

and grace. The weak suffer for the strong, the strong suffer for the weak, and the good suffer for the bad, and this last is the highest expression of love. Without shedding of blood there is nothing good in the world. There is no real literature, no great work done, no true life spent and no salvation without shedding of blood. The first thing man needed in the world was Christ. Behind and within the Cross there is a great truth speaking of one Father and Saviour of all men. The mystery of the Cross has healed the breach which sin has made and brought you from your wandering into the court of the palace of the King. Divine love has linked you to God. Christ poured out His life without reserve for you, as the bleeding vine gives forth wine. His supreme interest has always been in sinful man. The arms of divine mercy are stretched under the wings of the seraphim, ever ready to receive sinners. The Cross has a personal and spiritual meaning to you since you have learned to say, "Christ died for me." It has taught you that it is not wrath but pardon which is the best attribute of God. It has shown you that service is the law of existence. The prairies have been enriched by the blood of the buffalo, mountains have grown from the dust of living creatures, our death will be serviceable to the world, and the death of Christ is the life of men. By grasp-