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"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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GLIMPSE OF THE DAWN.

Faint voices float upon the breeze,
Through waving grass and sighing trees,
To fill the world with prophecies
Of changes to be born.

The discontent in rural life,
The growing wail of city strife,
Are both with deepest meanings rife,
Prophetic of the morn.

The State ideal will only be
When men with one accordance see
The oneness of humanity,
In pleasure and in pain.

Oh, haste the day when through the world
States into war shall not be hurled,
And over all shall be unfurled
A flag without a stain!

—Myron H. Goodwin, in *Twentieth Century*.

WAR.

ESSAY READ BY THOMAS BOYCE AT THE
PHILANTHROPIC SESSION AT COLD-
STREAM ON CHRISTMAS
DAY, 1892.

What better subject could be chosen, and especially at this season of the year, to review and seriously consider than that of war.

It is not the spiritual, but the human warfare that I am now going to deal with, perhaps I might more truly term it inhuman warfare, the warfare which contending humanity wage one against the other, devoting their utmost tact and energy to the destruction of fellow lives, each side striving to obtain the victory over the other at any cost.

Let us ask the questions:

1. Is war in accordance with our Christian religion?
2. Is war just and lawful and right?

3. Is war a benefit to mankind and the world at large?

When we consider them a moment and the misery, sufferings and privations caused by war, what a truly hideous monster it becomes in our eyes, and how else could we conclude to answer the above questions than by a decided negative.

There was a period when war was looked upon by almost all as being quite right and proper, but that period, let us hope, is gradually but surely passing away. We still find the views and ideas concerning war are, as with all other public topics, many and varied.

The New Testament is a book that says a great deal about war, and if each one were to study it and make up their mind from that source, I do not think any overthrowing arguments would be brought to bear upon the question, either in regard to its being in accordance with the Divine will, or to its being lawful and just in the eyes of God.

The late lamented and much esteemed John Bright once said: "If we may presume to ask ourselves, What, in the eyes of our Supreme Ruler, is the greatest crime his creatures commit? I think we may almost, with a certainty, conclude that it is the crime of war."

Some one has described war as the "Sum of all villainies." We know it has been the direct cause of such suffering and misery, bloodshed and slaughter, that no tongue or pen can describe. Large tracts of fertile flourishing country laid waste, noble cities devastated, homes destroyed, mothers widowed, and children orphaned, family circles broken up, all under the