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BY AMOS R. WELLS.

THE WORLD'S GAIN THROUGH UNIVERSAL PEACE.

Psa. 46 9-11; Isa. 2: 2-4.

Peace is not always to be sought for. Christ came, he said, to bring a sword, to set brother at variance with brother, and children with fathers, that a man's foes should be they of his own household. And yet he is called, and rightly, the Prince of Peace.

For, as Ruskin says, "no peace was ever won by subterfuge or agreement; no peace is ever in store for any of us, but that which we shall win by victory over shame or sin, victory over the sin that oppresses, as well as over that which corrupts." Richard Hovey has painted a terrible picture of that false peace in which no Christian will acquiesce:

There is peace, you say—I believe you.
 Peace! Aye, we know it well—
 Not the peace of the smile of God, but
 the peace of the leer of hell.
 Peace, that the rich may fatten and barter
 their souls for gain;
 Peace, that the hungry may slay and
 rob the corpse of the slain;
 Peace, that the heart of the people may
 rot with a vile gangrene.
 What though the men are bloodless?
 What's a man to a machine?

Doubtless, therefore, as Dean Stanley said, "there are times when controversy becomes a necessary evil. But let us remember that it is an evil." Let us remember that contests are only the rough stairway to a summit where we may all meet and clasp hands in view of a world that is whole, an unbroken horizon. In the midst of all our necessary contentions we are to look forward eagerly to the time when

The days of war are past; the Prince
 of Peace
 Doth sit betwixt the Hattin peaks of
 time,
 While sounds across the earth the
 rhyme
 Of love's beautitudes.

This remarkable relationship of blood that binds together, through the offspring of that wonderful Victoria, the thrones of England, Germany and Russia, with many lesser realms, is only one object-lesson of human brotherhood and omen of universal peace. Rapidly we are coming to understand, even the most stupid of us, the kinship of mankind. Since the Congress of Vienna

in 1815 there have been held twenty-seven great international congresses and conferences, discussing, and often finally settling, questions which in less happy days would surely have led to war. The greatest of these was the Hague Conference of 1899, establishing the Permanent International Court of Arbitration. And now the legislature of Massachusetts has unanimously petitioned Congress to move forward the founding of an International Congress with regular sessions and legislative powers.

No reason but one accounts for this drawing together of the nations: we are drawing closer to God.

There was once a cooper who, when he discovered a quarrel among his neighbors, would say to them, "Brothers, we are springing apart; come in and let's put on another hoop." Then he would get them to go to his lowly home, and pray over the matter, and thus he seldom failed to bind a new friendship.

Brothers, let us put new and strong hoops around the world!

HO! FOR GRAND MANAN.

The League's next session will be at Grand Harbor, Grand Manan. The first Tuesday in August is the date. Once before the League met there, and was splendidly entertained. Grand Manan is a delightful spot, and the people are noted for their hospitality. It is hoped there will be a good attendance, and that the session will be a good one. The Programme Committee have been at work on the programme. It is not the intention to bring in any outside helpers this year, but to keep our own men and material. We can make up a good programme with them, and will save expense. The programme will be published in a few days. The committee have kept in view the desire to make the session one of spiritual refreshing and help, and we trust it will be that to all who may be privileged to attend.

Watch this page for further notes and items of interest re convention.

PRESIDENT.

CONVENTION WISDOM.

Go to the convention.
 Pray for the convention before you go.
 Whether you go or not, pray for the convention.
 Elect your delegates early.
 Notify Miss Sadie Dakin, Grand Harbor, Grand Manan, that you will be there.
 Send your report to President Rev. F. C. Hartley, Fredericton, N. B., as soon as possible. Send an extra copy of report by your delegate.
 If your society is not represented, do not fail to send report.
 Do not forget per capita tax.
 Hustle and get your pledges paid.
 We will need your money this year.

EXECUTIVE.

FROM THE TREASURER.

Please do not forget that all monies such as pledges, per capita tax, etc., must be forwarded to the treasurer not later than July 31st, as the treasurer's books are closed for the year on that date.

Any Y. P. S. C. E. not having paid their per capita tax, is not entitled to a seat at our annual Y. P. P. L.

