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THE DAY-STAR.

"Forerunner of the sun, it marks the pilgrim's way,
I'll gaze upon it while I run, and watch the rising day."

"Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace and pursue it."

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To Those Receiving Papers.

We seldom send less than twelve papers to an address, for it costs us one cent to mail that number and no less if we send you but one, and we hope you will be so interested that you will gladly hand them to your neighbors. Send for more if you can make good use of them; but do not waste them. They are really God's gifts to His poor. They have a "mission to fulfill."

Let us hear from you once a year or oftener. How else can we know that the papers reach you? Lost papers never return. Finally we urge you to think, talk, and pray earnestly for the cause of Peace.

"Time's rolling cycle plainly shows
The Christian army larger grows;
Shall coming history's teeming pages
Be penned in blood through all the ages?
Or shall one grand Confederation
Abolish war from every nation?
By slow degrees the plan unfolding
While Christians still the sword are holding—
That hateful instrument potential
Which Kings and Christians find essential
When life and national existence
Are staked on terrible resistance.
No tyrant goes to war alone:
The people make and guard the throne,
And they can bid all war to cease
And bless the world with lasting peace.

To ruling nations we appeal
With men of blood to sternly deal;
Instead of monitor and fort
Let Christians found a Nation's Court
Where statesmen in profound debate,
Shall heal all contests of the state—
There wisely every question solving
Between the nations war involving
Condemning from that grand arena
All men of blood to St. Helena;
Thus weighing thrones and tyrant's rod
As in the even scales of God,
And full control of armies holding
Barbarians into Christians moulding
Till war in every land shall cease
And earth is crowned with endless Peace."

AN OPEN LETTER

TO PRESIDENT CLEVELAND.

To recommend an increase of our army and navy is not what the citizens of our great Republic need We want our young men trained to save men's lives, not to destroy them. We want our national difficulties dealt with intelligently and wisely and not by brute force. We want arbitration and a congress of nations, and all differences brought before a lawful assembly and disposed of with justice and judgment.

We do not want thousands of our able-bodied young men taken from their parents and the lawful avocations of life and congregated together unemployed to become demoralized and the country taxed for their support and pay. We want our intellect and money used in benefitting the rising generation, and preparing for them happy and cultured homes in these United States.

We do not want to be involved as the European nations are, with enormous debts. and millions of men non-producers but consumers, draining the nations life-blood by draft and taxation. In some, if not all of these nations, all of the likely young men are required by law to spend years in camp life to be trained for soldiers if their government should want to use them in that way. At a critical period of their lives they are taken from parental care and authority, without other business, and as a rule, become more or less demoralized, and when they return home they are often corrupted for life. In this way is caused the low state of morals in these nations. We do not want our nation's wealth and inventive genius ever used to make and use implements for war which belongs to savage life, and we can claim only partial civilization with such a foundation for our government. We want the United States government never again to consent to spill human blood to settle differences.

Our nation is second to none, all things considered, on the globe and we should be first to resolve to 'beat our swords into plowshares,' and 'learn war no more.' This time must and will come for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

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Christianity is to be advanced by the testimony of Christians. If we feel that our faith in Jesus is necessary to the salvation of the soul let us go forth proclaiming it as faithfully as the Adventists who are selling their possessions in order to send out missionaries and their efforts are blessed to the gathering of converts from all nations.

"By taking revenge a man is but even with his enemy, but by passing over it he is superior."