

The follower of Mahomet may indeed appear consistent when supplicating for aid, because, it is said, that his religion constantly presents to the view of his mind, that such work will heighten his enjoyment and promote his welcome to his sensual paradise; but can the humble christian, whose God is love, and whose only Mediator is the Prince of Peace—can such, we say, become so engrossed in darkness as to make himself believe that his good spirit will help and instruct him to pray for the consummation of such a barbarous and bloody work? In conclusion we may add, it will doubtless plainly appear, that we have not attempted to bring any considerable portion of the evidence which might be adduced against the practice of war. This important subject has, at different times, been ably handled by men pre-eminent for education, philanthropy and piety; among whom we find Erasmus, Watson, Fox, Wesley, Dymond, Gurney, Upham, and others, to whose works on the subject we respectfully refer the reader.

Our object at present is not to argue the question, but simply to endeavor to arouse public attention to the subject, and if possible, to enlist the sympathy and influence of a christian people; but more especially the powerful influence of all gospel ministers, to help to impress upon the public mind the enormity of the evils of war, that these may, in a peculiar manner, have a claim to the blessing promised to the peacemakers, by endeavoring to bring about that great event promised in the Bible, looked for by the church, and daily asked for in the prayers of its individual members; a day in which the sword shall cease to devour—when the “battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood shall no longer be known;” Isaiah, chap. 9, 5th verse. “When they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more;” Isaiah, chap. 2, 4th verse. “When violence shall no more be heard in our land, wasting nor distraction within our borders; but we shall call our walls salvation and our gates praise;” Isaiah, chap. 60, 18th verse.

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