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asked, what about the present, and what about the future? Will there ever be another revolution, or reformation, or social and religious upheaval? Is there need that a more adequate and spiritual manifestation of Christianity should appear again to-day? Or have we, in this twentieth century, reached the climax of all progress and development? We look back on former centuries and wonder at the patience of suffering multitudes enduring conditions of grinding oppression and persecution so long, and we wonder also that those who ruled in church and state were so slow to see signs of the times when the day of providential deliverance was drawing near. Is it possible that later generations will yet look back on us and wonder at conditions that are tolerated in our day, and wonder too at our slowness in discerning the direction of the divinely ordered current of events? And we reply, that we believe that we have to-day all of the underlying conditions of a revolution that will shake organized society as thoroughly as the great Reformation shook the nations of Europe four hundred years ago, and it remains to be seen whether we shall be any