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Our sympathies have been with the advocates of peace in the United States, both before and since that country's war with Spain, and we have admired the stand taken by both the *Friends' Intelligencer and Journal* and *The American Friend* in regard to it. The nations seem to have much to learn yet before Christian principles prevail. They delight to wallow in the lowlands of the animal instinct. Just so sure as the physical is the lowest nature of man, war is the lowest form of settling national and international difficulties. We fear national development is of too low a plane to promote at present the Czar's most excellent proposition for disarmament. Much that passes for Christianity is accountable for the crime of war.

The oppressed Doukhobors of Russia, who for a number of years have been persecuted by Russian government on account of their peace principles, are coming to Canada by

thousands. Probably over 6000 will reach their allotted homes in the Canadian North-West within one year. Two parties of over 2000 each are expected early this winter. They will be allowed the use of emigrant shelters by the Canadian Government during the winter. Friends on both sides of the Atlantic have been active in securing relief to this greatly oppressed people. We welcome them to Canada, where they will enjoy full liberty of conscience.

Our hearts warm with sympathy to the generous act of the Canadian Government in granting to the Doukshobours a refuge and a home within our vast Dominion. We believe no worthier emigrant ever landed on this continent. We are willing to except for the sake of some who pride in ancestral lineage, the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers, and the coming of Penn and his followers, destitute though they be from pillage and persecution at the hands of the officials of the "Prince of Disarmament," yet they still possess persistence and application which, together with other good qualities, will soon make the fertile soil of Canada yield a rich livelihood, a comfortable and happy home; and the persecution howsoever cruel and bitter and dark, will finally be seen in the light of a blessing in disguise. We feel thankful to our Government that while other nations are expanding through the grasp of avarice, she is quietly seeking progress by peaceful means in such humane acts as this. Verily, she will have her reward, just as an individual who opens the door to the wanderer, clothes the destitute, and feeds the hungry.

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