

for He said, "But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also."

Seeing that this doctrine is so clearly set forth as one of the most prominent of our Holy Religion, we feel constrained to follow Christ as the Prince of Peace, after the example of the early Christians, who for more than two hundred years after the crucifixion maintained it as a doctrine of the Church; and when any one in the armies of those days was converted, he immediately laid down his arms declaring, "I am a Christian and therefore I cannot fight for any earthly consideration."

Being thus careful to abstain from war, and every thing connected with war, we cannot conscientiously pay any fines that may be imposed upon us, individually, for non-performance of military duty, but rather quietly submit to have the value of the same distrained by the proper officer; yet do we pay all taxes imposed on us as citizens and property holders, in common with other citizens, remembering the injunction, "Tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom;" believing that upon the Government rests the responsibility of how they expend this tribute or custom; nor do our views prevent us from contributing our mite toward the relief of the sick and suffering, (soldiers as well as others,) but on the contrary we feel it required of us, like the good Samaritan, to bind up the wounds of any we may find by the way side, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and pray for our enemies even though they may have despoiled and persecuted us.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting aforesaid.
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