

single cause. Under the old dispensation, God had declared that He hated "putting away." Jesus affirmed that divorce was antagonistic to God's original purpose, and could never have been permitted except upon the ground of ignorance and obduracy. Christianity proclaimed open war upon the inhuman system of caste, which had obtained from time immemorial amongst all peoples and religions. It proclaimed that within its pale there should be no distinction between Jew and Gentile, bond and free, male and female. All the subjects of Christ's kingdom are members of one great, holy, spiritual family. God is their Father, and they are all brothers and sisters in the Lord. The bond of unity and affinity is found in Christ-like goodness. When the whole human race becomes united by Divine love to God and each other, we may truthfully speak of the universal fatherhood of God, and the universal brotherhood of man. Then, and not before, these high-sounding terms, now often used in empty mockery, will have a real signification.

Christianity condemns and reprobates all selfishness and worldliness. According to its teaching, man is a steward of the manifold gifts of Heaven. Money is a talent, for the right employment of which he is held responsible. An unfaithful or perverted use of it evinces a spirit so utterly antagonistic to the whole genius of true religion that it precludes the possibility of receiving the treasures of Divine grace. "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?" (Luke xvi. 11.)

In our day there is a strong tendency upon the part of many religious teachers to restrict the work of the Church solely to the spiritual well-being of the race. That, no doubt, is her primary and most important mission, but she also has to do with everything that affects man's rights, comforts and happiness in all temporal matters. Nothing that is essential to the good of man is a subject of indifference to God.