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SHOULD MEN BRIBE THE DEVIL?

All men of years and experience know something of the insidiousness of sin, whether they call it by that name or some more modern designation which would seek to explain "sin" away.

What is true of experience of the individual life is usually found to apply in the social and national. In the main, the community conscience reflects that of the individual persons who make up the community, and often the public conscience is ahead of the individual in what it will tolerate or condone. But there are times when the community conscience may be misrepresented by the officials or representatives who happen to be temporarily in office or power; and then a question arises as to how long the mass of the people will remain ignorant of, or indifferent to the attitude of those who are supposed to represent its mind and to be working to carry out its will in matters making for the welfare and progress of the commonwealth.

Though our Magazine is affiliated with a college and a denomination, we are interested in the work of the whole christian church. Our ideal of service has to do with "Social, Literary, and Religious" questions, and we write not from a ministerial, but from a layman's point of view. We are interested in the ideal life, but we resent the suggestion too readily made by some men of affairs that that need involve taking less interest than others in the practical conditions of life. While we do not write ministerially, on the other hand we believe that ministers and kindred workers—who are often men who have first graduated in other schools of experience—are sometimes unfairly accused of ignoring "human nature" and the hard facts of life, etc., by men who themselves are apt to err by letting the practical unduly dominate the ideal instead of making the practical the means of working towards the realization of the ideal.

C. M. Wright, the Presbyterian minister at Fort George, British Columbia, has been saying some plain things at the Toronto Assembly about the district in which it has been his lot to work for over two