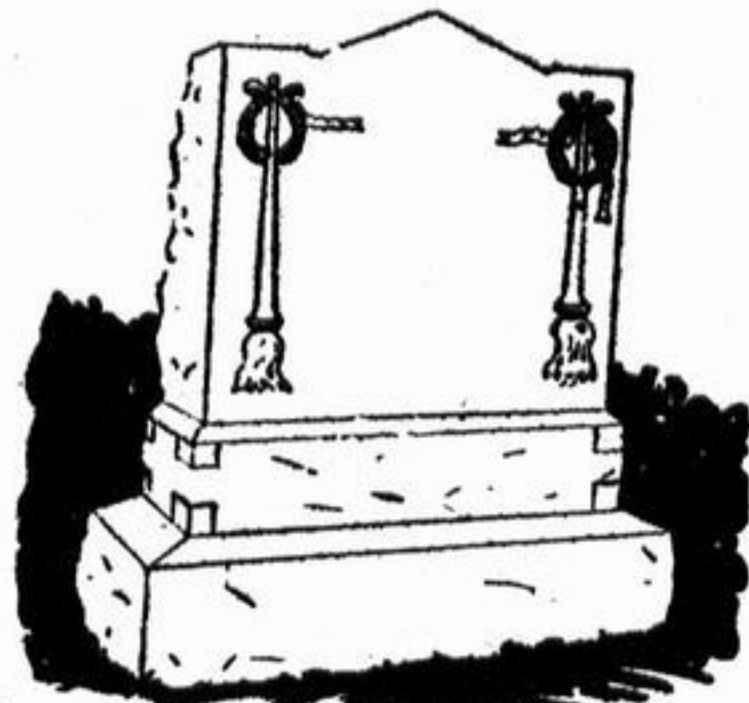


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become morally as well as physically dizzy running round in circles. Desire must ultimately be satisfied. Justice will be enthroned again. This means that real religion, the spiritual force that binds men and women to God and back from God to one another, will become an active element of individual and national life. Divinity, then, will be very near, and if we listen, perhaps, we may hear with our own ears the song that was sung by the Angels on that distant Christmas day when God pitied the children of men, and came down from heaven to dwell for a time with them.

### PEACE, PEACE, PEACE!

By James B. Little, Pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Dear Mr. Editor:

In your note requesting me to give you my personal impression of the Christmas Season, I notice you permit

me to choose my own angle of approach. The historical or modern viewpoint would no doubt be most popular and receive sanction from the masses, but as you have asked for my personal testimony I feel constrained to explain one feature of the long time a problem to me. That is the "Song of Peace" which accompanied the announcement of the birth of the one who made our Christmas season possible. Luke, 2:14, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, Peace, good will toward men."

As we celebrate His birth can we say the proclamation of peace which on that eventful night nineteen hundred and nineteen years ago is now a reality. I trow not. I grant there are those who are crying, "A new world at peace, peace, peace, but that hymn was sung in the days of Jeremiah the prophet hundreds of years before Christ (Jeremiah, 6:14) but God said there was no peace. They are singing it yet, one year ago November 11, we heard the cry, "Victory, the War is Over" and yet in a hundred corners of the earth fighting continues.

We also heard the cry of "Liberty, Liberty which had its beginning when the Old Liberty Bell sounded forth her first peal, has been established throughout the world, and yet in every country the right to live is imperiled by strikes, lock-outs, etc. Labor unions torn by dispute for control. The capitalists are not better, they mistrust one another and compete fiercely and are organized only in opposition to the working man. Selfishness, ignorance, violence, in short—Sin—these or this is the common and ancient foe we still have to contend with. Every where they are active. Look abroad, you will see the smoke of conflict and hear the cry of the wild beast which lies so close under the skin of civilized man. Look at our own so-called "Christian America," highway robberies, hold-ups, rape riots and murders increasing in spite of our cry of peace and safety. These are the words of a pessimistic preacher you say, yes, but the moment prove them to be true words. Look at organized labor standing at attention ready to tie up any or all try into submission to their ideas. The leading capitalists are lying around Washington as Grant lay around Richmond to get their selfish desires granted, our government officials are playing politics and our foes watching and planning on every side to take advantage of our weak unsettled condition.

