

## THE REMOVING OF MOUNTAINS

would have us suppose, ceaselessly reproach us for trying our own experiments. The only trouble is that we remain leprous and impotent, and in all our afflictions God is suffering too. Is it not time to give the river of God's all-purifying kindness a fair trial ?

### THE SURE REWARD

Just as we all know that we ought to do right and not wrong, so we all know, instinctively and simply, that in any line of action man is invincible if God is with him. Old battle-cries bear witness to this belief. It has filled every missionary who has carried his religion into dark places. When we call God by the names of Beauty or Truth or Love, we find the same instinctive belief in the servants of art or knowledge or political reform. That all things are possible to him that understands God, or gets into line with nature, is both a primitive and a modern notion. It is not difficult, but easy, to make it the central thought of our religion. What is required of the Christian is to understand God as the world does not understand, to get into line with human nature as the world cannot. This will bring about such a revival in Christianity as has come in the department of physical science with the understanding of the right method of learning. We all know, if we look into our hearts, what the result of such understanding of God and man would be. Within us all there is some impulse that bids us rise and greet as true all those splendid forecasts of social regeneration which come ringing down the ages.

Consider the intimate story of a man who, having been carefully trained in that version of the Christian doctrines current in the last generation, renounced them one by one as he came to maturity, and drifted, professedly godless, far out upon the sea of irreligious thoughts and activities, until, dissatisfied, he came, by circumstances I need not detail, to devote a few minutes every morning to the contemplation of a spiritual power