

zeal for the complete in-bringing of their Saviour's reign, when the kingdoms of this world shall have become the kingdom of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Is it asked, in what manner are we to expect this great socialistic reformation to be brought about? Will it be effected by trades unions, and strikes and conventions, or by secular education and acts of Parliament and war? No, emphatically no. We answer it will come gradually. While it is true that the visible manifestation of the King himself in the end will be a stupendous crisis—it is so described in the Word—yet the law of the kingdom meanwhile is that of gradual growth, like a grain of mustard seed. This, too, is the lesson of the history of the last nineteen centuries. The social fabric has been steadily improving, but not by leaps and bounds. Mankind move slowly. They are intensely conservative in their vices and virtues. They cling tenaciously to ancestral beliefs and customs. And they are, withal, gregarious, inveterately prone to follow leaders. This it is that makes history little else than a record of the doings of remarkable persons—demagogues good or bad in their smaller or greater circles. How impressively this is seen in stories of the monarchs and warriors of Ancient Egypt, Assyria, Greece and Rome. The feats of Achilles and Ajax, and the wisdom of Ulysses are painted in glowing colors. And even now hero-worship continues.

But sociological advancement, the movement onward and upward, is, at bottom, not by aggregates, but in the line of personal freedom and reformation. The change for the better is first personal. It is wrought slowly and silently by the intellectual, moral and spiritual forces of true education which seeks above all a change of heart and the adjustment of man's relations to God. Hence they err egregiously who think that all that is needed is scientific light and more perfect organization. To organize and aggregate evil units will not diminish the evil. On the contrary, by the law of conservation and correlation of force, it will intensify it.

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