

ened their faith. Miracles were not then considered difficulties, nor were they said to mar His beautiful teaching; they were not hindrances to the progress of faith but the reverse; and Divine power worked according to the faith of men. His disciples then had faith in Him, and were ready and willing to follow His directions.

Why do not the miracles of Christ impress us to-day as they did the men of old? Why do they not rouse in us the same confidence?

Perhaps it is because we are so familiar with the description of them as given in the Gospels, that the language of the New Testament has in part lost its meaning for us.

Perhaps it is because nineteen centuries separate us from these mighty works, and we of to-day have no personal experience of such things. Yet we claim to receive the Bible as true, and profess to have received the account of these things from faithful witnesses,—from men who would die rather than deny these things. If we believe the miracle of the Incarnation or of the Resurrection there should be no difficulty in believing these other signs. In the nineteenth century as in the first, the miracles of Jesus should reveal His glory and bring His disciples to faith in Him.

What do these works of might reveal? They reveal the power of God in Creation to-day. The Creator has not lost control of the world He created. The Maker of the universe is still its Preserver. The growth of fruit and grain, the power of wind and storm, are controlled by Him. We believe in no idle God, and the miracles of Jesus reveal Him as controlling nature.

They reveal that we are dependent upon a Heavenly Father for the supply of our daily necessities. The multiplication of loaves is going on now, the turning water into wine,—of mineral products into vegetable products,—is going on constantly. He who has given us life and a body, provides us day by day with food and raiment.

Miracles of healing manifest the works of God. Sight and hearing are Divine gifts whether they are ours from birth, or whether they are granted some years after birth.