

tians, in their annual meeting condemn this injustice to the employee. Do they condemn Sunday excursions? Do the directors of manufacturing companies favor an eight hour working day, rather than frequent periods of idleness, followed by periods when the men must work overtime? Sixth commandment,—Do railroad directors strive to do away with level crossings and also to protect the lives of the brakemen and others, even if it involves the receiving of a much lower dividend? Do all employers endeavor to protect the lives of the employees from accident, over work and injurious occupation? Do the owners of tenements see that everything is wholesome and clean about their property, and that the houses are not over crowded? Eighth commandment,—Do we defraud in business? Do we take advantage of another's simplicity or ignorance to steal from him? Do we condemn the gambler who uses either cards or stocks, as a thief whether he has to rob his employer or not? Ninth commandment—Do we tell shop lies about the goods we have for sale? We pray: "Lead us not into temptation" and then do we go and try to beat down prices, or corner the market, or cut down wages and force others into temptation? We pray: "Thy will be done on earth" do we try to do that will? We need to show to the world, the reality of the Christian religion. We are to testify for Christ, not by withdrawing from the world but by living in it, for Him, striving to do our part to transform it, so that "The kingdoms of this world may become the kingdoms of our Lord." The practice of the law of Christ is Christian Socialism, and it arrays the Christian against individual anarchy, selfish competition, luxurious waste, etc.

V. The Christian minister must preach these social duties of Christianity, for their solution is in the Bible.

The Deacon is authorized "To read the Gospel in the Church of God and to preach the same if he be thereto licensed by the Bishop himself." The Priest is authorized "To preach the Word of God."

It is the duty of the church to teach the essentials of a Christian life, to condemn falsehood, wrong, and robbery, to teach truth, justice and righteous dealing in all the affairs of life, to condemn all false plans of business, all evil practices, all arrangements that aid, encourage or lead to wrong doing. Christ applied His message to the sins of His own time and country, and so must we apply that same message to ours. The teaching of St. Francis Assissi, enforces a needful lesson of to-day.

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