Don't think it will be time enough to pay at our annual meeting. Treasurer must have the money in his hands not later than 31st inst.

T. A. L.
 Woodstock, N. B.

Free Baptist Christian Endeavor in India.

"What Christian Endeavor is doing in mission lands." Luke 1: 49-55.

The Young People's Societies in our India field are not called Christian Endeavor. There are sixteen of them, with 299 active members, 80 associate members, 82 honorary members,—a total of 461. Two new societies were organized last year, and 195 members were added, 30 members were baptized, and they contributed over \$14.00.

Society work in India is different from what it is here. Three of these societies are for young men, four are for young women, one is for English-speaking people, two of the juniors are for boys, and five are for various classes.

The Young Men's Society in Midnapore conducts seven Sunday-schools, assists in home mission work, and has had some temperance leaflets printed and distributed.

The Young Men's Society at Bhim-pore has distributed literature on temperance, and sent preaching bands to the markets for evangelistic work.

The Young Women's Society at Bhim-pore has increased its attendance and its offerings, and Mrs. Kennan has charge of a large junior, with an average attendance of over sixty.

The young men in the society at Santipore have not only carried on the ordinary work, but have been very useful to Mrs. Phillips in assisting her in the care of the station work. Thus they are trained for the work of evangelizing their own country. Three young men from this society are in the Midnapore Bible School, thirty-eight miles to the north.

Balasure has five societies: English, young men, young women, and two junior. Several of the young women have asked for baptism. Some of the young men have been teaching in Sunday-schools. The junior boys have purchased singing books and a Bible for the church.

Some of them are tithe givers, which shows that they have been thinking of the question of personal stewardship. Two young men gave up brilliant prospects in government service to become preachers. One is now in the Bible School.

Some period of time at each quarterly meeting and yearly meeting is allotted to them. At the yearly meeting in 1902, they invited a single evangelist from a neighboring mission, and his work added much to the interest of the meeting.

The brightest and best of the boys and girls, the young men and young women, are in training in the societies. They have the same topics that we do, some of them are coming to Christ, as is shown by the baptisms. They are struggling through the trials of hearing their own voices in public testimony, and prayer; some are doing personal work. They visit and care for the sick, and help in many ways.

One of them is now in this country, having recently arrived with Miss Barnes and Miss Coombs. His willingness to leave home, friends, native land, everything that one holds dear to go to a strange land, to live for a time among foreigners and strangers, even among some who will misunderstand and criticize him, is evidence that Christ has done much for the young men of India. As he moves among us may our hearts be opened to help him to come in touch with that which is best, and help him to avoid that which might injure him and assist him in his desire to fit himself for a life of greater usefulness in his own country.

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Suppose that I should go to India to learn the ways of the country that I might bring back to my people some advantage and some hope and cheer from the practical application of a spirit that was helpful but unknown! That represents his desire.

The sexes are separated in the societies, and the social element has to be almost entirely done away with. The future is bright with hope and Mr. Hamlen and Mr. Wyman, who have furnished the material for this leaflet, state that we may confidently look forward for increased good.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS.

For the increase of members; for the increase of societies; for the increase of conversions; for real power in the lives of the members; for greater sacrifice on their part; for an earnest, patient understanding by them and us of the real meaning of Christian stewardship as applied to lives; for the opening of our hearts.

NOTICE.

All delegates and others intending to attend the F. B. Y. P. P. L. are requested to send their names, as soon as possible, to the Corresponding Secretary, so that homes can be provided.

SAIDIE D. DAKIN.

Cor. Sec.

Grand Harbor, Grand Manan, N. B.

Great Medicine.—Tonti, one of the pioneers of French Canada, lost a hand and wore an iron hook as substitute. He was in the habit of boxing the ears of refractory Indians with this iron hand, and they have remarked that it was "great medicine." Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is great medicine, and takes hold of pain with an iron hand and knocks it out of the system.

They who know enough to sin, know enough to be saved.

Just a word of caution: Where the skin is destroyed by burns or scalds apply Weaver's Cerate, reduced with sweet oil or lard. Otherwise the Cerate is full of strength and should be used; the sooner the better.