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### THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION ON THE SUBJECT.

Nothing is more remarkable in the genesis of Christianity than this, that, while it aims at setting up the Kingdom of God on the earth, in which all wrongs would be redressed—the people being “all righteous,” the land being “a land of uprightness,”—it says not one word about the Reorganization either of Society or of Government. While denouncing vehemently certain wrongs, neither the Founder of Christianity, nor His Apostles, ever denounced tyrannical systems of Government, or oppressive organizations in social life.

That such existed at the time is a well-known fact, but Jesus Christ and His Apostles with regard to them were silent.

What then were the *means* by which Christianity sought to effect its object of reforming the world, and putting all things therein on a basis of righteousness?

I answer,—it relied wholly upon reforming the *character of each individual in it*.

To every man, rich or poor, king or subject, employer or employed, it begins at the foundation by saying, “REPENT AND BE CONVERTED. YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN.”

And it supplied a *moral power* sufficient for the accomplishment of this revolution, viz: the power of the Holy Ghost. It aimed at the individual, and at the accomplishment of all its far-reaching objects, through the individual.

If other systems say “reorganize society,” “re-constitute government,” Christianity says, “reorganize and re-constitute the character of every man, woman and child in it.” And this is its method, in every sphere of its manifestation.