

## WELSH PEACEMAKER'S MESSAGE STILL RELEVANT 100 YEARS ON

**Henry Richard** of Tregaron was the MP for Merthyr Tydfil for 20 years his death in 1888. Richard became Secretary of the Peace Society in 1848 and campaigned tirelessly for world peace. He promoted arbitration instead of warfare as a means of resolving conflicts.

Parliament in Richard's time (and some might say not much has changed) was powerless on issues of foreign policy and war. In 1886, Richard moved a resolution in the House which was narrowly defeated:

*"In the opinion of this House, it is not just or expedient to embark in war... involving grave responsibilities for the nation without the knowledge and consent of Parliament."*

Conflicts around that time included Afghanistan, Syria, China and Burma.

Richard's hopeful words in his last address to the Peace Society are worth remembering today:

*"I believe the powers that are for us are greater than those that are against us. Reason is for us, for war is an outrage against reason. Justice is for us, for war tramples justice underfoot. Humanity is for us, for war desecrates humanity."*

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