

power in personal concerns, and to view with comparative indifference great moral questions. Many Christians seem to give largely and to make great exertions in defence of the Sabbath, to further the temperance cause, to help the poor, to support missionary enterprises, and for many other praiseworthy ends. But the very best of them would multiply their gifts and efforts a hundred fold to defend a personal right or avenge a personal injury. The greatest difficulty imaginable is encountered in arousing the Christian public to a sense of duty on great moral and religious questions. Christ's doctrine and practice are a standing rebuke to such a spirit. If we were like Him, our spirit would be meek toward personal injury but blazing with anger against moral wrong; careless about our personal concerns, but burning with holy ardor in the cause of truth. And before our Christianity can be the power it ought to be, there must be something like an approach to Christ's ideal in these vital matters.

III—CHRIST'S PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH MEN.

His spirit is best described in His own words: "I am meek and lowly in heart." It is only by the spirit of meekness that the church can grow. Meekness has been spoken of as a power; more correctly it is the spirit which gives scope to other powers. Without it, the power of the Holy Spirit is impossible, knowledge and genius are of no avail. With it, the Holy Spirit will fill the soul, and will employ our powers and attainments for the salvation of men.

Its spiritual value is well illustrated by its power in the world. Christ said: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." On this passage, Bruce comments: "The men who suffer wrong without bitterness or desire for revenge a class who in this world are apt to go to the wall. In this case we should have expected the Teacher to end with the common refrain: theirs is the kingdom of Heaven, that being the only thing they are likely to get." Jean Paul Richter humorously said: "The French have the empire of the land,