

preached individual righteousness, it is true, but which fell back paralyzed before the great problems of the day, by offering merely individual salvation as a remedy for collective wrongs. He found the church bought and delivered, bound and gagged, to the plutocracy. He found ministers in deadly terror of the dread powers of plutocracy, and forced by their fears to cringe to the men Jesus denounced, to turn away from the themes which besieged their consciences for treatment, and to talk the milkless dogmas of theology, or preach around and around the living truths of to-day, in such terms that overfed and drowsy wealth might nod in the pew in ignorance of the diluted radicalism dribbling feebly from the pulpit.

"From his pulpit, he told the living truth—and he was made an outcast and a pariah. Some may say that he went down; but I tell you that he rose to the life of a prophet. As he lay in death—murdered by the plutocracy he had assailed—he said the words I shall give you as his last message. 'Do not fear,' said he, 'we shall not fail. There are too many who know the truth!'

"There are, indeed, too many who know the truth! The nations of history have fallen because they had not the social conscience which impelled Emerson Courtright to leave all for its sake. We have it. Thank God—and thank such men as he who lies before us, and those who shall follow after him—we have it. The reign of Mammon is drawing to a close. The new Reformation is at hand. The mouths of men will not always be stopped. Divine truth will conquer, even where it is at first unrecognized because it comes not from that spurious Ark of which they