

WHAT SHALL WE SAY  
TO THESE THINGS?

Article II.

The world is still staggering and reeling from the impact of the blow wielded upon her by the war of 1914-18.

The financial cost was tremendous; the loss of lives appalling. **WAR COSTS!**

The last war cost United States alone the sum of \$51,000,000,000 to date. No further back than 1885 this sum would have purchased the U. S. with everything and everybody in it. Today it would buy the whole state of New York including the great metropolis. The interest on this sum of money at the rate of 5% would support 2,125,000 people and would virtually abolish poverty from the United States. If someone could have started to throw away one dollar bills the day Christ was born and had continued until the present time at the rate of a dollar a minute they would still have 95,000 years to continue, to dispose of this sum. According to Calvin Coolidge the last war will cost the American Union nearly twice this sum before all is paid. If this one country, that did not enter the war until 1917 spent such a sum, what would the enormous sum spent by all the nations total?

Today sixty nations who in the League of Nations are pledged against war are spending \$1,000,000,000 annually to defend themselves.

What a tremendous amount of money to spend to prepare civilized people to become uncivilized!

France lost 5,623,000 men in the last war, 3,000,000 of Great Britain's sons paid the supreme sacrifice; while the United States had 360,000 killed and wounded.

Considering these facts is it surprising that people are demanding peace?

Reason tells us war is inhuman. Conscience tells us it is unChristlike.

Many times during the last year I have been confronted with the question, "Can Christians go to war?" I bring the question to you. Can you go to war in this enlightened age? In this dispensation of God's great mercy? This is a question that we must answer.

Perhaps some will say 'twill be ample time to answer this question if a war begins, but I believe this to be a mistaken idea.

Multitudes are swept off their feet in war times by the eloquent speeches and flowery words of "loyal" politicians who usually know nothing of the terrors of war except that which they read in the newspapers. Reason and love are dethroned and are replaced by an impulsive spirit of loyalty to home and country and thousands go to bloody battlefields with the sincere and single intention of protecting the people and country they love, while facing them as the hated enemy, are men just as humane and fully as loyal and loving as they. A spark of impulse, an awakened spirit of patriotism, fanned to a flame of deadly hatred by the oratorical, yet pretentious loyalists, and ridiculous stories of the extreme cruelty of the enemy; human beings spurred on to a state of bitter variance by selfish, cruel-hearted men, who under the guise of national loyalty and home protection, lay upon the shoulders of others burdens too heavy to bear while they themselves will not touch them with one of their fingers. Were the space allowed, proof could be brought of the preposterous falsehood of the grueling accounts of the inhuman cruelty of the enemy that the newspapers print in war times; propaganda published for the express purpose of kindling and stoking the fires of hatred in the hearts of the people.

**WAR IS NOT OF CHRIST.**

Christ leads no armies to battle except the armies of righteousness against sin; His only weapon and the only one with which He equips us is the Sword of the Spirit. War is not even humane to say nothing as to whether or not it is Christian.

**WAR IS OF THE DEVIL.**

Satan started the first war and he has originated every battle that has since been fought.

Nations built upon the foundation of bloody victories eventually crumble. Individuals mighty in battle usually come to a pitiful end.

What attitude did Christ take toward war?

He said to Pilate, "If my Kingdom were of this world my servants would fight," John 18:36. Are we not His servants?

Again He said: "Love your enemies". Matt. 5:44.

To the soldiers who came to Him His instructions were: "Do violence to no man." Luke 3:14.

Can we imagine this loving, merciful, Man of Galilee going to war or approving of it?

"Life belongs to God," said a prominent Toronto clergymen recently, "and we have no right to take it."

Hitler casts Christ aside because He is not a militant leader. The Jewish nation rejected the Lord because He did not with the sword conquer the oppressive Roman nation.

If the war-clouds, which for many months past have been casting their gloomy shadows ominously over our land would suddenly begin to echo with the beating of alarm drums, and the call to arms was given, would we like Hitler say, "Christ is not a militant leader therefore for the time being I must, for the love of my people and the preservation of our Empire, forsake Him and go to battle." Or would we as Christ say "I love my enemies for they are my brethren," and "My kingdom is not of this world."

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BENNETT C. COCHRANE

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 3 convened with the church at Beals, Me., on Dec. 7, 1933.

