

even the seekers after that oft-times find it unsatisfactory when it comes.

The cynical may ask: "Are we to choke out ambition from our lives?"

The fallen Wolsey said: "I charge thee fling away ambition; by that sin fell the angels."

The ambition for personal greatness and glory is the fell disease which is gnawing at the vitals of our civilization. We need a reform which will plead that life may be looked at from a different standpoint; that the egoism of to-day may give place to a true altruism in the future. Now our institutions are being undermined by the attrition of selfish elements at the foundations. What fills our legislative halls with men utterly unfit to make the country's laws? It is greed. Greed for power on the part of the representatives, and greed for some franchise or favor on the part of their constituents. It is deplorable to think how very few serve their country from disinterested motives. The grasping, greedy spirit of mankind is appalling.

In the business world, too, "man tramples on his brother man." The greed for power and greatness has filled the country with life destroying monopolists. They roll along the modern car of Juggernaut and crush to earth myriads of their brother men. And still the slaughter continues that a few, at the expense of the many, may enjoy greatness and prosperity. Here, again, the world's false standards appear to free the powerful ones of guilt. Ages ago, Socrates said to Callicles, "yes, the greatest are usually the bad for they have the power," and it seems equally true at the present time. The miserable footpad who "sand-bags" a fellow man on a city street and relieves him of the worldly goods in his possession, when caught is brought to speedy justice; while the grasping monopolist and the soul-less corporation oft-times take the bread from the hungry and manhood from the worker, and the world smiles approval and pays homage to these land sharks.

The desire for greatness seems insatiable, and so did the desire for slaves in the south of ante-bellum days. But there arose from the people a seer who rid the country of that mighty evil. And shall not some force rise up to crush the former selfish love from mankind's heart? Surely He who formulated the teaching of the Golden Rule will save His creatures from this cursed foe. A better era must be at hand, a new century in which the "lean kine of self interest will not devour the fat kine of brotherly love." And may the