

ing, we must conclude that three-fourths or four-fifths of what passes in the world to-day for education is made up of imperfect knowledge and intellectual pride; is obviously and confessedly materialistic and unchristian or antichristian, and is therefore, in the opinion of many, a large factor in the world's undoing.

The intellect perverted in any way distorts principles, judgments and laws. And twenty errors in practice are as nothing compared with one error in principle. Twenty errors in practice may be corrected and the twenty-first may never be committed; but one erroneous principle is like a damaged wheel in a machine—the machine can never work correctly afterwards till the wheel is repaired or replaced. One speculative error may produce an infinite series of practical errors, because mind dominates matter and the spiritual or eternal controls the temporal. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." And "The thoughts of to-day are the actions of to-morrow." I think this expresses the views held by the Prime Minister and the Right Honourable Mr. King when they used the words quoted at the beginning of my remarks.

As I look out over the world, from my very limited viewpoint, I see two organizations, namely the Catholic Church and the British Empire, which challenge my attention. Both these organizations have visible, permanent heads, matured laws and well ordered liberty without licence. These matured laws and well ordered, well regulated liberty are founded upon, and must be founded upon, the principle of graded authority. In all our relations with our fellow men this principle must be recognized. You cannot have even a properly conducted debating society in a cross-roads country schoolhouse without a chairman, whose rulings, for the time being, are absolute; and from that you go up to the Privy Council in England for final decisions. To prevent chaos in the State, there must be a court of last resort and it must be composed of a visible man or visible men. The statute laws of Great Britain are as clearly written as trained, intelligent men could write them. But what would happen if these laws were put into the hands of every man and he were told to interpret them for himself? The imagination could hardly picture the confusion that would ensue. Again, the Constitution of the United States was as clearly written as trained, intelligent men could write it. What would happen if it were put into the hands of every man in the United States, and he were told to interpret it for himself? I leave your imagination to supply the answer. A court had to be established to

interpret the Constitution, that court had to be coterminous with the Constitution, and will have to function while the Republic endures. These illustrations are all confined to the temporal order, but are they not applicable to the spiritual order as well? God is the author of both orders, and human nature is the same in both.

If the troubles through which I hope the world is successfully passing were a new thing in our existence, many might see little hope of improvement in the future, but, dark and foreboding as the situation is to-day, it is not as dark as it was during the first Good Friday afternoon; it is not as dark as it was during many periods of the first three centuries of the Christian era, and it is not as dark as it was during nearly the whole period of the pre-Christian era. Satan, or Antichrist, may win many battles, or even campaigns; but he will not win the war, because he is Satan. On the other hand, God will not be driven out of the world which He created and which, by the creative act, He sustains during every moment of its existence, because He is God. His triumph will be complete, and as visible as, perhaps more visible than, it was on the first Easter Sunday morning.

The true Christian will never despair. He is as certain of God's existence, and all it means, as he is of his own. In fact, if God did not exist, he himself would be a monstrosity, namely an effect without a cause. And the essence of religion, and the essence of common sense as well, even in temporal matters, consists in a proper relationship between God the Creator in heaven and man the creature on earth. While man is willing to serve, a relationship is maintained; but when man, through pride or greed, or for any other cause, wilfully and deliberately rebels and tells God he will not serve Him any longer, the relationship is broken, and the rebel must take the consequences. The man who stands right with God and his neighbour has solved all the problems of life, so far as he is concerned, and the principles and practices that save an individual will save a nation or a world, if applied.

According to my reading and some observation, many non-Christians admit that Jesus was the greatest preacher, the greatest teacher, the greatest moralist, the greatest social worker, the sanest and most practical man that ever lived. It is strange, therefore, that these same people do not accept Him as leader, but turn to Karl Marx, Lenin, Stalin and other confessedly inferior persons. For professing Christians to accept any leader other than Jesus is incomprehensible to ordinary minds. Man is a paradox: he possesses