

By the power of the truth which it carries and declares, the Church is constantly serving the cause of true progress. But it has a further duty to be watchfully responsive to the opportunities of service which the movements of civil society provide. The democratic movement of our century presents one of these opportunities. Underlying it are ideals of brotherhood, liberty, and mutual justice and help. In those ideals we recognise the working of our Lord's teaching as to the inestimable value of every human being in the sight of God, and His special thought for the weak and the oppressed. These are practical truths proclaimed by the ancient Prophets and enforced by our Lord with all the perfectness of His teaching and His life. We call upon the Church to consider how far and wherein it has departed from these truths. In so far as the democratic and industrial movement is animated by them and strives to procure for all, especially for the weaker, just treatment and a real opportunity of living a true human life, we appeal to all Christians to co-operate actively with it. Only so can they hope to commend to the movement the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is at once its true stimulus and its true corrective. Only so can they win for Him that allegiance which is the constant and enduring security for the hopes and progress of human society.*

Three subjects of pressing importance, on which the Conference did not appoint Committees, it treated in Resolutions.

The neglect of Sunday we are bound to resist with all the force of corporate opposition in the interest both of the service of God and of the service of man.†

As servants of the Prince of Peace, we welcome the efforts which have been made in the Conferences

*Resolutions 44-50.

†Resolution 53.