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Editorial

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A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A BRIGHT NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS. Christmas Day itself has already gone by ; but the Season with all its blessed memories and helpful inspirations is still with us. May we all carry the spirit of Christmas through the coming year, and then for each will this beautiful time-old wish have its fulfilment.

But what harsh discord fills the air at this Anniversary of the Birth of the Prince of Peace,

“ Men at war with men, hear not  
The words of peace they bring :—  
Oh ! listen now, ye men of strife,  
And hear the Angels sing—  
Peace on the earth, good will to men  
From Heaven's all-glorious King.”

We can do little more than pray and trust that the end may soon come ; that the cause of righteousness and justice may triumph ; that the will of God may be done.

What new meaning and force many of the petitions of our incomparable Liturgy take from the events we follow with so much anxiety,