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PEACE, GOOD WILL

"And as the shepherds watched, a multitude of voices sang out: Glory to God in the highest... Peace, good will toward men..."

That twinkling light of hope that shone in the heavens 2,000 years ago on the first Christmas night seems brighter this year than for many decades. Guns of battle around the world have been silenced although the assurance of a permanent peace is far from certain.

As we approach this Christmas season and look forward to a new year we should be thankful for that blessing of peace but also aware that lasting peace will only be attained by Christian thinking and Christian living, putting into practice the true Brotherhood spirit, first fostered by Him whose birthday we are about to celebrate.

When we say our grace before Christmas dinner, perhaps we should pause for a second to think of those less fortunate, the hungry, the oppressed, the sick, and those in captivity behind the Iron Curtain, captured in mind if not in prisons. Sincere Christmas thoughts should resolve themselves into action in the New Year to be more considerate of others, both at home and abroad.

For our Brotherhood the New Year will be a period of much serious consideration. It will be a year for much broader thinking, a year to realize that unity and Real Brotherhood are as much needed now as ever.

While we dream of peace and enjoy a lull in active warfare we must not be complacent, for self satisfaction tends to promote disregard for others. Dickens in his beloved Christmas Carol told of the conversion of Scrooge from a miserable miser to a worthy citizen with thoughts for others instead of his own greed. We do not wish to be a Marley's Ghost, recording the failures of yesterday, today and tomorrow, but Dickens' story is the same now as when it was written a century ago, a story that could have been told centuries before, and repeated today about ourselves. On this continent, the world's richest in natural wealth we enjoy our freedoms, and many appreciated advantages, yet we forget that in other parts of the world people are starving.

It is a grim thought for Christmas yet we must face realities. By facing them our thanks for blessings should be more sincere. Like Scrooge we may be able to develop an honest spirit of Brotherhood. As Dickens wrote:

"Scrooge became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man as the good old city knew, or any other good old city, town or borough, in the good old world. And it was always said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us and all of us. And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God Bless Us, Every One!"

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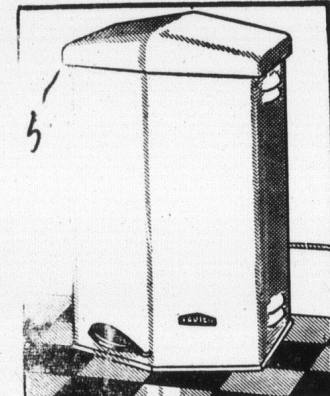
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