

will not do. What we need is that mutual knowledge which will steady our judgments of each other, and that can only come through a franker and more catholic fellowship than we have ever yet learned. The Church should set the example and be the active focus of such a fellowship, the nucleus of that regenerate human society which is the Kingdom of God.

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But the ultimate seat of this Kingdom is within us; and when the Kingdom of God is established in the souls of men, they will shape for themselves a State which shall be an organ of the Kingdom as no State in this world has ever yet been. It will be a State in which the spirit of Christ shall express itself in moral action without let or hindrance; a State which will shape its own life in righteousness and look over its frontiers not in suspicion and fear, but with imperturbable goodwill, and will carry on its affairs in the unassailable security of that spirit which takes away the occasion of wars. But to reach this goal—and let us not imagine that it is not yet far away—we must, as it were, turn again to the beginning of things, reproduce wheresoever the opportunity offers something of the primitive Christian fellowship, and in such fellowship acquire an abundance and an energy of spiritual life which shall set up a contagion of renewal here and there—until throughout the land the dead bones live and a new nation be born. We shall need patience and courage—all the way; and we must be