

been neglected, we find him upon a higher plane; but not until the spiritual has been properly developed along with the others do we behold the perfect man. The great want in the world to-day is a higher culture of man's spiritual nature along the line of the life of our Great Example. With an equal training of the whole man, the higher will always control the lower, and with this proper culture man would be walking with his God, and fulfilling His purposes.

#### THE DEVELOPMENT OF MANKIND.

In harmony with the development of the individual man, we see the development of the world of mankind. In the earlier stages of man's existence, and with the lower types of civilization, to-day we find an indifference to the sufferings and calamities of their fellow-men; wars, and wars in which physical strength decides the battle, and "wallowing in all the carnalities of the world." But out of this we see coming a higher plane of life. The intellectual is gaining the ascendancy, and dominating physical forces. We have wars yet, to be sure, but wars in which mere physical strength does but little in deciding the struggle. Science is searching out the laws by which all things are governed, and powers which lie hidden in nature, and the intellect of man is harnessing, controlling, and adapting these powers to the uses of mankind, and thereby superceding the physical. This, in fact, is the *intellectual age*. Not that we have not had now and then a nation, or now and then a people, which were highly intellectual, in the past. I can mention Egypt, and Greece, and Rome, as being such; but I am speaking now of mankind as a whole. These were exceptions. They were but rounds in the ladder, up which mankind was climbing to a higher plane.

These ages overlap each other, and already we find ourselves on the verge of the *spiritual age*, with the vanguard already entered. Individuals and small communities have been reaching

these heights for centuries, but the mass of mankind has been lagging far behind. Religion has had much to do in the world's progress, and in it we can see like development. A casual observer may not fail to note that there is constant and gradual change taking place in religious thought and action. Old ideas are passing away, and others are taking their place. Churches are outgrowing their creeds and articles of faith. The "Orthodoxy" of to-day was the heterodoxy of fifty years ago, and the heterodoxy of to-day will be the orthodoxy of a few years hence. These are not merely changes—they are advances, and advances along the lines of the law of development, which is the law of God.

When the masses will have attained the same spiritual heights which the noble remnant have already reached, how changed will this world be! With the spiritual faculties fully cultured and developed, intellectual and physical forces will be wholly turned toward the welfare of all mankind. There will be no more "wars, nor rumors of wars." The mighty forces which are now displayed in building battle-ships, and in sustaining immense armies for the destruction of man, will be diverted into channels for man's preservation. The energy now employed to degrade man, by the liquor traffic, the opium traffic, the production of tobacco, and all else injurious, will be exerted for man's good. Human life will be regarded, and the command, "Thou shalt not kill."

Is it not to be deeply regretted that men of the finest intellect are using their powers not for the repression of evil, but for its promotion, and all because they have neglected the higher culture—the culture of the soul? None of us may see the day when the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of God and of his Christ, but it is in the power of each one of us to hasten the time. That time shall come, and is growing nearer and nearer, but all are retarding its ap-