

“ We commend those who, for the good of all, invest their wealth in the higher things of civilization, as performing acts of social justice, but such gifts, however munificent, do not make atonement or reparation for wrongs perpetrated in the iniquitous acquisition of wealth. The blood of the oppressed toiler will continue to cry to Heaven for justice, notwithstanding the high plaudits with which these gifts are greeted. When the living wage is not made the first factor in determining the price of manufactured articles, and in the sweat-shop the scale of wages is so low that our maidens have set before them the awful choice between hunger and dishonor, and in the factory young children are stunted in mind and body by excessive labor, it is time for the Church to aid in driving these things from the holy places of our civilization, and to urge its members, who in corporate bodies and otherwise are served by labor, to keep themselves clear of guilt in these economic relations.

“ We wish again to emphasize the fact that these high and lofty principles, which many regard as impossible of application, are founded