At the first meeting, Lic. H. S. Wilson brought the message from 11 Cor. 3:17. A fine message on liberty. This was followed by a social service, many taking part.

On Friday evening Lic. P. H. Green spoke from Num. 21:6, stressing the poisonous nature of sin.

The business session convened on Saturday at 2.30 p. m. with President Rev. E. R. Bradley in the chair.

Roll Call found the following preachers present: Revs. H. C. Archer, E. R. Bradley, Licentiates H. S. Wilson, P. H. Green.

Delegates from Calais: Miss Eleanor Metcalf; Beals, C. H. Beal, Mrs. Alley, Wood Island, P. H. Green.

After extending welcome to visitors, the following officers were elected:

- President—Rev. H. C. Archer.
- Vice-President—Lic. H. S. Wilson.
- Secretary—Lic. P. H. Green.
- Treasurer—C. H. Beal.
- Highway Agent—Rev. E. R. Bradley.

The devotional committee consisted of the following members: Rev. H. C. Archer, C. H. Beal, Miss Eleanor Metcalf, P. H. Green.

Vote of thanks given to Beals church for entertainment of visitors

Reports from the following churches were then read, and were all of an encouraging nature. And all spoke very highly of their faithful

pastors, who always brought helpful and inspiring messages in their preaching: Calais, Jonesport, Beals, North Head, G. M.; Seal Cove, Wood Island. The church at Jonesport sent invitations for the next quarterly meeting which was accepted by the quarterly meeting to convene there on Thursday, March 1st. The meeting then adjourned.

Saturday evening Rev. E. R. Bradley preached from Joshua 1:9. A fine talk on Divine encouragement, and very helpful.

Sunday morning the Sunday School was held at 10:00, followed by preaching at 11:00 by Lic. H. S. Wilson from I Kings 20:22. A good exposition of the carnal nature, and well delivered.

The Love Feast was held Sunday afternoon at 1.30, with Rev. H. C. Archer as leader. His subject was the man born blind as recorded in John 9:17-35. Emphasizing the advantages of knowing the work was done. A good social service was enjoyed.

At 2:30 Brother Bradley again preached from Matt. 16:3. A great message on the signs of Christ's coming.

Sunday evening at 7.00 Lic. P. H. Green spoke from Heb. 9:27. At the close of the meeting two young men came to the altar for forgiveness of sins. Both seemed to get through.

P. H. GREEN, Secretary.

The District Sunday School Convention of District No. 2, convened with the Church at Moncton, N. B., Dec. 8th, 1933, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon. President Lic. E. S. Cosman in the chair. Opening hymn and Scripture lesson read followed by prayer. In the absence of the secretary E. E. Butler was appointed Secretary pro tem. The Rev. H. E. Mullen of Millstream was given a welcome by this convention.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Roll Call found the following ministers and delegates present: Rev. H. S. Dow, Moncton; Rev. H. E. Mullen, Millstream; Rev. L. J. Sears, Westchester, N. S.; Lic. E. S. Cosman, Amherst, N. S.; Lic. Arthur Deadman, Moncton; Bro. Bruce Logan, Amherst, and Bramford Fawcett, Killam Mills, N. B.

Reports of Sunday Schools read and approved. The matter of our Sunday School literature was taken up and several spoke strongly in favor of the schools not only having, "Holiness teaching quarterlies, but also to do away with semi-secular papers and secure good religious papers.

A very profitable discussion on the subject of S. S. entertainment was taken part in by several present, and it was suggested that a few recitations appropriate for the season be given by the children and the annual treat also be given them. Giving the faithful attendants and members of our Sunday Schools the benefit of such, believing this would answer the purpose and not require much work.

Quite a number took part in the discussion, a beautiful spirit of unanimity prevailed not a dissenting voice being raised.

E. E. BUTLER

According to recent statement broadcast by the Federal Council of Churches, for each dollar spent for relief in 1929, two were needed in 1930, four in 1931, and eight in 1932. This ratio of increase cannot continue, but the first three months of the present year indicate that the actual increase in dollars for relief over 1932 will be greater than the increase of 1932 over 1931. This means that from twelve to thirteen times as much will be necessary to feed the hungry during the present year as was spent in 1929.—Religious Telescope.