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“Upon the return of peace and the surrender of the enemies of the country, it should be the duty of every patriot, and every one who calls himself a Christian, to remember that with the termination of the war his resentments should cease, that angry feelings should subside, and that every man should become calm and tranquil, and be prepared for what is before him.”

The above sentiment was recently enunciated by the President of the United States in addressing a regiment of colored troops who paid their respects to him. They are as apples of gold in pictures of silver, conveying a lesson of moral beauty that cannot be too highly commended nor too frequently practiced. Surely four years of angry strife such as we have just passed through, is long enough for one generation to empty its vials of malignant wrath and rid the most plethoric soul of its envenomed hate. Misery, desolation and death have long enough blighted our hopes and blasted our prosperity, with their poisonous breath, without marring the present with the discordant notes of events drowned out in fire and blood. The demon of war has been chased from his throne by the angel of peace, and with his exit we should bury the past and gird up our loins for the race which is before us. Let the language of President Johnson be the language of every honest heart, and all may yet be well. We have enough over which to brood in silent sorrow for hearts wrung with anguish over homes desolated and household treasures slain, without embittering the soul with petty malice over real or fancied wrongs done in the past.