

malism and exclusiveness, and shall be more fully concerned about the affairs of this world, than of some other; when it shall think less of saving men, and more of making men fit to be saved; when it impresses its followers more powerfully that its religion is of no value apart from its application to the every-day life and needs of humanity without distinction, it will likewise be doing a valuable service in the promotion and maintenance of peace.

If it teaches that it is right to do unto others as wishing to be done by, to love one's enemies, it would not be inconsistent to *more strongly* maintain the standard and test of greatness. That standard, implying one law of life for man and for nations, is not, in the words of the Bishop of Durham, "how much a man or nation had claimed or got for himself, but what service the man or nation had rendered to others."

Its clergy, strong for Sabbath observance, but apparently in many instances excusing its desecration in a military church parade, instead of pampering the war spirit and growing eloquent over the bravery and heroism of war, the loyalty and noble sacrifice of the soldier, should point out that war is the frequent agent of the selfish, the ambitious, the unjust, and often of a class, and that too many simple men and silly women, under the influence of a drum and uniform, are made to believe that it is a glorious thing to fight in the name of loyalty and be sacrificed for country, home and fireside.

Let it be more clearly emphasized that the finest bravery and the most truly heroic life, is to calmly, humbly live for man; or without dismay to lay down one's life upon the altar of peaceful service to humanity rather than upon the altar of destruction.

Let the clergy teach their pure, voluntary, independent sacrifice apart from the courage derived from association, the glitter, the glamor and the music of war, that the heroism of the man prepared to be sacrificed, pro-

vided he cannot sacrifice his supposed enemy, is not of the essence of Christianity

Let the Church at once further redeem itself from the iniquity of its past sanction of the cruellest and most atrocious wars ever instigated, by giving militarism no more concession, no more countenance than intemperance and rampant vice. Then we shall have a rightful, an appropriate, and an influential agency in the promotion of peace.

Away with the Boys' Brigade. It is strange indeed if manliness may not be cultivated; the coarse and refined vices of the age avoided; the beauty and charm of discipline and orderliness taught; and healthy graceful physical development secured without the aid of a gun and false notions of pride, bravery and heroism.

The absolute discountenance of this mimicry and spirit in the Church, is essential to the promotion of peace and that condition which it continually prays for "Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven."

And lastly, when the great toiling masses rise to the rights and privileges of true democracy, which they are doing, there shall be a factor working towards peace; for it shall be more fully recognized that love is the basis and essence of all heavenward movements; that there is a universal need of religion, pure and undefiled, that man is universally a religious being; that beyond human inventions, institutions and aids, there is a divine, a natural, a universal means of promoting the higher development of man; that there is an energizing, inspiring force, an active, loving Father, as capable in this age of the world as in any other of communicating in a universal way His Divine will and writing it *directly*, whether there be books or no books, priest or no priest, sect or no sect, Christian or no Christian, "upon the fleshy tablets of the human heart," making each a law unto himself. Then shall the shackles of democracy fall