... Professor Drummond used to say that if you are going to seek the Kingdom of God you must seek it first, otherwise you had better leave it alone. It means putting the Kingdom first in every way: thinking of your business in terms of the Kingdom, of your friends in terms of the Kingdom. Then the whole of existence for you is an existence completely in a spiritual world, in which you will have no regrets, no lookings-back, and in which you will find perfect self-realization, the resolving of all conflicts, and the harmony of a complete life (82).

[So many religious people] are ... not quite satisfied that the spiritual world can bring them more happiness than the material world.... [T]hough they are honestly desirous of becoming spiritual in mind and heart, there are so many lookings-back, and so many fears lest, after all, worldly people are having a better time of it ... (81).

but all are doomed to experience more or less uncertainty

during the times of transition between the two levels of living.

XI. IS THE WAY OF JESUS EASY? (147)

In entering the kingdom, you cannot escape its responsibilities

Many sermons fail because they insist on some <u>obligation</u> people must fulfil more than they emphasize a power which enables them to fulfil all their obligations and have energy left to be quiet of heart and radiant of soul (152).

or avoid its obligations,

It is easy enough to talk to [people and tell them that the way of Jesus is ultimately the easiest and most rewarding way to live], but they have the right to feel that talking is easier than doing, and, though I cannot give them their answer, I believe that Christ can, if they will listen to His voice, a voice that, in spite of our protests that His way is too hard, comes to us down the ages, saying quite clearly and definitely, 'My yoke is easy and My burden is light' (150).

but remember: The gospel yoke is easy and the burden of truth is light.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light (Matt.11:30). (Cf. 144:8; 1627)