

enterprise—discipline, desire to excel—and have transferred them to the Life in Common. When all lives are spent in working for the good of all, we shall be like the Monks who worked together in their Cloisters, all for the Brotherhood, not for wages, and gave their best to the Community, because they had no self to take it. The Brotherhood—yes. We shall form one great Brotherhood. That will be the greatest and the last of social schemes and experiments. Like all great things it was discovered by our People—it came out of the Law and the Prophets—and the Christians in their monasteries only imitated the Essenes who were Jews.' He sighed heavily. 'Alas! we are as yet far off. When this truth is accepted, my friends, war will cease naturally. Then, if my invention is discovered anew, it will only make that physically impossible which has already become morally impossible. Of all the evils of which we complain, war will be the last to vanish. The Prophet, I now perceive, spoke not of the sudden conversion of the universal human heart, but of the gradual change. Let us work our utmost for that gradual change for ourselves—ourselves.'

'And—again—your Discovery, Emanuel?'

'The Discovery—I leave it in your hands, Harold. Destroy it—publish it—as you will. It is not mine, I repeat. Let me never hear any more about it.'

'I must not destroy a scientific truth,' replied the chemist. 'I will preserve it. I will lock it up for the whole of my life, and I will leave it at my death, as a secret gift, to the President of the Royal Society. Will that be a reasonable compromise, Emanuel?'

'As you will. I leave it in your hands. It is sufficient for me to understand and to confess that it is not what I hoped and believed. Not unto me is it given to change the course of this mighty river.'

It was at this point, just where this history ends, that the other discovery—that for which Francesca had been sent to the house—was made. In a most undramatic fashion, after all: for the two most concerned in it did not understand it, and it had to be explained, after all. In order to account for the apparent stupidity of these two intelligent persons, remember that one had no suspicion or knowledge that he had a daughter at all, and that the other had been brought up in the belief that her father was dead. As for this discovery, the