

more immediate presence of God, he fastened a quarrel on him and slew him. Now we are not reminded in the Bible by Moses and St. John of this fearful history, merely to guard against murder. We are to watch against the beginnings of sin, to check evil thoughts, for if we give place to them, we give place to the Devil. We open the door to him, and it is not so easy to close it. Let the house of our souls be occupied by the love of God and charity for others, and then too great love of self will not be able to enter. If brotherly kindness occupy our hearts, envy and malice will not dare to shew their face. God is within us, if love is within us, for God is love. It has been well said that "Cain was the typical murderer, and the unrest of the wicked, like the troubled sea, finds its representative in him." Every age and every nation have their Cains and Abels, those who have their evil passions, and those who patiently suffer. Often in neighbourhoods, in families, and among children, these two widely different types are found. Some of us may have the marks of both contending for the mastery in our souls. If so, let us remember that to follow Cain is to serve his master Satan. To imitate Abel is to be like Christ.

Lastly, let me, on the broad ground of a common humanity and recognizing the fatherhood of God, ask you to support this Society and give most liberally to the offertory to-night. The great Roman said: "I am a man, nothing that relates to man is a matter of indifference to me." Again, let us who dwell on the soil of this British colony, while we live together amicably and evince all consideration for those of a different nationality, and speak a different tongue, let us feel our hearts kindle and our hands open to those who either themselves or their ancestors quitted that dear old island, that "precious stone set in the silver sea," who speak that rich and glorious language, the tongue of the greatest of poets, the tongue whose version of the Divine Scriptures has been spread over the world; let us feel and show that the link that binds together those that are British born possesses most tenacious strength, and that it is hard to break it. The great problems of capital and labour which now agitate the civilized world would be solved more easily, if every one remembered the duties that we owe to one another, that we are our brother's keeper, that we should regard his interests, great and small, as well as our own, and that such mutual and kindly forethought is not only right in itself, but wise, in that

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