

dom. If the expression "sins that do so easily beset us" can be put as "the things that we stand around and admire and become engrossed in," then the sin of allowing the things that are seen to absorb us has much hold in this country. And the Church is needed to emphasize the fact that it is the unseen that is real and that is great. At present we see our immense natural resources, our broad acres, our forests, our mines, our wheat, our bank clearings and our customs revenue our long railway lines and our skyscrapers, and they bulk so largely with us that we are in danger of thinking that material bigness is the same thing as greatness. But the Church stands amongst us to affirm that Bethlehem is greater than Chicago or Montreal, and that the unseen forces of life sway the world. The man who thinks will understand this, but the wayfaring man will not think in that direction if the Church does not press it on his attention.

4. And the Church should be maintained because it has been entrusted with the custody of the Word of God, and keeps that Book as a current factor in human life. We do not need to dispute with each other as to the nature of inspiration, but all Christians hold that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments form the written body of revealed truth given to us