

with the one word which may make all the difference to the social revolution between being a hard and bitter struggle and a splendid crusade for the creation of a living society. It holds the real key to this crisis—if it can but find the means of using it

Perhaps the most significant phenomenon in the course of the Welsh Revival was the ferment of reconciliation which accompanied it. Old feuds were composed; old hatchets buried. It was a season of social healing and renewal. This was as it should be; its only failure was that it did not go deep enough and far enough. But it was a real suggestion of the appointed social reaction of a vision of the Kingdom of God; and it is a hint from which the Church may gain much light on its task to-day. For the solvent of feuds among Rhondda colliers is no less the solvent of class antagonisms. *It is only a vision of the Kingdom of God that can avert the danger of a disastrous class-war.*

This vision it is the office of the Church to communicate; and because the vision hangs on a change of heart, it is the immediate task of the Church to bid all men—of whatever class or station—to *repent*. And if the preacher be silenced by the inertia of the comfortable and the orthodox, then it is a matter of life and death to him that he carry this prophetic word out into the open world. And it is not at all unlikely that if he give to this word its full content, he may presently find himself crying in the wilderness—yet not to shrubs and stones, for the people will flock to him as they did to the prophet by Jordan long ago. The truth is that there must be a revolution in the Church itself if it is to save and hallow