

never to happen again, we must apply a more radical and drastic remedy than those well-meaning expedients upon which men have hitherto based their hopes of peace.

And the task before us is the gigantic task of creating a new world. I repeat this, because I do not want you for a moment to forget it. I am not using words of mere rhetoric, but stating a cold, sober truth. For our encouragement we may recall that in some directions the process is already afoot. It has abolished slavery, and is leading to great changes in the position of women, the nurture of child-life and in other things. Nevertheless, there is a task before us which can only be described as colossal. Yet it is true that there never was a time when it was so hopeful. For men are turning away in despair and disillusionment from the principles and methods of life which have led us to the present exhaustion and bankruptcy of the world, and are asking if there is not some better way. And the great fact that you and I have to remember is that we are the trustees of that better way. The real task before us is that of imposing Christianity upon the life of the nations, or, to put it in another way, to banish the present system of international competition and rivalry, and to establish in its place the reign of international co-operation and mutual service.

But I would like to point out to you that this