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lish landlordism and Toryism as it has been in the past should render them contented and open a way at last for Irish freedom under British Sovereignty. As to the colonies—their right to set up an independent flag and nationality cannot be questioned, whenever they think the time has arrived but in this case it would be nothing more than visdom and self-preservation to all to have an offensive and defensive alliance with Britain.

**The Failure of Christianity.**

The doctrine of Christ and his disciples was "brotherly love, purity, humility, self-sacrifice, long suffering, forgiveness of injuries up to the 77th time, to feed the widow and the orphan and keep ourselves unspotted from the world."

From the small family consisting of Joseph, Jesus and Mary, it spread to a small following and in time to millions but to what extent have those principals been carried out? Does one in a million of the Catholic and Protestant members of the Christian Body live up to the letter of these principles.

Every church preaches them but how many practice? Even among the divines who claim to be the servants of the meek and lowly Nazarene, we find pride, vainglory, oppression and contempt for the poor, the thirst for power and privilege and the oppression of the weak and lowly. Every church that has political power has abused it and made it an instrument of oppression and persecution of its rivals.

In what way have the Christians been superior to the worshippers of stocks and stones or those who have not believed in any creed? The heathen have raged—they have done the same; the heathen have persecuted and demanded conformity—they have done the same; The heathen has waged war and pillaged and murdered weaker nations—they have done the same.

In short there have been about as good men, as good morals and about as great an admixture of good and bad on one side as the other.

The Heathen have worshipped idols and the Christians a great and good man but the Heathen have had their great and good men too and the Buddhists and Brahmins have lived up to the doctrines of charity and human brotherhood at least among their own people more than the Christians have.

The one office of the Church we believe is to bring about even-handed justice, between man and man

and enforce the principles of brotherhood and love. To check the oppressor, bow the folly of pride, punish the extortioner and oppressor of his fellow-man remove jealousies and render unto every man a just compensation for his labours. To stop war and encourage industry and sobriety. Has it done it? Consult the long black page of history and see how sadly recalcitrant it has been in its duty to mankind.

If the Christian Churches had insisted as much on peace since they became a power in the world as they have on power, wealth and prestige for themselves would their influence not have proved salutary? They had in their hands the power to curb most of the oppressors of their fellowmen, but instead of insisting on peace and humanity, they have blessed the banners and armies of tyrants and prayed in public for their success. If the churches, even ten years ago had presented a solid front against war and aggression would this almost worldwide war, from which the world is suffering today be going on? I doubt it, and if it was, with the withdrawal from its ranks of all who call themselves Christians, it would not have the power to do one tenth the harm it is doing and then we would have the satisfaction of knowing who were Christians and who were not. It is plain to all who stop to consider the matter that Christianity has long ago lost its efficiency to bring about peace on earth, good will toward man, and there must be something to take its place. The only thoroughly unselfish organization that practices as well as preaches, freedom, justice, brotherly love, grace, mercy, and peace, is the Socialist Organization. It is weak yet, but is growing and to all who believe more in human freedom, peace, love and justice than in place and self interest it holds out a beacon above the mountain tops, and we believe it will yet arise the Sun of Righteousness, and spread its wings above the whole earth. It may as the Churches in time become corrupt, but it is the only plank left on a sinking ship and we step out upon it.

**General Comment**

While we do not change our opinions lightly and believe that the effects of a victory for the allied forces of Britain, France and Russia will be a victory for the principals of freedom, democracy, justice and good government, whether they

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