

officer, strolling round the temple, heard the sound of English singing. He followed the sound and it led him to the upper chamber where Havelock, with his Bible and hymn-book before him, surrounded by more than a hundred of his soldiers, was holding a prayer meeting. The room was dark, but every idol had a lamp in its lap, shedding more light than any idols had given out before. Someone who tells the story wonders if Havelock read the one hundred and fifteenth Psalm.

Many of the golden idols and trinkets of the world could, by being sold, help supply the means to send salvation to others in darkness.

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FOR PEACEMAKERS. † † †
"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."—Matthew v. 9.

A pleasing instance of a successful effort to restore peace is related in the life of the Rev. John Owen. The Rev. Simeon and the Rev. R. Hall were

offended with each other, and in their anger declined intercourse. After several friends had tried to restore peace and failed, Mr. Owen wrote the undermentioned lines on two cards, and then left one at the house of each person:—

How rare that task a prosperous issue finds,
 Which seeks to reconcile discordant minds!
 How many scruples rise to passion's touch!
This yields too little, and *that* asks too much.
 Each wishes each with other's eyes to see;
 And many sinners can't make two agree;
 What meditation, then, the Saviour showed,
 Who singly reconciled us all to God!

The first man who read the lines was so strongly impressed by them that he hastened from his house to call immediately upon his offended friend; the friend had also read the lines, and, being affected by them, had done the same, and the offended persons met each other in the street. A reconciliation instantly took place—a reconciliation which, it is believed, was never interrupted or regretted by either of those useful and highly-esteemed men.

The Month's Changes.

ON THE BRITISH FIELD—SEPTEMBER, 1904.

NORTH LONDON PROVINCE.		
Cambridge Division.		
Corps.	C.O.	Lieut.
Ruskington	—	Ruffold
Norwich Division.		
Lowestoft II.	—	Hughes
SOUTH LONDON PROVINCE.		
Canterbury and Maidstone Division.		
Sheerness	—	Nichols
Strood	Lt. Muller (in ch.)	—
Channel Islands Division.		
Grande Rocque	Fitzgerald	Lander
Southampton Division.		
Salisbury	Ens. Davison†	—
South-East London Division.		
Dulwich	Ens. Redmore†	—
NORTH-EAST PROVINCE.		
Hull Division.		
Driffield	Ens. (in ch.)	—
Howden	Ens. (in ch.)	—
New Division.		
Supply	—	—
Ambie	Lt. (in ch.)	—
Cockermouth	Dodd	—

Corps.	C.O.	Lieut.
Howdon-on-Tyne Ens. Sleet	—	—
Workington	Long†	—
Whitehaven	Rogers†	—
NORTH-WEST PROVINCE.		
Bolton Division.		
Burnley V.	—	Ellor
" VI.	Ens. Young	Knight
Liverpool Division.		
Liverpool X.	Marno	—
Manchester Division.		
Stretford	Williams	—
Preston Division.		
Clitheroe	—	Mann
Millom	Riley	—
Ulverston	Currie	—
WESTERN PROVINCE.		
Cornwall Division.		
Hayle	Tester	Taylor
Monmouth Division.		
Abercarne	Horder	—
Swindon Division.		
Oxford II.	Ens. Godden	Field
Stonesfield C.	Bell	Hankinson
Woodstock C.	Lt. Skinner (in ch.)	—

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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

THE Christmas season is one of the most difficult periods of the year for the Field Officer in relation to his work. He finds it next to impossible to harmonise the customs with which the incarnation of Christ is celebrated, with the supreme purpose that engages his mind at this season. Instead of Christmas being a holy day it is turned into a holiday. Instead of the event leading to a self-examination of the Christian world as to how far it is conforming to the spirit of Christ's birth, and realising the end for which He lived, suffered, died, and rose again, it but uses the occasion to please and gratify self, and in innumerable instances it is employed only to satisfy the very lusts and baser passions of the flesh.

We know that there are many homes

and hearts lightened by the annual recurrence of festivities round the hearth—when Christmas reunion helps to obliterate the last trace of family differences and bickerings that may have intervened, when in the absolute cessation from toil, and the peculiarly attractive habit which has woven itself into Christmas, parents and children and relatives spend at least a day in innocent enjoyments and domestic peace. Thank God for the light of this sunshine, which is in itself a tribute to the influence of Him whose message is ever goodwill and peace among men.

But when ample allowance has been given for all the Christmases everywhere, the greatest remains: the modern Christmas is largely a travesty and mockery of that wonderful event that startled Herod from his slumber