

mamma, because my foot's asleep; and things must be pretty bad when you go to sleep at the wrong end."—Woman's Journal.

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Great occasions do not make heroes or cowards—they simply unveil them to the eyes of men. Silently and imperceptibly, as we wake or sleep, we grow and wax strong or we grow and wax weak, and at last some crisis shows us what we have become.—Bishop Westcott.

BOOKS

WAR AND RELIGION.

War Inconsistent With the Religion of Jesus Christ.
By David Low Dodge. With an introduction by Edwin D. Mead. Published by the International Union by Ginn & Company, Boston.

This reprint of an essay of the last century is a timely and commendable thing. Written in 1812, Mr. Dodge's words are of pertinent meaning for us to-day; and have not lost one jot of their power to touch the heart of the subject. And for those of us who deplore the separation of the churchly form of religion from the higher ethical thought of the day, it is comforting to see that the arguments this sternly and sincerely religious practicing Christian uses are the self same arguments that the unreligious common sense and ethical feeling of to-day would use. There is a good deal of the older form of religious thought in these essays, the intense personal form of devotion from which most of us have grown away nowadays, and the style is that of the English of the past century, the English of an educated, but not a literary man. But in spite of all this, there are pages and pages of what Mr. Dodge writes that can be quoted with effect to-day by those who do not believe that war is a necessity of modern life.

Mr. Dodge is an extreme non-resistant of the Tolstoy type, although antedating the great Russian by half a century. The little volume here under consideration contains his two most important essays, the one which gives the title to the book, and an early one, "The Mediator's Kingdom Not of This World." It is prefaced by an introduction by Mr. Edwin D. Mead, giving an excellent personal sketch of the life and character of David Low Dodge, and giving also some valuable data on the beginnings of concerted peace work in this country. The title essay deserves the greatest consideration, from its intensely actual and timely subject and treatment.

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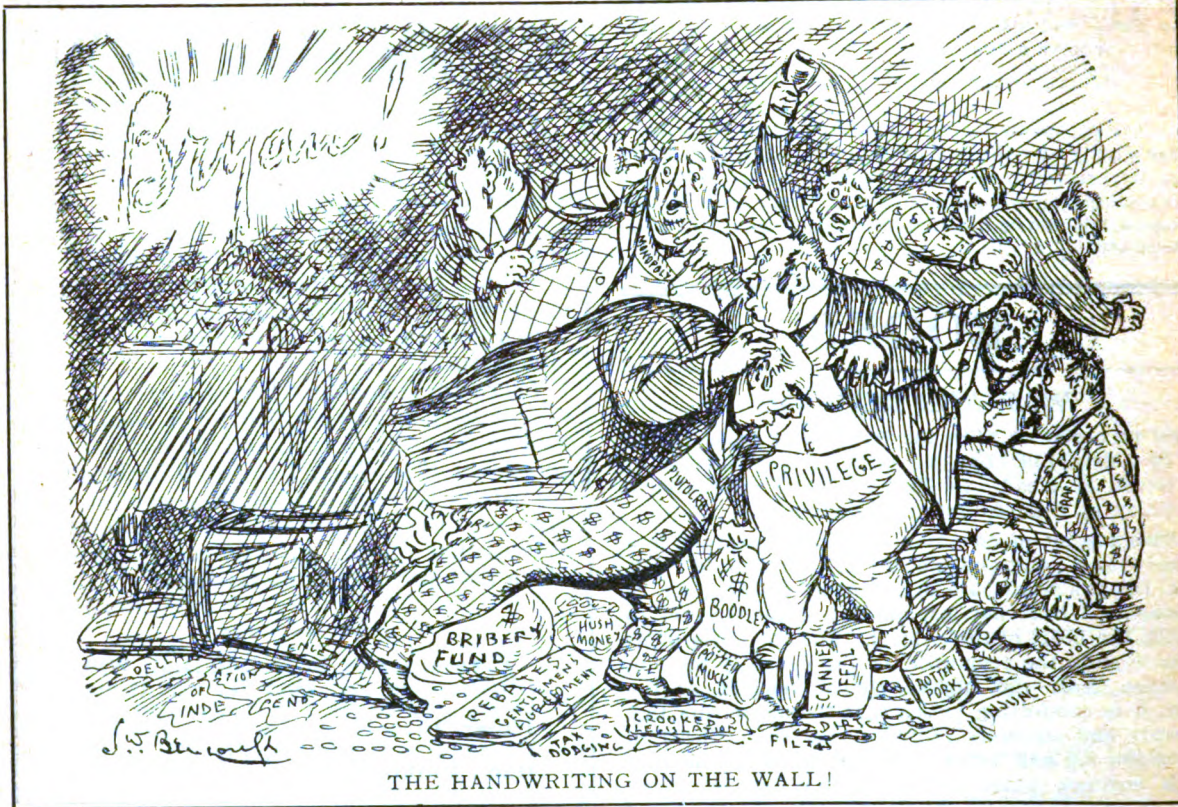
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THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL!

in the popular idea of the "ennobling" effect of military life, which is supposed to be the only possible life to make a man manly. The good old church member and sincere Christian, who does not believe in speaking evil of any one unnecessarily, says a few plain things about the results on personal character of the "ennobling" military life, which it is to be hoped will enlighten some good people now, as it must have enlightened some who read it when written.

Just a few lines in quotation will suffice: "Many a young man has entered the military ranks temperate and has returned from them a sot." "The soldier's ambition is to be a bully, a 'hero,' and to be careless of his own life and of the lives of others." "The large proportion of common soldiers who may return from the armies have lost the relish and habits of manual labor and are oftenest found loitering in public places. * * * They therefore make bad husbands, unhappy neighbors and are worse than a dead weight in society."

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awakens all the furious passions of men." "War is no more adapted to preserve liberty and produce a lasting peace than midnight darkness is to produce noonday light."

Mr. Dodge reserves his most scathing condemnation for those who, thinking as he does on this subject of war, shake their heads in silence over what they believe cannot be helped. He is a non-resistent, but one who is willing to stand up openly for his convictions. If the spread of truth on this matter of war is a little more general to-day, those who are willing to stand up for their opinions are nevertheless just as few, apparently, in proportion to those who are silent, as it was when this sturdy New Englander launched his burning pamphlets on a world that still believed in the glory of the military spirit.

GRACE ISABEL COLBRON.

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