

we shall have to weigh the loss which would fall upon one class by *removing* the injustice in the social compact, and the loss and injury which now rest upon the other class by *retaining* the injustice, and choose the least of two evils. Now let us remember the former bear but a small proportion in point of numbers to the latter, while, too, the latter are constantly increasing and the others are not, but rather diminishing. It is the many who suffer loss by retaining the present status, it is the few who will lose by the change. And again those few are better able to sustain a loss than those who are now compelled to endure loss; and further, the loss would fall once and for all on the former, and that not to crush, while with the latter the loss that is endured is perpetual and is increasing in intensity from year to year and from generation to generation, and is always extending to an increasingly widening number. This loss and injury caused by the private ownership of land is hurtful to land owners themselves in common with the rest of mankind. Besides degrading the moral condition of society, it is impeding production, it is hindering progress, it is staying development and must eventually in the necessary sequence of events destroy civilization itself. It was the chief cause in the overthrow of mighty nations in the past, and it will eventually destroy modern society, though we may now boast of a strength and permanency superior to all who have gone before. The light of Christianity will not save us, unless this light is allowed to shine and its principles applied to these social affairs. The Divine Teacher wills to save us, His precepts applied to social order can save effectually (for Christianity pre-supposes the maintenance of justice between man and man,) but they who are called to be deliverers stand aloof, choosing rather to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, than lead the people forth from a cruel bondage.

Then, even on the supposition that landlords would suffer all the loss that is assumed and even much more, can there be