

says, "It has become a threatening social question, not because the economic situation is bad, but because the people are."

These expressions by Prof. Peabody are a fair interpretation, by a competent authority, of the attitude of the Churches towards the economic application of righteousness. I desire to go on record in emphatic terms regarding that attitude. It is in my judgment (based on knowledge of the truth gained in commercial experience and accounting practice) utterly unworthy the duty and mission of the Christian Church. If we do not need less preaching, we certainly need more teaching from the Church on the economics of Righteousness. Of course, if Churchmen do not know the truth, they cannot teach it to the world; it is, however, unquestionably the business of the Churchman to search out the truth and teach its application, rather than to "sit and sing his soul away," etc., in an environment of unrighteousness.

It is not without its own special significance—that the re-action of advancing prices of commodities and increased cost of living on the domestic and social life of the clergy, is a demonstration of the law of retribution. Reaping the harvest of neglected duties.

That the righteousness of the Kingdom of God, implies a very active study of those departments of active service where righteousness is most needed. It is simply ridiculous for the Church to ignore the economics of the industrial field, because there is no department of active life where the principle of righteousness has greater play and opportunity; and at no point in that field is righteousness more essential than in the department of exchange.

Here is the point of contact.

I propose to show, in the course of these essays that a careful examination of the economic standing of Canada's chartered bank note currency reveals a problem in morals and spiritual life in action.

I propose to show clearly, so that the Churchman in Canada shall not be without opportunity of learning the truth if he desires to know it, that "the real nature of the prevailing industrial warfare..... is an antagonism which is inherent in economic life" vitally and very directly related to the immoral and unrighteous, character of the paper money currency issued in Canada in the form of our chartered bank notes, with no gold behind them, and paid to the working class as wages in exchange for the products of their labor time.

I propose to show that Karl Marx (author of "Capital") failed to correctly analyse the capitalist methods of exchange and exploitation; and to show further, that the advice of Jesus of Nazareth to "seek first the righteousness of the Kingdom of God" embodies the most profound and invaluable economic wisdom, as a strictly commercial and political proposition. In order to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's" it is essential to know what belongs to Caesar, and Jesus left it to his critics to discover in the light of his general teaching what is left for Caesar after a Christian has rendered "unto God the things that are God's."

No Churchman need hesitate to render unto Caesar every cent of tribute to which Caesar is righteously entitled; Caesar, however, is subject to that law of righteousness himself, and may not collect tribute by a process of fraud and deception. "Thou shalt not steal," is a law that even Caesar must obey.