

to confide the existence and growth of righteousness, holiness, purity, truth, of all that honours God on earth, and dignifies man for eternity, to the operation of this unaided force. But this is what Jesus has done—"Love one another," knowledge is in that; for "he that loveth is born of God and knoweth God." "Love one another," righteousness is in that. It is "the fulfilling of the law." Law vanishes in the light of love. Its enactments are never appealed to. Its countless dictates may be sealed up and laid aside, obeyed as they are without thought that they exist, more fully, more unhesitatingly than if every step were taken in obedience to an audible command. With a community under the influence of the royal law, this golden rule—it is as with a happy and well-ordered family. Parents and children, sisters and brethren, the happiness of each is the joy of all. How can one wrong another? The honor of the parent is sacred to the heart of filial reverence, the welfare of the child to the heart of parental solicitude. Life, purity, property, good-name, rejoicing in the good of each other, what force shall so guard these, so prompt to watchfulness over these as love?

Christ, in these words, puts his hand on the main-spring of human life's machinery. You have seen an engineer standing in his place before some mighty engine. It thrills and trembles with pent-up force. A lever is touched. A child's hand might move it. And the whole of the ponderous machinery is at once in rapid movement. Love is life's main-spring, and its impulses send us whithersoever it will. For all the fires and threats of Mount Sinai, for all the terrors and hopes of the hereafter, in the room of all precepts, as the one sufficient substitute of all fences and all restrictions, Christ has given us this new thing, Love.

It was a new thing (3) in the light of Christ's exposition of what the words "one another" implied. To love—love God, love man, our neighbour—that this was duty was old as man's creation. The Jew had this grand truth and what did he do with it? What did he make of it? He did with and made of it just what