

this incident? A question has been asked of the Prime Minister in the British House of Commons with regard to a forgotten prayer attributed to Archbishop Cranmer, and in reply he formally commended it to the attention of the nation. Let me read it to you.

"The earth is Thine (O Lord) and all that is contained therein; notwithstanding Thou hast given the possession thereof unto the children of men, to pass over the time of their short pilgrimage in this vale of misery: We heartily pray Thee to send Thy Holy Spirit into the hearts of them that possess the grounds, pastures, and dwelling places of the earth, that they, remembering themselves to be Thy tenants, may not rack and stretch out the rents of their houses and lands, nor yet take unreasonable fines and incomes after the manner of covetous worldlings, but so let them out to other, that the inhabitants thereof may both be able to pay the rents, and also honestly to live, to nourish their families, and to relieve the poor: give them grace also to consider that they are but strangers and pilgrims in this world, having here no dwelling place, but seeking one to come; that they, remembering the short continuance of their life, may be content with that that is sufficient, and not join house to house, nor couple land to land, to the impoverishment of other, but so behave themselves in letting out their tenements, lands and pastures, that after this life they may be received into everlasting dwelling places: through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Is not this significant? It is a prayer for landlords. But the plea for merciful consideration, for content with a *sufficiency*, applies to all classes. It is curious what different standards rule in different sections of the community. There is an evolution in our ideals, and we may already see in certain professions the first peepings of the tender shoots of a new morality above the hard crust. The clergy have always by courtesy been considered to sacrifice themselves and starve their families on a pittance for love of their work. A doctor would feel himself dishonoured if he withheld his services, at all events in emergencies, till he had exacted the largest fee his patient was capable of paying. I will not venture to trace the first stirrings of the higher conscience among the lawyers, though tactful research would doubtless reveal something. And you pay us teachers a high compliment by assuming that it would derogate from our dignity if we consented to accept a salary much more than would cover your cigar bills. It is only in the world of business that, as one of my young friends pathetically put it, 'you must always be scalping the other fellows.'

Besides, gentlemen, this game of heaping up millions beyond the dreams of avarice begins to show signs of being played out. Fifty years ago there was some glamour about the ambition to make a million. But