

THE WORLD PROBLEM

whole trouble comes from ruling God out. This is not the time to challenge the Christ, or His Christianity. The real Christ has been ignored, His Christianity remains untried. Once He stood on the Mount of Olives over against Jerusalem, and uttered the cry of disappointed love. To-day He stands over against Europe:

"O Europe, Europe, thou who hast turned My gospel of love to a culture of hate, My gospel of peace and goodwill to a shriek of war and of plunder, and in My name dost invoke the devilish spirit of the world—if thou hadst but known and heeded the things that belong to thy peace! . . . How often would I have gathered thy peoples together as a hen gathereth her brood under her wings, but ye would not. Behold, your house of spurious institutions—built by your sons under the spirit of the world which I rejected, and out of which you have excluded the spirit which I came to give—is left unto you desolate. Cease from your blasphemy. You have appealed to Odin and Mars. My ways are impossible for you until you reject My enemies and return unto Me and My ways."

But it is a time to challenge the Churches. They, one and all, claim to represent the universal Christ and to be, or to be in, the "Catholic Church," the universal institution of the Prince of Peace, the World-Saviour. The Greek Catholic, Orthodox, "Only Church," is the subtle ally of the autocracy of one of the three great races, the Slavic, now allied against the Teutonic aggressor of the moment. But only one, and through her Slavic children within the iron bands of the Teuton, a source of weakness on the other side. That is a racial religion. The war is of rival tribal gods. The Catholic Church of Rome counts but little as a universal factor, whether