

ously ; that national, and not party, ends shall be dominant in politics ; these are matters which do not lie apart from the Church and its message. They lie as a charge upon the conscience of every Christian ; and their accomplishment is part of the business of every minister. The Church is of the people and for the people ; and must include in its interest and endeavor every aspect of the people's life. Even their amusements must not be neglected. A merely negative attitude here is impossible. We must claim the field of recreation and sport for Christ, the King.

(c) The pressure of approaching dangers. The peace will threaten religion in two ways—First, there will be a tendency to reaction, from the denials and repressions of war, to a recoil of luxury and pleasure. Second, there will be a tendency to fall back into old habits of indifference to the claims of God ; and neglect of His ordinances. We have need to strengthen every tried Christian institution. The sanctity of the Lord's Day and of marriage and the security of the home ; the efficiency of the Sunday School ; and of Christian education generally ; the spirituality and power of the Church's worship ; the ennobling of ecclesiastical relations ; both denominational and interdenominational ; the unifying of all religious effort throughout the land ; these concern us, in this hour, that when the peace begins, we may not be caught unprepared.

In closing, we humbly and earnestly call upon all ministers and members to renew their covenant with God, and their engagement to be His. This is our best preparation for the trial that is coming upon us. Our supreme, our constant need, is the revival of the life of God in our hearts. The Peace is calling to us, first—to dedicate ourselves afresh, in a full consecration, to God and to His Christ ; second, to wait upon Him in earnest and continuous and united prayer, that we may receive anew the promise of the Father, and enter more deeply into the secrets of the Christian salvation and be quickened as never hitherto, by the power of God's indwelling Spirit—finally, to take up our cross and follow Jesus, in the path of daily duty, and the exercise of ceaseless self-denial. The Cross of our redemption was once reared on Calvary. The Cross of Christian sacrifice spreads its arms over the field of war. A Peace, without a Cross, would be a worse Hell than the War itself. God forbid that we should glory save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto us, and we unto the world. (Gal. 6 : 14.)

Brethren, the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your Spirit.
Amen.