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FOREWORD

The labor problem may be considered with regard to conditions or theories or duties. The relation of Christianity to the labor movement is essentially ethical and is here discussed chiefly in that aspect. Hence conditions and theories affecting the labor problem are not treated exhaustively, but only in those essentials in which the conditions create and the theories may explain the duties in view. To enforce the urgent social mission of the Church, to indicate the critical duties thrust upon us by the labor problem, to mark some paths toward timely social service, are the purposes of the present study of Christianity and the Labor Movement.

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