

SOCIAL CRISIS COMING.

Rev. Alice Wright Predicts It and Discusses "Class Antagonisms."

New York, May 10.—A very large congregation gathered in the Universalist Church at Mount Vernon on Sunday morning to listen to a powerful sermon by the Rev. Mrs. Alice R. Wright, the associate pastor of the Prospect Heights Church, Greenpoint, Brooklyn. Mrs. Wright is a young and very pretty woman, and has a voice full of eloquence and sweetness. Her topic was: "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind," Ephesians, iv., 23.

"She said in part: "The signs of the times point to the fact that we are moving toward one of the greatest crises which are marked by the elimination of conditions which the race has outgrown; one of those evolutionary steps which cannot be passed without a contest, in which only the fittest principles can survive.

"The industrial depression of our time, together with the impetus toward liberal thought and better intelligence, have combined to bring about a condition which cannot be overcome by any force which aims to reduce things to their former state.

"We have come to the point where our American civilization must enter upon a new stage of advancement. The question is whether this movement will be attempted in the same way that past ones of like nature have been, through violence and shock of violence and force of arms, or whether it shall be accomplished by an evolutionary growth of thought and development of power which would mark man's rise from the animal plane, where brute force controls all progress.

"For while we see on every hand blind and mistaken efforts forming into organized antagonisms, classes and trades consolidated in order to oppose other classes and trades, in the belief that they are conserving the best interests of present needs. At the same time there is a deep and growing sentiment of human brotherhood and consciousness that there is no possible self-preservation through race preservation, that society, in the words of Henry Wood, is an organism in which the office of each member is unlike that of any other, and when one suffers, from wilful or ignorant neglect to perform the duties of his office, all must suffer.

"Beneath all the mistaken methods of labor unions we find the great principle, as yet undeveloped, which is expressed in the motto of the A. R. U. 'All for one and one for all.'"