

certain fact that millions have loved, and millions are loving, the Father and Son sufficiently to strive with all their hearts to conform themselves (by God's grace) to all Christ's teachings; and that multitudes in all ages have demonstrated the power of Christianity over the heart and conduct by enduring for its sake the greatest possible hardships, sacrifices and sufferings. It is interesting to note that every form of Christianity has had its martyrs for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As to Christianity being a hindrance to the well-being of the race, as some allow themselves to think or say, the proposition sounds supremely absurd to most men of fair minds, whether they are Christians or not. Thomas Carlyle did not believe in Christianity as a revealed and supernatural religion; but he said of it: "The Christian religion must ever be regarded as the crowning glory, or, rather, the life and soul, of our whole modern culture." So Matthew Arnold, though very far from being an orthodox Christian, had such words as these to say of the Christian religion and its influence: "Men are not mistaken in thinking that Christianity has done them good, [are not mistaken] in loving it, in wishing to listen to those who will talk to them about what they love, and (they) will talk of it with admiration and gratitude. . . . Chris-