

social unrest, and the impatience of labour with palliatory measures of reform. In the eye of the worker the "Golden Calf" is the great desideratum in life. In the acquisition of wealth he anticipates the happy solution of all his problems. Wealth and happiness become synonymous terms. That is the sum total of all he has been taught. The captain of industry becomes his hero. The thinker, the artist, the scholar are almost beneath contempt—men who live in garrets and starve. The only true measure of the value of a man's services is the material compensation he receives. The parson is just tolerated, looked upon as a bit of a crank, receiving the proverbial pittance and raising a large family on nothing, cheerfully serving his Lord and Master. And a certain section of the press of the country plays up these false ideas to the very limit. The men whose comings and goings are most carefully recorded, whose opinions are so respectfully solicited on all subjects, the men whose pictures most frequently adorn the front pages of such papers, are, almost invariably, the prosperous men. When Governments accord public honours, how often do they come the way of the humbler, but greater citizen? It is wealth, or the faculty to acquire wealth, that is most frequently the subject of public applause and public recognition.

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Perhaps man was not intended to be happy and contented. Maybe the mainspring of all human