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verse that I just read from John verse 9 of chapter 4 of I John, "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten son into the world that we might live through him." In many a section of the world people have killed others with hardly a thought about it. Many times in the past, and even today in some sections, but as a result of Christianity there has come this idea of importance of every individual, but ^{alas} ~~the last of this~~ idea is being carried out of all proportions in some circles in our country today. People are murdered on the streets and the sympathy of the people of judges, even of the Supreme Court seems to go to the murderer rather to the people who are murdered, and the others who are put in jeopardy as a result of laws not being enforced. God has commanded that they who murder, they who destroy the possibility of true love that they should be removed altogether, but now there are big movements in our country to do away with capital punishment all over. This is defiance of God's law. It is having all your sympathy for the murderer, and none for the mass of people who deserve to have the security and protection. That is not true Christian love. Christian love, however, is stressed repeatedly in the Scripture, and it is vital and we should learn to show it more and more and as I say, it is one of the great proofs of the truth of Christianity the way the true love is for the oppressed, love for the downtrodden, love for those who have been unfortunate, ~~and has~~ has been a by-product of Christianity throughout the world to such a great an extent. It is strange how blind people can be to this sometimes. I have been much interested lately in reading The Tree, the autobiographical works of Pearl S. Buck, the life of her father which she called the fighting angel, and of her mother which she calls the exile, and a running sketch of her own life which she calls my several wars(?), and it is interesting to see how this woman brought ^{up in} ~~out~~ a Christian home, a child of one of the most devoted missionaries, perhaps, in history, one who was so devoted