

of morality and the dictates of religion. Page 486: We have incessantly exhorted Catholics to enter associations for bettering the condition of the laboring classes * * * under the auspices of religion. Page 489: Especially must there be appeals to the kindly assistance of those who rank, worldly wealth and culture give them importance in the community. If their help is excluded, scarcely anything can be done.—C. H.

CHARITY.—The apologists of the present system of society are constantly lavishing praise and giving publicity to the rich exploiters who donate a few thousand dollars to charitable societies, but never say a word about their methods of utilizing every opportunity of exploiting their employes.

They are ever ready to try to blind the masses to the fact that in a society justly organized and in which wealth is equitably distributed charity would be known no more.

They claim the false idea that donors of charity are animated by the highest motives and that they give because they are good and sympathetic souls. The fact is that even criminals have been known to aid their victims, but never desist from plying their trade.

I challenge any admirer of charitable institutions to prove on psychological grounds that donors are not acting from purely selfish interests.

Philanthropists take delight because there are so many victims to whom they can dole out a few crumbs in order to inspire respect for themselves in their victims, but never assume any responsibility in helping to usher in a state of human relations where charity will be known no more.

If they were really high-minded and noble souls as they are claimed to be then they would not obstruct social progress as they almost invariably do, but would remove the cause of the curse of charity.

Charity is not a cure of social ills. It rather tends to drive society into the very depths of disease. It removes a few social sores temporarily, but drives the disease internally and thus intensifies it a hundred-fold. It is simply an inoculation of a mild form of a disease for a greater.

The fruit of a social system which necessitates the giving of alms is weaklings, weaklings and underlings, who seek succor, support and salvation. It kills individuality and personal initiative and fosters dependence and humiliation.

Therefore, it is the duty of all liberty-loving souls to enlist themselves for the noble work of removing the social system which makes such miserable conditions possible and to inaugurate a new system of society, a society wherein each and every individual will be given a chance to develop his or her highest and best.—Sam Druck.

JEWS AGAIN. — The Jews have suffered so much and often that the following few words should read monotonously. But, pardon me, "they" are torturing us again with new tools of torment, and to an extent unparalleled before. Now it is in the territory of the eastern battlefield, where the Israel of Russia has been fenced in, and through which the grand duke is at present hurriedly leading his equally grand armies homeward.

There, through the one year of this world war the Jews' lot has been their most terrible. Because they are Jews their homes have been openly sacked their men shot and hanged and their women shamed. Jewish property has been freely confiscated by the Russian officialdom, and both warring sides have found it profitable to tear from the indigent Jews of Poland and Galicia its last provisions. Thousands are dying from need, and I know this because by heart and my own blood are there in the killing clutch of hunger.

And then the Polish patriot has al-