

THE WORLD PROBLEM

it is claimed, holds the key to the solution of the difficulty. It is the record, through many centuries, of the evolution of the vision of intensely devoted men who sought the way of salvation for man, for nations, for the world of mankind.

Some who have studied the book have been transformed and have done much to transform society. Others, who claim to follow it, are leagued with all the forces of the abnormal, and exploit the advantages won by the first, to plunder the world on a larger scale and to develop the abnormalities of wolfish greed in commerce and industry, in war and destruction, far beyond the imagination of the nations which have developed for ages without the book and its teachings.

The Bible has brought salvation to many. Its indirect benefits are beyond compute. Its silent leaven in all lands is preparing for revolution. But it has not overcome the brute in man as a society. The so-called Christian nations are rotten in their conditions within and are world-plunderers without: a travesty of the thing for which the Bible stands. Society is founded on selfishness; diplomacy on deceit; commerce on mutual plunder; industry on the exploitation of the poor; in the eyes of the law property is infinitely more valuable than manhood; education is a mechanical drill for material success; politics is the science of over-reaching the other party; international comity is expressed in growing armies and navies, the expenditure of the energies of millions of picked men and of thousands of millions of dollars of the people's money—a hell of defiance and force—in the sport of the spirit of greed and plunder: eternal war in an age of peace. The most religious, the most “Christian,” empire leads far in