

mendable in British character. The Prime Minister of the Motherland, supported by the Government, discharged his heavy and unexpected duties nobly and well. The attitude of the governments of the dominions was admirable. The press of the Empire, with few exceptions, conscious of its great responsibilities, lived up to its best traditions. The public attitude during this unfortunate episode showed the Christian sentiment of the people to be widely diffused and sound, and pointed unmistakably to the path that should be and was taken.

The Speech says little about the disturbed condition of the world, and it is not necessary that it should say more. We are all conscious that we may be on the eve of a calamity greater than any the human race has yet experienced. The conquest of the air has so reduced the size of the globe that the most distant nations have become next-door neighbours, and must live as neighbours should live, or perish from the earth. The discoveries and inventions of scientists, which should and would bring great blessings to mankind if properly used, bid fair to bring incalculable woes. The greed of individuals, the ambitions and hatreds of nations have become so intensified that unless a mighty or perhaps a miraculous change of minds and hearts takes place Christendom, or at least that part of it called Europe, may be rushing to its end.

I fear this is but a faint picture of conditions in the world to-day. The question naturally arises: can we do anything about them, or must we drift like chips with the tide, or, again, are we contributing a part to the general disturbance? Of one thing I am certain: God never created man and gave him dominion over this earth to bring about the conditions that now prevail, nor did He leave man in the dark as to what should be done. The observance of the ten commandments, or of the two to which our Saviour reduced the ten, would cure the evils that exist, and nothing else ever will cure them.

Some fourteen months ago I read in the Financial Times, of Montreal, what purported to be a true copy of an address delivered by Sir Edward Beatty to the students of the University of Western Ontario. Sir Edward began his speech with the following words:

The world has these past few years become a puzzle to all who dwell in it.

This very sweeping assertion challenged my attention. If true, it would show that the word of God, when He promised to send the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, Who would teach

us all things and bring all things to our remembrance, had failed. But the statement is not true, for God's promise has not failed. It shows, however, that great multitudes of educated, intelligent, thoughtful men like Sir Edward Beatty have failed to apprehend the significance of God's word and are wandering in doubt and darkness far from home. I say this because we must remember that Sir Edward is chancellor of the largest university or school of thought in Canada and that he was speaking to the students of another university on most important subjects, and no one questioned the soundness of his statements; on the contrary, many praised them.

The things that are wrong with the world to-day are much the same as those that have been wrong with it as far back as history runneth, and they all came and come from one root cause, namely, human pride: man's belief, which he carried and still carries into practice, that he was and is not a dependent creature, that he was and is sufficient unto himself alone, and could and can do without God, or at the very least that he could and can supersede or amend God's laws.

Notwithstanding Sir Edward's statement, the world was never a puzzle to all who dwelt in it. The Deluge, which wiped out nearly all the people then living, was no puzzle to Noah; the destruction of the cities of the plains was no puzzle to Lot; the plagues of Egypt and the destruction of Pharaoh and his army were no puzzle to Moses. Nor were the Prophets puzzled by the state of the world in their day; they knew the cause. The destitution of the prodigal was no puzzle to the father, nor even to the prodigal himself when he came to his senses. But, as I see it, while we remain puzzled no cure will be effected. Hence the necessity of at least trying to diagnose the case, and thus remove the cause of our perplexity.

On the 30th of July last I read the following news dispatch in the press:

Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin attributes many of the world's present troubles to the loss of young potential leaders in the War.

As I see it, this statement of the Prime Minister of Great Britain does not go below the surface of things. It would surely be interesting if Mr. Baldwin were to tell us what, in his opinion, caused the War that caused the loss of the potential leaders. No doubt the loss of life and property in the late War was tremendous, but the loss of the leadership of Christ preceded the War; and I think I should be correct in saying that only the restoration of that leadership will prevent future and more destructive wars; that is, if Christianity is not a myth and the Bible a book of fables.

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