

and the complicated and confusing efforts of guilds, strikes, trades' unions and various other voluntary associations. All these affect the rate of wages and the whole labour question. And it is self-evident that the Church cannot control such complex and potent forces. But it can and should act powerfully upon certain tendencies which are at present strongly operative in producing and fomenting the difficulties and strifes which prevail between master and servant.

What are they, and how are they to be met? There is first of all, and perhaps fundamental to them all, a widespread tendency to neglect family training and government. This is the fertile source of a multitude of the social evils we have to lament. The household is the divinely appointed place where the foundations of character and of human society are laid. Failure here is fatal and works ruin to masters and servants. And it is to be feared that the very multiplicity of our public educational and religious appliances exposes us to this danger. It is undeniable that many parents are prone to relegate to Sunday school teachers the duties which God has laid upon themselves in relation to their offspring, and thus the Word of God is not systematically taught, and when the hearts and minds of the young are not filled with the truth and the Spirit of God they become a ready prey

to any wolf in sheep's clothing which seeks to devour them. It is out of neglected homes where the Bible is unknown that we get godless Anarchists, who stir up strife among labourers, subvert social order and civil authority, and recklessly gratify their own avarice and base passions. It is in such homes that sceptics, blasphemers, and scoffers arise who sneer at sacred things and laugh at sin and virtue. What is the Church to do to stem this rising tide of evil? Multiply machinery, create new ecclesiastical contrivances, hold conferences to discuss modern methods of reformation? No, but revert to God's method, and turn every house into a school for Christian nurture and thus turn the hearts of the fathers to the children that God may say of each of them what he said of Abraham—"I know him that he will command his children and his household after him."

Again, the Church should take an attitude of determined resistance to the present tendency of placing the secular first and the spiritual and eternal second in the thoughts and activities of men. It is this reversal of heaven's order and the inordinate haste to be rich that lie at the root of many of the unjustifiable measures resorted to by masters and servants. Christ said, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness"; but multitudes now reverse the order and say, if not in words certainly by