

INTRODUCTION

The Church of Jesus Christ has a great social message. It is a institution which reveals to people how they ought to live, and insists upon the dominance of right principles in the relations of man with man. It believes in brighter homes, better schools, and golden rule conduct everywhere. It is vitally interested in wage justice between employer and employee; in the abolition of the sweat-shop and the prevention of child labor; in the prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating liquors and the annihilation of the atrocious social evil; in the better sanitary conditions for working people, and the proper provision for housing them in comfort as human beings; in the elimination of gambling in margins, in stocks and real estate,—and in every other object which seeks the uplift of human character and the betterment of conditions in which humanity dwells.

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