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TREADING THE WINE PRESS ALONE.

Verily the possibilities of this life are almost if not altogether lost sight of.

Because of a mysterious, mystical something that men have hitherto scarcely dared utter or write about, the mighty possibilities of the human life have been dwarfed and sacrificed. We refer to the mystical divinity of Christ's idea.

Because of this mystical something, the benefits accruing to mankind from the "treading the wine press alone," seldom if ever become matters of realization.

Because of this mystical something, the supernatural character of the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ has been and is largely lost sight of.

What James discovered in the early days of Christianity, viz., that "the friendship of the world is enmity with God," few if any in this generation discover.

Enthusiasm and excitement, glitter and tinsel, reason, rant and ritualism abound. Triumph of principle, overcoming of temptation, development of character,

victory of conscience, have been the exception.

In some unaccountable way, the followers of the most unpopular man of His day have become the most popular men of our day. Failure by Christians to live righteous lives by the year has become so universal, that there is grave danger that the standard of righteous living will be lost sight of. Universally, the creeds of Christendom are silent as to the possibility of living righteous lives by the year. The creeds all permit the thin edge of the wedge of traditionalism on this matter. Sin men have, sin men must, sin men do.

All modern Christians have come unsullied through the lesser temptations of this world. Upon such the common trials incident to the Christian life have little or no influence.

But it is also universally true that all Christians have arrived at a certain stage in their progress—to a certain point of elevation where there has come into their Christian life one trial of pre-eminent strength—one test of overwhelming power, one temptation of irresistible might—a temptation through the most powerful passion of the soul, of the weakest point in the character, applied in youth, in mid-life or in age.

The result has been invariably final. By the outcome of this test, the character for both time and eternity has been formed.

When the besetting sin was avarice, pecuniary profit has been secured at the cost of, it may be, the very slightest departure from righteousness. He did not stop at this juncture to consider, "what will it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

When ambition is the besetting sin, when the applause of men is as the breath of life, popular favour has been secured by, it may be, the slightest deviation from the path of rectitude. He did not stop to consider when tempted that "the friendship of the world was of necessity enmity to God," that by the sin of ambition fell the angels.

Those for whom neither the applause of nations nor the wealth of the Indies have attraction to draw from the line of