

RESIST NOT EVIL. By *Clarence S. Darrow*. Chicago: The Hammersmark Publishing Co. 1904. Pp. 179. Price, 75 cents.

Mr. Clarence S. Darrow, an author of no mean power, has been so influenced by Tolstoy that he adopts his theory of non-resistance and applies it to all the several provinces of life. He depicts his views in an interesting booklet entitled *Resist not Evil*, in which he claims that the nature of the State is usurpation. He says:

“Every government since then has used its power to divide the earth amongst the favored few and by force and violence to keep the toiling, patient, suffering millions from any portion of the common bounties of the world.”

Our armies have no other purpose than to sustain the government in its unjust policy. Our government therefore is sometimes to be despised and condemned, and especially its theory of crime and punishment is to be abolished. Mr. Darrow says:

“The student who is interested in the subject of criminology, and wishes to carefully investigate crime and punishment, will find that most of the great historians, philosophers, and thinkers will amply corroborate the views herein set forth, as to the cause of crime, and the evil and unsatisfactory results of punishment.”

His main principle is expressed in the concluding words:

“Hatred, bitterness, violence, and force can bring only bad results—they leave an evil stain on every one they touch. No human soul can be rightly reached except through charity, humanity, and love.”