Do these things, (and their number is countless) look like the dawn of a new era? Is the fairest and happiest day just over the hill? Is Utopia just around the corner? May we fold our hands across our peaceful breast and say peace, peace, peace and wait the coming of the golden age, and lull our self to sleep while we listen to the angelical chorus sing "Peace on earth good will to men?" No dear, bewildered brother, you are dreaming of impossibilities. No, sweet, sentimental sister, passing loving resolutions in your clubs concerning the Brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God. No, dear followers of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, Glover, who in denying Sin and the need of the cross reminds one of the ostrich who on seeing a prairie fire buries his head beneath the sand and by such an act denies that which means his very destruction. No, a thousand times no, the cry of peace, peace, peace is of the devil, a battle of light against darkness, right against wrong and righteousness against Sin, Christ against Satan, heaven against hell, is still on. It is true we have gone through a tremendous process in the last five years but sin, Satan and human nature have come through unchanged.

In face of these facts we must admit that we have not reached the fullest meaning of our Christmas tidings. The question that confronts us is, How are we to do so? When we look to humanity only for an answer, we hear conflicting voices, some leaders tell us "All is well." Human brotherhood practically complete, wars forever passed, human kindness our chief beverage, (during war prohibition at least) but alas! they told us that five years ago, but the human animal they had washed broke from his sty and true to his unchanged nature returned to his wallowing in the war. Others tell us, "All is wrong." Government, business, society, everything and call for a disorganization of all things including the churches and offering nothing in return but bloody murder.

To me both classes are the blind leading the blind. One is blind to the approaching crisis the other to the good that is here. Still there is another class who try to see things as

they are and take God's Word as their guide and stand as watchmen crying aloud to those who desire peace, to walk in the "Old paths and find rest to their souls." And are relying upon the "Blessed Hope," or the coming of the Lord for the solution of the world's peace problem, for without the Prince of Peace world peace is an idle dream.

Why do we not have peace? Why has the announcement not become a reality? Well first of all it has nothing to do with this age or dispensation, and the man who is trying to make this old world lie down in peace is chasing rainbows, it is not the nature of this world to do such a thing. Jesus said that I have come to send peace on earth, it came not to send peace but a sword. The peace announced by the angel, the universal peace on earth, has to do with the Kingdom age when the Kingdom of our Christ. Rev. 11:15, (Luke, 2:14; Psa. 85:10; Isa. 9:6-7; Isa. 11:1-12) when the Prince of Peace shall come in power and great glory. Mat. 24; Luke, 21.

What then as we look at the hopeless condition of this old world and say there is no remedy for it, in the present dispensation, am I a Fatalist? No, my brother, when these things begin to come to pass "Look up" Luke 21:28, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout." 1 Thess. 3:16, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words." v. 18. Is the fault in the announcement or in God? No, he stands ready to give peace to every one who will come to Him. But instead of coming to Him for peace we are like our children who try to find satisfaction in their Christmas toys (and do for a season) but they soon grow tired of them so are we trying to satisfy our selves with the toys and movements of this world rather than be occupied with Him. When he was here on his first advent the people wanted his laws and fishes but they did not want him, so it is today, they want their "Christmas Toys" and the world is crying for peace, peace, but they want it on their terms. To the individual he made a bequest of peace just before his departure, John, 14:27.

### UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

By Thomas John Owens, Pastor of the Congregational Church.

Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders; and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isa. 9:6

Professor David Smith of Londonderry, Ireland, gives us an interesting sketch of the historical setting of the day on which we celebrate the birth of Christ. He says, "Christmas is the birthday of our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and it is fitting that we should celebrate it with reverent and grateful hearts. For it is the chief event in the history of the world. To the Romans the chief event was the foundation of their Imperial City, and that was for them the first of years; and the Jews, at all events in later times, went farther back and reckoned from the traditional date of the foundation of the world. But the Christians recognized that the birth of Jesus was a grander event than either. It was the establishment of the City of God on earth, and the beginning of the New Creation, and therefore they reckoned it the Year One. It was an impressive homage to the Name which is above every name; and whenever we write a date, we unconsciously crown it as Lord of all and proclaim Him the King of the Ages.

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