

in chap. vi. 27, 28, and doubt that the spirit and power that Jesus came to impart, if exercised by the adherents of our Church, would have long ago remedied our national evils? To

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love those who would take from us, offering no resistance, giving more than is asked, giving all that we in their place would desire, despairing of no man, judging no man, giving to the unthankful, looking for nothing in return but the approval of God—if this spirit had been carried by the rich classes into our class warfare, are we not bound as Christians to believe that it could have opened for itself safe channels of exercise? Is St. Paul less exacting than our Lord? Without love that knows no limit, he cries, your life is nothing more than a hollow noise. And the author of the great Gospel of love and the Epistle of Love, is he less urgent? The burden of his cry is that God is love, that God as love animated Christ to give Himself for our salvation; and that we do not share in that salvation unless by the