

II. Christianity has raised the question by teaching that the souls of all men are equally dear to God, and by teaching a universal brotherhood.

III. Christianity only can solve the question for the Christian has promised to follow Christ, who taught that if necessary we must lay down even our lives for the brethren.

IV. The Christian minister has a duty to perform for he is the instructor and leader of the people.

V. The minister must preach it, for the solution of all our difficulties is to be found in the Bible.

One word in conclusion. The issue is in God's hands, our part is to do our duty, to be faithful to Christ whom we have promised to follow.

Some may say that the application of the principle of self denial to commerce is not practical. It won't work. "The Christian has to believe that what is right is practical." As Prof. Ely says:—"Christ's life itself was not, as the world goes, very practical. One might have told him, this will not work, you are not practical, and indeed He was rejected and put to death, and His life appeared to be a great failure." "There was a time when men and women could not be Christians, and keep their heads on their shoulders, and then they died cheerfully as Christians. We need a revival of such Christianity."

The work is not easy, it demands self-denial, resolution, clear sight. We require strength and patience of Christian life to be found only in the Incarnation.

In the Communion service "We offer ourselves, our souls and bodies to be a reasonable, holy, and *lively sacrifice* unto God." When the service ends we must not forget our offering. We must make the Gospel of Christ our rule of life in society and business. We are bound not only to believe in Christ, but also to confess Him before men.

"And the Church of Christ must not close her ears to one bitter cry, nor her eyes to one piteous sight, nor refuse thought to one stern problem. She must accept it all in the name of God as her proper work.

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