

in each one of its parts and individuals, and each part being inseparable from the whole.

Religious, scientific, artistic, or commercial institutions are not, therefore, to be considered as separate parts or fractions of society, but as indispensable components in a perfect organism, so that each institution is society itself viewed in regard to that institution, and each institution has a vital connection with, and interest in every other institution.

In practice our institutions are at strife with one another and within themselves, because, owing to the imperfections of man's nature and to his lack of discernment, each institution strays away from its proper functions and encroaching upon those of other institutions tends to be a law unto itself. Reason is required to assign to each its proper limits and to guide each along an ideal path, so that each may be thus a light and help to every other, and that all together may beget in society that peace and harmony which is a necessary condition of all progress. Only the