

II. THE WORLD PROBLEM

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THE world is dissatisfied. One group of nations stands over against another, their relations expressed in words and in wide ranges of intercommunication: friendly, in actions they declare that their national neighbors are all enemies. They pour out the wealth of peace and impoverish themselves to prepare for possible war. Internationally we are in the age of the man-brute, decked in the culture and the glamor of "Christian" civilization. Which is the mask? What is the reality? Dr. Jekyll or Mr. Hyde?

Within each nation there is a war of groups. Political parties, ostensibly public-spirited, work for a part at the expense of the whole. The masses and the classes are opposed. The wealth-gatherers and their tools, the toilers, stand over against each other in the attitude of war. The churches are divided on lines within themselves, that do not touch the world-problem of politics or society. Much that they value should long ago have gone to the junk-heap. New thoughts, new philosophies divide old friends, old combinations. The churches send up the cry of "inefficiency" in a day when the world demands efficiency in every business, especially in that of making man good and society coherent and clean.

Canada is beginning a career which is bound to be epoch-making in the history of the world. Is Canada