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Dear friends'

"What is your opinion concerning disarmament?"

The Blessed one answered:- "By a general agreement all the governments of the world must disarm simultaneously and at the <sup>time</sup> same. It will not do if one lays down the arms and the other refuses to do so. The nations of the world must concur with each other concerning this supremely important subject, thus they may abandon together these deadly weapons of human slaughter. As long as this Power increases her Military and Naval Budget, another Power will be forced into this crazed competition through her natural and supposed interests. For example Germany has increasingly added to <sup>a</sup> the vast sum for the maintenance of her army; this alarms <sup>the</sup> French statesmen and volatile patriots, and affects the calm and steady nerves of the Britishers across the Channel. Immediately there will be rumors of war, German aggression, German ambition, the yellow journals write scaring editorials, jingoism becomes the topic of the Capitals, the air will be filled with suspicions, some one will see, for the purposes of expediency, a German



dirigible flying over French fortifications or English Ports, making observations, a cry and a hue will be raised from every quarter of the country and then there will be a corresponding increase in the <sup>of the Minister of war</sup> estimates for the defense of our homes and our hearths, our women and our sweethearts, from the attack of strangers.' The same argument is resorted to when the French nation adds one or two years to her military conscription and the English imperialists emphasize in public meetings the doctrine of the 'double standard Power'. Now as long as Germany continues in her own military perfection, the French will walk in her footsteps, trying at every turn to increase her war armaments, to be prepared for any national crisis or sudden attack. Hence, it seems, the only solution lies in the fact of universal disarmament on the part of all the nations.

"When we speak of universal Peace we mean that all the governments must change their fleets of battleships and dreadnaughts into a mighty fleet of merchant marine, plying the oceans of the world, uniting the distant shores and interweaving the commercial, intellectual and moral forces of mankind. But should England alone transform the character of her warships she will be at the mercy of her enemies and will remain powerless and defenseless. The British Isle will be unquestionably



threatened by a powerful invading, well-disciplined host. Hence, aside from any national prowess, the English people are pushed into this weltering whirlpool of Military and Naval Expenditures and are <sup>struggling</sup> to keep their heads above the seething water all around them which unless calmed down will drown all of them irrespective of any nationality.

X "Once a person met his friend in the street and after the exchange of courtesy gave him a hard blow in face. 'Why dost thou do this?' 'Hast thou not read in the Gospel wherein Christ says 'Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.' Now according to this admonition let me smite on thy left cheek also.' The man submitted to the second blow quite willingly and they departed. Next day, they met again ~~each other~~ and the man received two more blows on his cheeks without any evident murmur. They met the third day and he was going to inflict upon him the same blows. 'Waite a minute, my friend, I am not the only person in this world to live according to the teaching of Christ. Thou art also one, I have obeyed him two days and the next two days will be thy turn'. With these words he <sup>the man</sup> smote on his cheek and asked him to turn the other also.

Now the question of disarmament must be put into practice



by all the nations and not only by one or two. Consequently the advocates of Peace must strive day and night - so that the individuals of every country may become peace-loving, public opinion may gain a strong and permanent footing, and day by day the army of International Peace be increased, complete disarmament be realized and the Flag of Universal Conciliation be waving on the summit of the Mountains of the earth."

"How can universal Peace be realized?"

The Blessed One answered: "The ideals of Peace must be nurtured and spread amongst the inhabitants of the world, they must be instructed in the school of Peace - so that they may fully comprehend the benefits of Peace and the evils of war. First; the financiers and bankers must desist from lending money to any government, contemplating to wage an unjust war upon an innocent nation. Second; the Presidents and Managers of the Railroad <sup>and steamships</sup> companies must refrain from transporting war armementous, infernal engines and guns and cannons and powder from one country into another. Third; The soldiers must petition through their Representatives the Ministers of war, the politicians, the Congressmen and the generals to put forth in a clear, intelligible language the reasons and the causes which have brought them to the brink of such



a national calamity. The soldiery must demand this as one of their prerogatives "Demonstrate to us" they must say "that this is a just war and we will then enter in the battlefield, otherwise we will not take one step. O ye kings and rulers, politicians and war-mongers, ye who spend your lives in most exquisite palaces of Italian architecture; ye who sleep in airy, well-ventilated apartments, ye who decorate your reception and dining-halls with lovely pictures, sculptures, hangings and frescoes; ye who walk in perfect Elysium - wreathed in orange and myrtle groves, the air redolent with delicious perfumes and vocal with the sweet songs of a thousand birds, the earth like a luxuriant carpet of emerald grass, bright flowers dotting the meadows and trees clothed in verdure; ye who are dressed in costly silk and finely-woven textures; ye who lie down on soft feathery couches; ye who partake of the most delicious and savoury dishes; ye who enjoy the utmost ease and comfort in your wondrous mansions; ye who attend rare musical concerts whenever you feel a little disconcerted and sad; ye who adorn your large Halls with green festoons and cut flowers, fresh garlands and verdant wreaths, illuminating them with thousands of <sup>exquisite</sup> electric lights, while the fragrance of the flowers, the soft, ravishing music, the fairy-like illumination lends



enchantment; ye who ~~are~~ in such environments, while holding the ladies in your arms dance to the tune of lively music; — Come forth of your hiding-places, enter into the battlefield if you like ~~to~~, attack each other and tear each other to pieces if you desire to air your so-called contentions. The discord and feud are between you; why do you make us, innocent people, a party of it? If fighting and bloodshed are good things, then lead us into the fray by your presence.'

"In short, every means that produces war must be checked and the causes that prevent the occurrence of war be advanced, so that physical conflict may become an impossibility.

"On the other hand every country <sup>must</sup> be properly delimited, its exact frontiers marked, its national integrity secured, its permanent independence protected and its vital interests honored by the family of nations. These services ought to be rendered by an impartial, international Commission.

In this manner all causes of frictions and differences are removed. And in case there may arise some disputes between them they may arbitrate before the Parliament of Man, the representatives of which will be chosen from amongst the wisest and most judicious men of all the nations of the world."



Today the Master continued his conversations with the Com-  
mander and other officers. He took <sup>with them</sup> his tea, lunch and dinner.

Now he was under the tent, again taking refuge in the cool shadow of the Arbor, always happy, ever laughing, never being tired. Little by little he is teaching the Commander. He is preparing the way. He devotes almost all his time to him, repeating the contents of many of his public talks in various gatherings in America. In the afternoon a believer leaving for India received this message:

"God willing thou wilt carry away from here the most great Glad-tidings. Convey to the believers of God my wonderful Abba greeting and say to them: - I am not writing any Epistles at this time. All that I must write are already written. Now you must be satisfied with spiritual Epistles. The spiritual message is the cause of enkindlement, attraction, exhilaration and zealous service. Praise be to God that this ideal communication is uninterrupted. Through the Favor and Bounty of the Blessed Perfection we are all under His Shade, are drinking from His Fountain and are immersed in His Ocean. Now you must strive and exert yourselves - perchance the Fire of the Love of God may flame forth and soul-sacrificing souls may arise to serve the Cause. The Indian people are very simple and honest and once they embrace the revelation they will make extraordinary progress."