

his individual taste than the Anglican: he liked the lilies on the simple desk and says "that there was always at least one good sermon, this floral homily: always one good prayer, the brief space when all were silent after the manner of the Friends in their devotions." The Anglicans too, recognize silent prayer in their most solemn offices such as the ordination service. After speaking with much discrimination of both churches between which he allows his charming heroine Iris to divide her spiritual affection, he most characteristically says "I suspect if one of the good people from each of these churches had met over the bed of a suffering fellow creature, or for the promotion of any charitable object, they would have found they had more in common than all the special beliefs or want of beliefs that separated them would amount to." He thinks "the fruits of the tree afford a better test of its condition than a statement of the composts with which it is dressed: though the last has its meaning and importance, no doubt." He makes one of his characters, the little deformed gentleman say that "Christianity is the flag under which the world sails, and not the rudder that steers its course": and who shall say that there is not much truth in the accusation: and which of us will not earnestly strive that so far as he himself is concerned and that circle which he can influence be it parish, or neighbourhood, or college, this shall not be so; that as for us we will not only say the 'Lord, Lord' of correct belief in so far as we may, but also 'do the will' of Christ so far as we can discern it, however hard that will may be, and whether it lead to the arid wastes of Africa, or the snows of the lonely Hudson Bay, or to still more discouraging work in the slums of London or New-York! We have varying types represented by Holmes, as in the case of the Divinity Student who thought he had a private property in truth with the right to warn off all trespassers: and in the young churchman who loved his church because he thought it had educated him out of its own forms into the spirit of its highest teachings. But we think that in most of its forms at least we have the expression of its highest teachings: hence we deprecate the dropping of its forms lest we should with these forms drop the substance and grasp the empty image! Let us be careful of the proportion of truth; I can see no reason why faith, hope and charity should not grow equally and at the same time in the same soul: as we guard the light and reflect the light, let us also live in the light that we