

THE VISIONS OF YOUTH

mutually respectful, and reverent to the eternal things of righteousness.

(It would, of course, be idle to disguise, and our young generation will mistake to their bitter disappointment the signs of the time if they are unprepared to find, that such a catastrophe as the war stunts the faith and dulls the life of many, leaves them incredulous of spiritual power, and either listlessly or defiantly acquiescent in the empire of force and selfishness. I assume that the coming time will be one when the battle of goodness and progress will be a hard one to fight. I only reckon upon the quickening and gathering of the forces which are to fight it.)

Unquestionably there is a disposition to believe that with love as talisman and key, greater things can be done than heretofore, better social conditions worked out, the scale and power of motives altered for the better.

Such a thing as the movement throughout education to teach by eliciting and stimulating rather than by inculcating and compelling, is one instance of this which is full of promise. Another (though these channels badly want flushing by more spiritual force) is the change of prison methods in the direction of restoration by humanizing influences to manhood and self-respect. But these are only instances. The larger underlying feeling is that of desire to be rid of ways of thought and speech which interfere with a genuine respect for the value of human personality in all, and to see what more and better can