

he ignited the fuse that exploded the pernicious doctrines of rationalism, materialism, socialism and all the false teachings that deceived men's minds and perverted their hearts, but he has also given the true solution of all the vital problems of the age. In his great encyclicals on political power, human liberty, the condition of labor and the Christian constitution of states, we have an inexhaustible mine of wisdom and truth, from which we may draw not only all principles necessary for present use but also valued treasures in times to come. In everything concerning the intellectual and moral welfare of mankind has Leo's voice been heard, and no opportunity to elevate the Church and promote the extension of God's kingdom on earth has he suffered to pass by unregarded, while his alliance and active co-operation with material progress is clearly manifested in his letter on Historical Studies, published in 1883 in which he says: "All that is true must come from God. Whatever of truth is reached by research, the Church regards as the tracing of the divine mind. As there is nothing of truth in nature's realm that can take away faith in divinely taught doctrines, whatever helps to extend the frontiers of science the Church gladly welcomes. So far from being opposed to new discoveries, to whatever conduces to the comfort and amelioration of human life, she condemns inertia and indolence, she strongly desires that the genius of man compel labor and culture to yield rich fruits, she offers encouragement to all kinds of arts and of enterprises, directing all such things to honest and salutary purposes, and striving lest, in the exercise of intelligence and industry, men turn away from heavenly things."

In his dealings with governments, prudence and principle are his guides and his wise diplomacy has ever been productive of beneficial results for Holy Church. In response to his enlightened policy Germany, France, Russia and China have greatly changed in their attitude towards the Vatican; Spain and Belgium are more Catholic in their legislation, and in all countries the Church enjoys a fuller measure of liberty than heretofore.

In conclusion let us not forget the special love of Leo XIII., for *Alma Mater* and our dear Canadian home. Only a few short months ago we had the distinguished privilege of welcoming to our shores a representative of our sovereign pontiff. The presence