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THE Church of Christ must not be an uninterested spectator of events which are charged with moral as well as material significance. She is under commission to bear testimony to the authority and practicability of the Golden Rule even in the most difficult relations of life. It is for her to teach and exemplify the law of Christ by manifesting the spirit of mutual burden-bearing, and particularly to emphasize the exhortation of the apostle: "Ye that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak."

In these times of industrial stress she must preach the doctrine of human value which Christ proclaimed, when he said: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and forfeit his life." The duty of those who are possessed of opportunity is to use it for the making of manhood, and not primarily for the purpose of increasing wealth.

All legitimate efforts should be made to secure to every worker a living wage. Constant and vigilant efforts should be put forth to reduce the hours of labor, where practicable, and secure such sanitary conditions as will, as far as possible, make work a pleasure, while affording leisure for recreation, and for social, intellectual, and religious development.

We have come to a time when it is imperative that we should realize that no man, capable of working, has a right to the enjoyment of life who is not, by hand or brain, developing the material, the mental, or moral resources of the country.

The solution of all social problems lies in the recognition that selfishness is the universal sin, not of the rich only, but also of the poor. The Church, therefore, will best aid society by preaching the gospel of unselfishness, thus bringing all classes into one fellowship of service. A salvation as broad as the preaching of Jesus is the essential need of our times.—

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