

PEACE!

PEACE!—How joyful the sound! At long'h, after a two years' murderous warfare, the sword has been placed in its scabbard.

"No longer hosts encountering hosts
Shall crowds of slain deplore."

Oh, that that sword might never again be drawn!

There is another, "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God," let hosts of willing and brave warriors be aroused to take up that, and go forth "to the help of the Lord against the mighty." May they never give up the contest till the Prince of Peace reigns in triumph over all nations!

Peace!—How joyful are its effects! How many a released captive now bounds with gladness as he wends his way to his loved home! How many homes are gladdened by the return of the father,—the son,—the brother, from the exile of a dreary imprisonment! Oh, for the spread of that better "Peace on Earth," through which long-lost captives,—the very bond-slaves of Satan,—had be brought in triumphant joy to the family home of God's own children!

While thankful to God, the great Disposer of all events, for so merciful a deliverance from the horrors of war, let us be stirred up to a louder song of thankful praise for the means of deliverance from the still more tremendous horrors of "the wrath to come." Shall not every one, who has experienced this deliverance, arise and proclaim his message of Peace? Shall we not enter every open door, and sound the trumpet of so blessed a jubilee, making known to all in every place the name of the Lord Jesus? Glory be to His name, a wide door has been opened in Turkey for the proclamation of the Gospel. The Gospel may now be preached to the vast masses of the Mohammedan population in that country. It seems as if God were saying to us, as of old to the Church of Philadelphia, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." During the past year 13,000 copies of the Scriptures have been bought by native Moslems. Who can tell how many miserable captives may obtain deliverance, and be brought to the family home by this proclamation of Peace on earth, and the good will of God to men?

Oh, for praying hearts to plead with God that greater marvels of success and victory may mark this new era of Peace.
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