

and nearly all the individuals in the world are overwhelmingly in debt to somebody or something. I am certain these colossal debts will never be paid, because they cannot be paid. Practically speaking, the world is bankrupt, morally and financially, and it appears to lack both the intelligence and the courage to face this fact. If these debts, principal or interest, or both, were scaled down to a figure that would be possible to pay, it would be more advantageous to the creditors than even to the debtors. But if this large scaling-down is beyond the wit and power of man, and if the governments are unable or unwilling to eliminate the private armament manufacturers, who are the efficient agents of Satan, Europe, or indeed the Caucasian race, is doomed to perish, or go through greater troubles than any we have yet experienced. The United States is the most self-contained, the most industrialized and the most highly mechanized nation on the earth. It made billions out of the War, yet it is suffering as much as the war-torn bankrupt nations, and this fact surely proves that the bankers, the economists and the statesmen have not yet discovered the real cause or causes of the depression. Both ex-President Hoover and President Roosevelt have tried to stem the deluge of crimes sweeping over their country, but without much success. Within the past year several lynchings of a shocking character took place in many States of the Union, and at these murders many of those called the best people were present. Even mothers were present, and in some cases held their children high in their arms to let them see what was going on. And the Governor of California publicly commended these crimes and declared that if any of the perpetrators were convicted by the courts and sent to prison, he would pardon them. Within the year I read in the papers of the killing of a leading gangster in Chicago by a rival gang. The murdered man got almost a state funeral. He was buried in a bronze coffin costing some \$1,500. Several carloads of flowers followed his remains to the cemetery. But worse than all, four or five judges were honorary pallbearers at his funeral. The dead man when living had done much to elect those men to the bench. We may see some material improvement in the United States, but material prosperity will not save the nation in which the lawfully constituted authorities commend and protect mob violence and mob killing, and justice is contaminated at its source. In fact, material prosperity may increase and accentuate such depravity, may give opportunities for committing many other crimes,

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and may thus hasten the destruction of the nation. Material prosperity, like easy credit, may do much harm in the hands of thoughtless people. Rich, powerful individuals and rich, powerful nations may have established a partnership they would be much better without. And nations are not like individuals; if they are punished at all, it must be in this world. They begin and end here.

During the holding of the Liberal-Conservative summer school at Newmarket, Ontario, last year, the Prime Minister of Canada declared that education must necessarily be the principal means to ensure the hope and stability of democracy. By "democracy" I presume he meant the political institutions and civilization of many countries in Europe and America. I feel sure he means well. He speaks vigorously enough, but he does not always speak thoughtfully enough, and the declaration cited is proof of that fact. If Mr. Bennett will examine his premises for a moment he will surely admit that there are two kinds of education, the right kind and the wrong, and that a great deal of the instruction given in the world to-day is not worthy of the name of education. For instance, Mr. Philip E. Wentworth, a graduate of Harvard University, in an article in the *Atlantic Monthly* of June, 1932, stated that two years at Harvard had made him a Unitarian or a non-Christian, and four years there had made him an atheist; that nine young men and women out of every ten who graduate from the universities of the United States are atheists. These statements were not questioned by any of the secular universities in that country. Surely Mr. Bennett, upon reflection, would not say that that kind of education would save democracy, or anything else worth saving. It is a well known fact that previous to the Great War the secular universities of Germany were hotbeds of infidelity and atheism. Nevertheless, Germany was regarded as the schoolhouse of the world, and rich families everywhere sent their sons to that country to finish their education. Did such education establish or save democracy in Germany? Then there is the kind of education imparted in Russia at the present time. I am sure Mr. Bennett does not approve of it. But one, at least, of our Rhodes scholars approves of it, and this man is a clergyman in good standing in one of our large Christian denominations and a professor of Christian ethics in one of our colleges. Should not this be enough to make the Prime Minister and every thoughtful Canadian ask, "Whither are we drifting?" If we are Christians at all, and do any think-