

dred years of peace between the United States of America and the Britannic people. In that event, the history of our mutual relations would have been re-written and probably truth would have taken the place of fiction in our public schools on both sides; for we confess to literature that is too unscrupulously patriotic to convey an exactly truthful impression. I wish that this re-writing of history through a commission to be appointed jointly by our two great Anglo-Saxon peoples, under the eyes of our universities, might still be done in the interests of international understanding and good will. Two such powers, animated as we are, by Christian ideas, however imperfectly they may be realized, should be working together by every possible means for the world's peace and progress. I am sure God wills it.

One word more. That we may keep our two democracies pure and progressive, it is becoming more evident every day that we must submit democracy itself to a moral criterion beyond itself, whether this be found in common law, in conscience, in the greatest good of the greatest number, or in what we believe to be the divine will. We must not make a god of it and worship it, or it will betray our people with false hopes, and arrest the growth of national character, and possibly destroy our civilization. The eye of the soul must ever search beyond the material, and find those invisible principles, which, girding the divine throne, are a girdle of strength to all nations who seek unto the highest life. Let me quote some words recently sent forth by Lloyd George, Prime Minister of Britain, Sir Robert Borden, Premier of Canada, and the Premiers of four other British Dominions, in which they say that "neither education, science, diplomacy or commercial prosperity, when allied with belief in the material forces as the ultimate power, are real foundations for the development of the world's life." The League of Nations will be a failure unless men are possessed of the spirit of good will.

For the complete fulfillment of a world destiny, for the exaltation of national life and its true poise we must look beyond ourselves and accept such a mission to more backward peoples as the League of Nations is destined to provide. I believe that, including the United States of America, the League of Nations will yet become a fact accomplished, and when it gets properly down to work it will do much more than merely prevent war and protect weaker nations. The logic of the world's need will lead it to evolve a constructive moral programme. It will unify and exalt the conscience of mankind on many other issues besides that of labor. To this end, the Church of Christ, and the educational institutions of our countries must supply those intellectual and spiritual influences and inspirations, which will enable the two powers we represent here to-day to rise to their divine opportunity.

In this sublime atmosphere Church and State, spirit and body, will coalesce in an organism which we can call by no lower and yet no higher name than the Kingdom of God.