promoting peace in the church, peace in the family, peace in the world, ever remembering the words of our blessed Lord, "Blessed are the peacemakers ; for they shall be called the children of God."

And may "the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ ;" and "the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means." Amen.