

that that political movement was no concern of his as a leader of religion. But he knew, at least subconsciously, *that real religion and life are one and the same thing*, and that everything that was vitally linked up with life was the immediate and profound concern of religion.

Should this position be allowed then obviously the Church must take a hand in all these problems, or stand by and see other organizations grapple with them and take the lead. The result will at least be a serious arresting of the progress of organized religion, if not its decline and death. For the temper of the coming age will be overwhelmingly pragmatic. Only that which "works" will commend itself to the coming generations. And the danger is *that if the Churches, which are now popularly accredited as the representatives of Christianity, do not demonstrate pragmatically that Christianity "works," those who are directly entrusted with the tasks of reconstruction may miss the opportunity of doing their work in harmony with the laws of the Kingdom of God.* For the Kingdom of God is at hand. Never was the world so ready for it. And the principles of Him who first preached it are practical to a degree. Where they have been tried they have never failed. They can never fail because they are God's. And though it take a thousand years and a hundred wars, He will finally drive them into the human brain, for the peace of the human heart, and the salvation of the human soul. The question which confronts the Churches to-day is: "Shall we get together and do this work *now*, or shall we stay apart and talk about it for another five hundred years?"

In conclusion, let it be said that the writer holds no brief for Church Union. He is not speaking for any party or for any Church. He speaks only his own personal conclusions, and is sensible of the fact that his judgement may be wrong. As a minister of one of the greater Churches of this country, he considers his own Church as well able to stand on its own feet and "carry on" in the old way as any other. As a minister he will always be loyal to his own communion while separate communions exist, and if necessary will fight for his