

once more) which has rested upon the subordination of the proletariat, shaken and shattered by the war, is about to receive its *coup de grâce* at the horny hand of insurgent labour. The course of this conflict it is not given to man to predict; but its final issue is certain, though this generation may not live to see it. The common people are at last coming into their Kingdom.

The Church of Christ has never been called to make a decision more critical than concerning the part it is to play in this impending change. It has thrown away its right to protest against violence by its benediction of violence in the Great War; and if it be tempted to essay a quelling of the coming storm by unctuous counsel of moderation, of reasonableness, of a spirit of conciliation, and the like, it must be ready to have its war-time performances thrown back in its teeth. For obviously it cannot bless violence against the Hun and damn violence against the predatory capitalist. However, let us hope (as we justly may) that the coming revolution may run its course without the need of this perilous counsel.

The real danger of the Church is that this tide of life may sweep past without touching it, and leave it stranded high and dry. I speak, of course, of the organized Church; for the true Church is always at the heart of life. A writer commenting upon the formation of a New Labour Party in England daringly quoted the Scripture: "A Body hast Thou prepared for Me." Perhaps he was right. In which case, so much the worse for the Church. Yet we may not forget that the Church has been entrusted