

the State began to be shaken to its fall; and there has also ensued so great a change of thought and conduct that unless God comes to the rescue, the dissolution of human society itself would seem to be at hand."

It has undoubtedly been recognized that men must somehow dwell together on this earth and therefore must have some basis of harmony. This much common sense teaches; and this much even the pagans of old understood. They knew the value of international agreements based on material interest, of undisturbed commercial relations, of diplomacy, alliance and treaty. But it was Christ who said: "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another." It was Christ who showed how far this love should go when He prayed upon the cross for those who crucified Him. Both His precept and His example have compelled the admiration of men in all ages. At this very time there are many who, though they have no longer the Christian faith, are striving to unite mankind as brothers. "Never perhaps," declares the Pope, "was human brotherhood more preached than now; nay, it is pretended that, without any help from the teaching of the Gospel or from the work of Christ and the Church, the spirit of brotherhood has been one of the highest creations of modern civilization. Yet the truth is that men never acted towards each other in less brotherly fashion than now. Race hatreds are becoming almost a frenzy; nation is divided from nation more by enmity and jealousy than by geogra-