

Though their direct influence upon history thus far may have been slight, yet in the divine ordering of things they, like the blossom beneath the snow, may be biding their time.

It may be, as Dr. Ben Rush, one of the signers of the American Declaration of Independence, once said: "Perhaps these German sects who refuse to bear arms for the shedding of human blood may be preserved by Divine Providence as the centre of a circle which shall gradually embrace all nations of the earth in a perpetual treaty of friendship and perpetual peace."

Although the world may have a long road to travel before this consummation is reached, yet there are not a few signs that it is approaching. Have we not recently had the example of wealth being laid upon the altar of peace in Mr. Carnegie's princely gift of ten million dollars to promote the cause of peace? May it not be possible that militarism is placing an intolerable tax of money and of blood upon the long-suffering nations, who in their mad rivalry add battleship to battleship, and train and equip enormous standing armies? May not all this lead to a swing of the pendulum in the direction of peace?

If this peace-loving people by example and precept help to lessen the old rancors and prejudices among men, which make for war, then they will not have lived in vain. They may in this way have a stronger influence upon history than we dream