

wholesome, stable Internationalism. It is at this point that the Church has most signally failed to preach the Gospel. And yet there are few problems to which Christianity would seem to be more directly related than this of international relations. For, as Frederick Denison Maurice long since pointed out, there are three great social units of Society. The Family, the Nation and the Race, and with each of these the Bible has much to do. Its first book deals altogether with families, revealing incidentally (as it seems) the principles of family life. The remainder of the Old Testament has to do with a Nation, and in its course incidentally reveals that righteousness which alone exalteth a nation. But in the New Testament we transcend the limits of family and nation and have to do with man, and with the race. Its message is for the world, and since it has to do with the race, the society in which its universal spirit is embodied is conceived of as the Universal Society. How much, or rather how little, of this do we get in the theologies of the Reformation period. How selfish, how petty, in the light of this glorious idealism does much of our theology still appear! The Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, the Church as the Family of God and the Nations as its several members, here are ideas, doctrines, truths, peculiarly adapted to meet the crises of our times. What more inspiring object can a Forward Movement present to our Canada than that, now, in its formative years, with a great history assured to it, it should lay down deeply in the minds of its people the true doctrines of nationalism and patriotism and relate them to the still greater doctrines of internationalism and humanity.

Our Forward Movement must have its starting point in ideals. Its ideals must also be its guides. It is as one small contribution to the expression of its ideals that I venture to address to you this open letter. All ideals of human life may, no doubt, be gathered up into one *Summum Bonum*. But the *Summum Bonum* is a synthesis of many ideals, and these must not only be adequately stated but harmoniously ordered. Christianity itself in one of its