

elap of thunder, crashed forth a cheer which shook the vast edifice to its foundations!

That was the most significant cheer ever heard in the world. I regard it as an event of the age. Yes; and the priesthood must restore the Christ to His place, and the Church to her forceful simplicity, if priest and millionaire would not be swept away together.

Some reader may imagine that my arraignment of the churches is confuted by the high condition of Christian nations as compared with the rest of the world. This is no refutation. It merely shows what a mighty elevating force Christianity is, even in its lame and enfeebled state. But even in the best of Christian communities crying evils abound.

We have good laws; but is society always just? Are the very best of us just to the fallen and unfortunate? A young woman trips and falls: is she ever forgiven, especially by her Christian sisters? No. So far as is in their power she shall not rise up again in this world. And how fares her seducer? Not at all badly. He is smiled on by these same virtuous ones! Herein is a crying iniquity in a Christian land, and done by Christian people. When did society ever say to such a one, "Go, sin no more: we do not condemn thee"? Never. It embraces the man: it crushes the woman.

"But," you will ask, "what has the Church to