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One motto still remains to us—" *In all things Charity.*" Paul says: "Above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

Charity is love in the broadest, most catholic sense. The Apostle calls it the perfect bond, that which unites men, binds them together in Christian fellowship and Christian service. It is just the opposite of suspicion, prejudice, jealousy, censoriousness. The classic description of this virtue is found in the thirteenth chapter of Paul's first Epistle to the Corinthians:

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

The lack of charity between the professed followers of Jesus Christ, the refusal of Christians to understand each other, the readiness to think evil and impute evil, the eagerness with which suspicions have been nourished and the tenacity with which prejudices have been clung to, have been the scandal of the Christian church in all ages, and have retarded the coming of Christ's Kingdom more than all opposing forces.