

such cases? There was a case of contagion, and the apologist said: "How could you expect them to go? They are naturally afraid of their own skin." Now if you are in the Christian Endeavour army, you have no skin of your own to be afraid of; it is God's, to keep or to lose as duty calls and He pleases. The idea of a soldier setting any value on his skin! God give us Christianity with a backbone to it, that will risk reputation and wealth and health and life, to carry out the Golden Rule. Thank God for the brave men and women, whatever their theological frame work, whose hearts have spoken to John Chinaman, or dusky Sambo, or the big Injun of the Plains, to Tommy Atkins, or Jack Tar, or Bill Sykes of the Slums, saying "we are chums." That's your true Christian Endeavour!

One of the directest pieces of plain speaking that I have seen for many a day, is Dr. J. Brisben Walker's address on "The Church and Poverty," delivered before the rector and *alumni* of the Catholic University at Washington last spring, and now printed for general circulation. It is Dr. Walker's contention that a great part of crime arises out of the unequal distribution of wealth, either extreme of which is to be avoided. For this inequality he holds that the Church of Rome is no less responsible than other Churches. Speaking of the ill-gotten gain which constitutes the rapidly acquired wealth of the politician, and of intemperance as a fruitful cause of poverty, he says: "Even, to-day, in New York, you wait in vain before Catholic altars for sermons commensurate with the subject, against corrupt city rule, and the evils of unlimited drinking saloons; although they are Catholics who are chiefly responsible for the existence of both these evils." He urges upon the clergy the twin duties of *self-denial* and *charity*. "If you make yourselves portly, comfortably fed, richly housed, elegantly attired gentlemen, there will be something of justification in the doubt that you are the successors of Him who came in the guise of an humble carpenter's son; and you will not reach the people." Dr. Walker exhibits the duty of the Church to advance with the progress of the age, and towards the goal of the world's welfare. In order to this, he adds that Christianity must be real. "The distinction between the eternal truth which the Church must always teach under God's promise, and the eternal error into which the individual and even communities of individuals are always falling, must be carefully borne in mind. The Pope, the Archbishop, the priest, do not preempt good judgment or sound common sense, or even equity, when they enter upon their sacred offices. As indivi-