

do we see the proper limitation imposed that prevented the sale of that which was given by the Creator for division and not for sale? What other nation has ever enjoyed laws that secured to the citizen his right to produce, his right to exchange that produce whenever his best judgment dictated, and his right to enjoy the produce of his industry, free from the exactions of landlords and land speculators?

Some day we will also discover that no one generation has any right to plunge another generation into debt, that our great national debts are great national blunders, if not crimes. The year of Jubilee placed a limit beyond which indebtedness could not extend. The parent could not leave to his child a legacy of burdensome obligations. In that country could not be witnessed as we can in this country, the monstrosity of one child born under a crushing debt to another child.

There are evil symptoms everywhere that call on us to give our best energies to the investigation of these problems. When some men acquire so many millions that they can buy up legislatures, dictate policies, organize private police, reduce popular government to a sham; when millions of men see that honest toil brings but a pittance; when the best energies of the manhood of the majority must be devoted simply to satisfying the animal wants; when strikes, boycotts, lock-outs, black-lists are daily occurrences; when a mere handful of men control all the fuel output of a continent, to preach to men the brotherhood of man becomes the saddest of burlesques.

"The Gospel will cure all this," say a host of respondents. Yes, my brother, the Gospel will do it, when we learn correctly how to interpret and how to apply the Gospel. But to rattle over some platitudes, and to use the Gospel as a charm, will never do it; never, till the end of doom. The gospel of happy feeling and other worldliness has had its day. We now want the gospel of justice, "to every man his due." We are still "tithing the anise and cummin," and neglecting the weightier matters of the law, devoting a world of energy to mere details of organization, and scarcely a modicum of energy to studying the ethics of society.

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