

## INVENTORS AND MONEY-MAKERS

biologists would promptly challenge the assertion. But the conditions of the environment have altered, under multiform and mysterious influences, combining to bring an unmistakable strengthening of those traits which go with the wider self. A stronger sense of social sympathy enfolds us all. This was the great moving force in the social legislation of the nineteenth century; probably it will be a force of even greater power in the present century. It is not to be expected that it will affect what we call private affairs as much as those which we admit to be public. But under the subtle influence of a pervasive sentiment of interdependence and of spontaneous approbation for public-spirited action, greater regard for the general good may be expected even in ordinary pecuniary operations. Business will not necessarily remain solely business.

It is easy to be frothy on a subject of this sort. A friendly minister of the gospel once wrote me, in criticism of some utterances of mine on a wages dispute, that this whole