

Humanity is not an aggregation of angelic beings. It is a vast horde of beings with wondrous destinies slowly being realized against the down drag of evil and the blinding power of sense. The movement upward seems slow, but a comparison of our age with any other age, shows a long and sure advance in all that makes for human betterment. Our very discontent is born of that richer Inner life which has outstripped our social machinery and cries out for a truer environment in which to realize itself. To blame the imperfections of Society on the church is to assume that man may leap into perfection in a single day, and because he has not done so, Christianity is to blame. History teaches clearly that progress upward is very slow, and if Society is still imperfect it means that we need, not less Christianity, but more.

This is the challenge of the present Crisis to the Church, and if the Church does not respond, civilization will go back a thousand years.

FACTORS IN THE CRISIS.

Before the Church can meet the Crisis she must understand what it is.

And first—It is a universal recognition of the value and rights of the individual. This is the key note of the Gospel. Till Jesus came men were viewed in bulk, only kings and great men mattered. But he taught the individual man that he was a son of