

in mind when he used the expression, "None of us liveth to himself," there is a sense in which the phrase, "the solidarity of the race," expresses a great truth. The phrase signifies, according to Trench, a fellowship in gain and loss, in honor and dishonor, in victory and defeat,—a being, so to speak, all in the same boat. There is a very real relation of interdependence among the members of the human family. You cannot say to your fellow, "I have no need of thee." Absolute independence and isolation is an impossibility. We cannot sever ourselves from any section or condition or class of the human family, saying that we will have no relations with them,—that we will not suffer our lives to come into any touch with theirs, not permit theirs to come into any touch with ours. Our lives are subject to unalterable laws that forbid this. By way of illustration, a gentleman was solicited to co-operate in an effort to improve the sanitary and moral condition of the people of a certain section of the great city in which he lived. He replied that he would have nothing to do with such people. A little later his only daughter was stricken with that dread scourge, small-pox, and in spite of all that could be done, succumbed to the disease. It was subsequently learned that the germs of the disease came in a garment made by one of the inhabitants of that district. Whether we will or not we must have to do with one another. The safety of *one* demands the safety of *all*. To allow infectious disease to run riot in one home imperils every home. The vehicles for the conveyance of disease germs are legion. If we may so speak, spiritual microbes, also, find numberless vehicles for their transport from soul to soul, carrying their infection everywhere, unless the stringent laws of spiritual sanitation and health are everywhere strictly observed. Each individual life is affected by those subtle, interacting, spiritual forces set in motion by the rest of the lives of the community and of the race. So also is each life contributing its quota to the production of those influences that are affecting all other lives.

We are coming to realize that these inalienable relationships have a wider sweep, and their influences a wider reach than ever before, and that their sphere is rapidly widening every day. In no former age did life touch life so widely over the earth. Before the days of the utilization of steam and electric power