

fellow-citizens the practical character of the present movement. Instead of the *custom or institution* of War, now recognized by the international law, as the Arbitrer of Justice between Nations, they propose, by the consent of nations, to substitute a system of arbitration, or a permanent Congress of Nations. With this change will necessarily follow the general disarming of the nations down to that degree of force which is required for an internal police. The barbarous and incongruous war system, which now increases our Christian civilization, as with a coat of mail, will be destroyed. The enormous means, thus released from destructive industry and purposes of hate, will be appropriated to productive industry and purposes of beneficence. To contribute to this consummation, who will not labor?

The people in every part of the country,—East and West, North and South,—of all political parties and all religious sects, are now invited to join in this endeavor. So doing, while confident of the blessing of God—they will become the fellow-laborers of wise and good men in other lands, and will secure to themselves the inexpressible satisfaction of aiding the advent of that happy day when peace shall be organized among the nations.

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 "THE FREE GIFT."

"Go preach the gospel to every creature."—*Jesus.*

"That they might be saved."—*Paul*

The divine mission of the Divine Redeemer, designed to give life to dying men, is a theme as fresh and full of favour as when the spirit first imparted language sufficiently hallowed to make it known. God's favour to a world of rebels—Heaven's disinterested love to enemies—the good news of the gospel, offering life to the helpless and hopeless—form a subject that can never grow old. The story told in simple majesty, a thousand times, may yet be rehearsed a thousand times twice numbered, and still it is always new, attractive, and spiritually rich. So long as sin is hateful, will the gospel be lovely: so long as guilt is related to transgression, will the sound of forgiveness be sweet: so long as the world is the receptacle of death, darkness, and disappointment, will life, light, and hope of the salvation in God's Son be inseparable from the fullness of joy and rejoicing.