

Oliver Wendell Holmes

[Musical broadside]: Hymn by Oliver Wendell Holmes Written Expressly for the Great Sanitary Fair

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The image shows a musical broadside on aged, yellowed paper. At the top center is a circular seal with the text 'FOR THE GREAT CENTRAL FAIR' at the top and 'FOR THE U.S. SANITARY COMMISSION.' at the bottom. The seal depicts a woman in a long dress standing and offering a chalice to two seated men in military uniforms. Below the seal, the title 'HYMN BY OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.' is printed in a large, serif font. Underneath the title is the subtitle 'Written expressly for the Great Central Fair.' in a smaller, italicized font. At the bottom of the page, there are two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time. The first staff includes the lyrics: '1. Fa - ther, send on earth a - gain Peace and good'. The second staff contains the corresponding musical notes for the melody.

First edition. Approximately 6½" x 12". Printed on woven paper. Hymn with both text and musical notation, with the pictorial Seal of the Great Sanitary Fair as header. Old folds with tiniest tears at the edges and a little age-toning, else near fine. Presumably sold at the fair to raise funds for the relief of the troops. *BAL* 8833 Printing A (paper; three printings noted, no priority established). *OCLC* seems to locate three copies over two records (one copy of Printing A [on paper] and two copies of Printing B [on silk]). [\[BTC#424839\]](#)



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1. Fa - ther, send on earth a - gain Peace and good

will to men; Yet, while the wea - ry track of life

Leads thy peo - ple through storm and strife, Help us to walk there -

in..... Help us to walk there - in.....

2. Guide us through the perilous path;
Teach us love that tempers wrath;
Let the fountain of mercy flow
Alike for helpless friend and foe,
Children all of thine.

3. God of grace, hear our call;
Bless our gifts, Giver of all;
The wounded heal, the captive restore,
And keep us a nation evermore
Faithful to Freedom and Thee!