

The interesting thing is that they came. From whom? There has been my trouble to decide very often.

In writing the last chapter, for example, I spoke of their being too much time devoted to palm waving and twanging of harps, and as an illustration I had partly written "We are something like Sterne, who whined over a dead donkey, and neglected to relieve a living mother, when we go into raptures over the future and neglect our fellow beings." Then it struck me that although the illustration was good in one sense it was bad in another. It is not exactly right to speak of joyous anticipations of heaven in the same breath as whining over a dead donkey. Who suggested the illustration so apt to express my meaning in one sense but of such bad odor in another? I know.

"Their defence of the present condition of affairs is neither more nor less than the outpourings of impudent rascality." Where do you suppose the last four words came from? I was thinking over social problems one day and they came on the brain as the French did. For what purpose? Sent by which side? Does it do any good to tell the truth to the millionaires and their educated lackeys, or is it just as well to smile and let the children die? We know what the truth is. After accepting the gospel doctrine are we supposed to speak out or to hold our tongues? Where do you suppose "educated lackeys" came from? It was down before I thought of it, but it is true. Does it do any good to tell the truth or shall we smile while scoundrels bribe and the children die?

Grand, indeed, will be our destiny if we receive the Gospel of Christ as little children and live as He would have us. If we lay aside this false, intellectual pride which has ever been the bane of the human race, we shall likely enough look back over our life on earth after we have crossed the line that separates us from the invisible world and wonder at our folly in priding ourselves upon the petty scientific triumphs that charm us now,