

resurrection is to be found the source of the church's life and power, in His teachings and example are to be found the truths by which that life is to be moulded, and the principles by which that power is to be directed. Thinkers on social themes of all shades of opinion resort to the sayings of Christ as the best court of appeal. Even those who disbelieve in the Christ, regard the precepts and example of Jesus of Nazareth as the highest pinnacle of wisdom and virtue. Best of all, multitudes of humble souls, who win no notoriety, are asking earnestly: What would Jesus do in our circumstances and with our problems? The extent of this feeling is strikingly exemplified in the reception given to the Sheldon books. An English paper, quoted by the Missionary Review for November, 1899, is responsible for this statement: "The most remarkable feature of the present 'boom' is, of course, the amazing success of Mr. Sheldon's books. About twenty publishers are publishing sixpenny novels, and quite fifteen of them are turning out 'What would Jesus do?' and the half-dozen companion books. There has been nothing in the present century like this sermon story. It has sold in literal millions, 3,000,000 having been sold in this country alone, (much increased by latest returns). . . . In less than six months the circulation of 'In His Steps' has far surpassed the total circulation of Mrs. Henry Wood's novel in forty years! 'East Lynne,' which has had a bigger circulation than any other English copyright novel, has only reached 480,000 copies, and it is said that the total number sold of Wm. Black's novels is not more than 300,000. 'Three Men In a Boat,' a remarkably popular book, reached 160,000; 'Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush,' 90,000; 'A Prisoner of Zenda,' 70,000; and 'The Christian,' the most popular book of 1897, sold to the extent of 123,000 copies in that year. But how paltry these figures are besides Mr. Sheldon's millions!" I received, a few weeks ago, an advertisement of these books which was accompanied by the statement: "Over 6,500,000 copies have been sold." The figures are stupendous, but the spirit they manifest is more wonderful still.

This movement has great possibilities. If the writings of