

of God: these nations in neither. Formerly the Church had a kind of international control; this has disappeared; and so has international honor. Selfishness has become the policy; the sword is drawn to enforce it; and the God of Christ is dead. He and His principles are neither worshipped nor desired. The danger is not for to-day nor for tomorrow but for the days to come, for the mind of youth is now being penetrated and saturated with a selfish and godless philosophy. Under the circumstances the League of Nations is indeed a great hope and a Christian ideal, but may easily become a mirage and a deception. Democracy and freedom are not only on trial but in imminent danger. The world encircling British Empire is its long line of defence and God forbid that we should not be ready to hold that bit of it which stretches across our great Dominion. This matter is obviously giving you great concern. To you more than to any living man it is entrusted, and I shall ever pray that you may have a right judgment in this and all things which concern your country's welfare. It is wise to hear the voice of the people. We must also educate them. Self-respect demands self-defence. Woodsworth is a demagogue. The speech of Herridge in Toronto is no credit to him. The country is deeply interested in your next step. You have come to Jordan but the river still overflows its banks and Jericho is Beyond. You have my prayers and love. Joshua saw another leader in the moment of crisis.

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through a private letter*