

For those people who are influenced by this conclusion the message of The Divine Teacher was delivered in vain.

Well authenticated facts point to the conclusion that the poverty in the world is mainly the result of outrages committed by governments against Nature's law governing production and distribution.

This law impels mankind to co-operate in production as certainly, as instinct teaches the babe to drink at the maternal font. To overcome the natural obstacles which stand in the way of this co-operation in production, hundreds of millions are spent annually

The outrages referred to consist of governmental restrictions, the most mischievous of which take the form of protective tariffs against imports. These tariffs in some cases prevent and in all cases retard the even development of this world co-operation in production so natural to the race, and, as experience proves, so necessary for the continued independent existence of each body politic.

Experience points to the conclusion that in the absence of these governmental outrages against nature in the form of so called protective tariffs, committed it is assumed in ignorance of the consequences to the governed, poverty as we see it around us would soon disappear, crime would decrease, and world wide depression in trade would seldom if ever occur, for under such conditions, the abundance in the world which the Creator always provides would through the agency of man flow freely to the point threatened with distress. This would be done for the profit there would be in it to those who undertook the labour. To illustrate, Great Britain to a greater degree than any other country in the world is thus constantly threatened with distress. During the period her government committed these outrages against Nature by restricting trade, few people in the world suffered more from poverty or scarcity than they did. A very large proportion of her people finally becoming paupers.

Since she discontinued these outrages against Mother Nature by abolishing protection in 1849, thus permitting her people to co-operate in production freely with all the world, abundance or cheapness has been the portion of her people and her paupers have decreased 50 per cent. With the exception of certain food stuffs, com-