

HOW SHALL THE NEW DAY COME?

And yet, within all the split-up forces that claim to follow the Christ, there are growing multitudes of normal people, who to a large extent have imbibed the spirit of Jesus and personally follow Him, or, under the enterprises of all the Churches all over the world, are living the Christ-life and doing the Christ-work, making the Church, though imperfect, still worth while as a teacher of more than she practises, as the birthplace of individual saints and workers, in spite of "the iniquity of our holy things." But the woe of it all is the inefficiency of the whole conglomeration of split-up sectarian hosts of workers amid boundless equipment in a hundred separated camps—utterly hopeless as a world-force—in face of the world-movements towards war, war—industrial, social, and the hell of preparation for a colossal, bloody, relentless strife to kill and slaughter and devastate on the most scientific principles, and on the most terrific scale.

The power of the invisible "Methodist" Brotherhood, namely the men and women quickened by the Evangelical Revival in all the Churches, produced the force that cleaned out the curse of African slavery, the African slave-trade from the empire, and turned the power of Britain into a protectorate of the African people against the slave-trade of the world. That practical, ethical power should have gone on until it had overthrown all forms of slavery, of mammon, of privilege, of alcohol, of lust, of every wrong against the people. And it would have thus gone on, but for the lack of the spirituality, or of the "courage or the genius" to develop the deeps of the "depositum," which, according to Doctor Dale, of Birmingham, would have changed the face of the world, would have changed the trend of