

**Prince of Peace.**

GEO. W. ARMSTRONG.

Great Prince of Peace, hope of our race,  
 Light of the world, by heaven's grace;  
 By Him shall wars and tumults cease,  
 Radiance Divine, great Prince of Peace.  
 When Christ shall reign all swords and spears—  
 Weapons that bathe the world in tears;  
 To plowshares, pruning hooks shall be  
 Transported to tools of husbandry.  
 The patriarchs in ages past,  
 And prophets who the future cast,  
 Through mists of time saw from afar,  
 Peace! antidote of strife and war,  
 Wonderful, counsellor, mighty Lord,  
 Whose power and wisdom do afford  
 Fit guarantee that wars shall cease—  
 Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

When in times fullness Jesus came,  
 Angels from heaven the news proclaim;  
 They preach glad tidings of the birth,  
 Of one who bringeth peace on earth.  
 He who was human and divine,  
 Made earth rejoice and heaven to shine,  
 Spoke and the storms obey His will,  
 Hushed into calmness:—Peace be still.  
 The winds and raging waters cease,  
 Elements own Him Prince of Peace;  
 And storm-tossed sailors on the sea  
 Find peace in Him on Galilee.

And just before He left this world,  
 The ensign of His cross unfurled,  
 And sent His gospel message free,  
 To human kind o'er land and sea.  
 He on apostles gently breathed—  
 A legacy of peace bequeathed;  
 Not as the world gives, give I you,  
 Infinite, tender as the dew;  
 And so through all the ages past,  
 As rivers flow, broad, deep and vast,  
 The peace of Christ, rich, boundless grace,  
 Has flowed to millions of our race:  
 The Prince of Peace all men shall own  
 His sceptre, and before his throne  
 Shall bow: then strife and war shall cease  
 When Christ shall reign, great Prince of Peace.  
 London, Ont.

**Dr. Wilkie's Statement.**

Toronto, 29th April, 1913.

My Dear Sir:

The Foreign Mission Committee met on the 23rd inst., and gave instructions that the following be sent out regarding Dr. Wilkie's statement circulated throughout the Church.

Yours sincerely,

R. P. MacKay, WM MOORE,  
 Sec. F.M.C. Convener, F.M.C.

The attention of the Foreign Mission Committee having been drawn to the fact that a document prepared by Dr. Wilkie, with an introductory statement by Mr. J. K. Macdonald and Rev. A. L. Geggie, has been widely circulated, it was agreed to make the following brief statement to the Church:

1. The Foreign Mission Committee have nothing to conceal and do not fear an investigation. Yet they feel that no good purpose can be served by an enquiry into past history.

2. Responsibility for the action of the General Assembly does not rest on the Foreign Mission Committee and they repudiate the insinuation that they kept the Assembly in ignorance of facts.

3. There was hesitation on the part of some members of the Committee as to receiving the deputation which desired to wait upon the Committee, chiefly because the action complained of was the General Assembly's action, which the Foreign Mission Committee had no right to review. Nevertheless the deputation was received, as an act of courtesy, with the hope that misapprehensions might be removed.

4. Dr. Wilkie's statement now published was submitted to the Foreign Mission Committee by the deputation on the 28th January, with the request that an answer or explanation be given as to the charges it contains. The Foreign Mission Committee declined to be drawn into a controversy, but appointed a special meeting on the 24th February for the purpose of conferring with the deputation. At that meeting they pointed out many instances of misquotation, misstatement of fact and incorrect inference.

5. The Committee declined to place in the hands of the deputation the written statement which formed the basis of conversation *re* Dr. Wilkie's document, but expressed their willingness to spend whatever time might be deemed necessary for a full discussion in order that a clear understanding of the situation might be arrived at. This offer was not accepted by the deputation.

The Committee then unanimously adopted a resolution directing that the deputation be informed: "That the Secretary of the Committee will at any time give all the information possible in regard to the Central India Mission to those interested in Missions of the Church, who may call for it," and further, that "It was agreed that Dr. MacLaren and Dr. McTavish be associated with the Secretary for conference regarding any matters that may arise about which uncertainty might exist in the mind of the Secretary."

A copy of this resolution was at once sent to Mr. Macdonald, the chairman of the deputation. Further information was not, however, asked for. Yet in face of the fact that so many inaccuracies had been pointed out, this document has been put in circulation without modification. This seems scarcely consistent with a desire to get the whole truth before the Church.

6. The Foreign Mission Committee reviewed Dr. Wilkie's document, to the extent indicated, out of deference to the deputation, but definitely refused to discuss the past history of the Mission. That has been done by former Committees and Assemblies and adjudicated upon. Many of the chief actors have passed away and a full investigation is not possible.

7. The statement that the action of the General Assembly in terminating Dr. Wilkie's connection with the Central India Mission, throws upon him the blame for all past disturbances in that Mission, is not correct. The resolution adopted by the Assembly makes no reference to past history and was based simply upon the statements of Dr. Wilkie and the members of the Mission staff that they could not work harmoniously together. Dr. Wilkie, of his own volition, withdrew from and declared that he would never return to the Indore Presbytery and the committee decided that, under these circumstances, Dr. Wilkie's connection with that Mission would cease. The General Assembly simply confirmed that decision.

8. No charge is laid before the Committee or any other constituted authority against the Missionaries in India, or any of them, and it seems to the Committee that the course adopted of scattering this document throughout the Church, instead of seeking redress, if redress be needed, according to the procedure provided by the Church polity, is indefensible.

**The Busy Bees.**

BY GEO. W. ARMSTRONG.

The busy bees, the busy bees,  
 That toil and sing;  
 And fly among blossoms, flowers and trees  
 On joyful wing.

They gather sweetness on their way,  
 A precious store;  
 And never tire the live long day,  
 Seeking for more.

In sunshine bright and warm and clear,  
 Glad some and gay;  
 By instinct led, their way they steer,  
 Humming their lay.

Ah, little bee! though you may sing,  
 Each happy hour;  
 You also can annoy and sting,  
 With dreadful power.

I would be like the busy bee,  
 Useful and good;  
 Cheerful and pleasant, lively, free;  
 Unvarying mood.

Gracious to others, while I may,  
 And making glad  
 Those who sorrow all the day,  
 Whose hearts are sad.

Extracting nectar from life's bower,  
 And honey sweet;  
 In time's brief span, with all my power,  
 Evil defeat.

Unlike the bee, I would not sting  
 Or act unkind;  
 My tongue I'll curb; to love I'll cling,  
 With heart and mind.

So shall my life like busy bee,  
 In sunshine live;  
 Working for immortality,  
 Getting to give.

"Westwood," London, Ont.

Lord Kelvin, one of the world's most distinguished scientists, was approached by a pompous young would-be scientist, who asked him which one of all his discoveries he considered to be the most valuable. The unexpected reply was: "I think that to me the most valuable of all the discoveries I have ever made was when I discovered my Savior in Jesus Christ." Grandly true

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