

THE WORLD PROBLEM

the summer and revivals in the winter; the time of a simple theology and a mighty spiritual experience in religion. An experience clearly defined as conversion at first, to be followed by entire sanctification, or holiness of perfect love, as a second blessing; both to be received by faith, realized in a sense of pardon, purity and power, through the operation of the divine Spirit. In the atmosphere of this revival age the pair were blended together in a common experience of this second spiritual renewal. And they lived it out to the end of their lives. To have been born of such parentage and brought up in such a home was a privilege and a responsibility which loom large with the passing years. The old Hebrew who wrote,—

"Behold, I was brought forth in sin,
And in iniquity did my mother conceive me,"

may have been telling the truth about himself and of many another, but it certainly was not true of children born in a home of holiness and conceived of a mother in purity. At least so thinks a son of that German carpenter and of that English mother. From parents and home atmosphere there came an impulse towards holiness and loving service only. Anything different or inconsistent with that came from pure ignorance, want of early teaching and contact with evil men. It was, unfortunately, the day when child-nature and child-nurture were not studied, and when the "evangelical revival" neglected ethical training—a condition of things accountable for much. There was the silent moving picture of living loved ones, surrounded by an influence inescapable. But instruction had to filter into the child-mind from family worship, "the droppings of