

feet." This is the consistent note of our Lord's life. "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister."

We have been brought up in a generation for which the highest good has been expressed in the idea of "getting on." Youth has been urged to acquire and develop the "will to succeed"; and this is the mainspring of competitive commerce and industry. For in the realm of material things the will to succeed involves the will to beat others in the struggle for wealth and power. We have frequently been taught that there is "plenty of room on top"; but we know quite well that the way to the top is over the failure of other people. It would be a mistake to suppose that Christianity despises achievement; it certainly does not,—only it interprets achievement in different terms from those of the world. The kind of achievement which Christianity exalts is not personal success in the acquisition of wealth or fame, but success in service. Over against the will to succeed it sets the will to serve. And even if we have not acquired the will to succeed there are few of us who lack the will to stand for our rights, as we call them. It is the characteristic of the natural man that he is always more concerned for his rights than his duties; and he is always ready to square up to the man who infringes what he considers to be his rights. But all this emphasis upon rights is simply a phase of self-regard; and it is nearly