

army into Canada, to slaughter its inhabitants, not because they were bad neighbors, and anxious to harass and overturn the institutions of the United States, but because they were subjects of the greatest nation that the world has ever seen, and felt as proud of their birth right and their free government as any American native of the United States does of his.

We are proud, however, that the United States, does possess a people who have more common sense than its legislators and jingoes, and who have a greater stake in its prosperity than mere partyvictory, with sufficient Christianity and courage of their convictions, in whose veins the blood of a common ancestry runs, to tell their legislators, thus far shall you go and no further, that at Christmas time, when Peace on earth and good will should prevail, is no time for a fratricidal war. When the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England, and his son the future heir to the throne, telegraphs their protest against war, it is time that an institution such as ours that is based on the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man," should let its voice be felt in the land for peace.

GREAT MASONIC OPPORTUNITY.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." This is a great and glorious reward for those who seek to assuage the wrath of violent men and never was there a better time than at present for the exercise of the function of peace making.

For the whole civilized world seems to be trembling upon the verge of a general war, before the prospect of which Religion, Progress, Enlightenment and the great principles of universal brotherhood among men, stand aghast. The signs of the times would indicate that the world's boasted civilization is at fault when the arbitrament of bloody war is appealed to and the arguments and persuasions of

peace are set aside. The *Tyler* feels called upon to raise its voice against the men who, as leaders in the councils of the great nations of the earth, are "crying havoc and letting loose the dogs of war." There is not a civilized nation on the face of the earth to-day that has not listed among its men of thought and leadership, Freemasons high in position and strong influence. There is not a nation to-day, that among its masses has not numbers of the brotherhood, who would gladly respond to a universal demand for the suppression of cruel, devastating war, forever.

But that two nations, singled out by the God of nations to be leaders in the promotion of the kingdom of Heaven: here on earth, should be found standing face to face, with the scowl of mutual anger on the countenance of each, and hand on the partially unsheathed sword, is a picture to cause a poignant pang of anguish to permeate the soul of every man and woman who has the love of humanity at heart, and every possible influence and moral force should be brought to bear to avert the incalculable calamity of a fratricidal war between the United States and Great Britain. It would be a war such as the world has never yet wept over. It would be a conflict of God's chosen leaders on earth, in which millions of lives would be lost; countless sums in treasure wasted; incalculable retrogression given to progress and enlightenment, and the fairest lands given over to desolation! It would not be confined to these two nations alone in its effects but all Europe would again blaze with the baleful fires of the "Thirty years war," condensed into a third or less of the time.

And in the words of the old song, we may ask: "What was it all about? quoth little Peterkin." Simply because England insists upon certain territorial lines of demarcation in South America and which America questions the legality of, without a thorough knowledge of the rights in the conten-