

tion and braggard boasters on both sides of the Atlantic are loudly clamoring for war to a finish in defence of a sentiment without basis.

That the disturbances of the past two weeks have been of the most portentous character need not be concealed, and that the war cloud will pass over both lands, without leaving behind a trail of blood and ruin, is a consummation most sincerely to be hoped and prayed for, should be the dominant emotion in the soul of every lover of country or God! The destiny of the whole world rests upon the pacific outcome of this present entanglement; for whatever might be the immediate result of a final appeal to arms to either nation, the inferential damages to the world at large would serve to kill the progress made in the whole of the now expiring century.

The *Tyler* believes that the present is a good time for the Grand Masters in Masonry, not only in England and America, but over the whole inhabitable globe, to enter into correspondence with each other, with a view to the united action of the two millions of Freemasons, of which they are the head, against the possibility of such a dire calamity as war between two great nations of one origin, language and faith. Already a move has been made among the brethren of England, as the following late telegram would indicate from the Lincolnshire Freemasons to the brethren in New York, and which appeared in the *World* of Dec. 27th:

"Spalding (Lincolnshire), wish peace and good will to United States brethren."

This is indicative of a general movement on the part of the Masons of England to prevent ill-feeling from arising between Great Britain and America over the Venezuela controversy. The *World* publishes a similar expression of sentiment cabled by the Freemason's Club of Manchester, England.

The *Tyler* is a great believer in the moral force of Freemasonry, and holds

that a spontaneous response should come in reply to the above from the craft in America. This would set the ball rolling around the world and Freemasonry, in tones of thunder, would be heard in the imperative command for war to hold its blood-smeared hand! We honestly believe that this is the "golden opportunity" for Freemasonry, and while diplomats and politicians are wrangling over this disputed South American boundary line (which may prove the "dead line" to millions) let leading Freemasons open up the avenues by which hand may clasp hand, foot travel to meet foot, knee bend in supplication to the God of Nations, breast pressed to breast in one united heart beat, and brother clasped to brother as one man in loving unison. This movement would do far more to avert war than all the conceited boasting of brother seeking brother's life.—
The American Tyler.

A FRATERNAL MESSAGE.

At the opening of the new Masonic Temple of Winnipeg, on the evening of Dec. 27th, the following message of peace, bearing on the "war" scare, was passed and ordered forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

"Whereas, the sacred teachings of Freemasonry were first introduced into this city and hence spread through the Northwest territories of the Dominion of Canada, under the auspices of the military lodge at Fort Pembina, owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and the said Grand Lodge issued a charter to the Northern Light Lodge of this city in the year 1867, and, whereas, the brethren of this city and jurisdiction have always cherished with kindly remembrance the fraternal action on the part of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota; therefore be it resolved: That the Masons of all the city lodges now assembled do now request our Grand Master to convey to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and the brethren of his jurisdiction the sincere wish