

My Neighbor

world, condensed, defined, formulated, vitalized in the life of the city.

"Here religion finds its test, its travail, its triumph. Can the gospel be commercialized? The city will give reply. Is there power in spiritual motive to deal with materialism, with goods, with recreation, with luxury? The city is the final test. Do truth and righteousness belong to the realm of fancy, or are they the pillars of human society, of the home, of the community, of organized government? The ultimate demonstration is in the city. Has Jesus Christ a place among men—not alone for blessed walks with disciples in quiet roadways, but for breaking bread for hungry multitudes? Let the city answer. The city is more than the hotbed of revolution; it is the fiery furnace for the test of faith; it is more than the hope of Democracy, as one has recently called it; it is the ultimate arena of the successive conflicts of the Christian faith with the power of the world.

"If the new civilization is to be mastered by Christ, the city must be taken for Him."