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CHAPTER XII.

THE APPEAL OF RELIGION TO MEN.

The Rector was poring over a chess problem when the Doctor appeared the following week.

"What!" he cried, "chess? [illegible] that rather too secular for a parson."

"This problem is too tough for any parson," admitted the Rector.

"You can't growl at it as one can at golf," rejoined the Doctor. "You clergy, nowadays, seem more inclined than ever before to take up secular sports."

"What induces you to call sports secular, Doctor," asked the Rector.

"Well, I rather think of week day pursuits as secular."

"If you mean that secular things are ungodly or unbecoming a religious person, I must disagree with you as to the use of the word. While it is apparent that certain things are sacred, it is not quite so certain that all things not distinctly sacred are secular or ungodly. There are many pursuits that contribute to one's spiritual power. Proper recreation, for example, which keeps the body in good condition and maintains health, may be a real contribution to man's spiritual efficiency."

"I never did quite see the relation between spirituality and ill health," admitted the Doctor.

"There seems to be a popular delusion," said the Rector, "that the religious person is slightly lacking in robustness and vigor and is inclined to a certain mildness in action and thought. It is all nonsense."

"But is there not some trait that marks the godly man,"

"There are several. A real courage in the face of the trials of this world; a responsiveness to the higher calls of duty; a consideration for others which marks the nobility of the gentleman; a sensitiveness to eternal values in life's experiences; and a sense of God's law and love."

"I rather thought the godly man was the man who engaged in church work."

"Church work is merely one expression of man's godliness. You are dragging about a lot of old notions in your head, Doctor," said the Rector, earnestly. "All work has its spiritual aspect. The man who runs a factory or a store, or who works at a desk or at a bench, is as much engaged in processes which have spiritual interpretation as the man who runs a church society. He is engaged in making some material things or in directing some forces which contribute to the sum total of human resources. Ultimately, every human effort is designed to affect the lives of people. An engineer builds a bridge with the expectation that someone will travel over it. Consequently every man who builds honesty into the fabric of his creation, justice into his relations with men both immediate and remote, and uprightness into his affairs, and who emphasizes by his action and speech the principle that money or gain is not the only, or perhaps the vital part of life's transactions, that man is contributing to the spiritual wealth of the world.

"Your profession, Doctor, and every man's vocation or trade, has in it a large element of ministration to some human need. That is why work is not secular, in the sense of being ungodly, but has some sacred element.

"This attitude toward the world would change our whole conception of life. You find life very interesting, do you not, Doctor."

"Immensely," asserted the Doctor with vigor. "Every day is a new world."

"In times past there has been an attitude toward the world, especially among religious people, that to me has bordered on superstition. It has been thought that the world was like a quagmire, through which men must struggle as best they could, in order to reach the other shore. A man in it must work, to be sure, but that was but a concession to necessity and part of the hindrance to the religious life. The secular things were thought to delay and obstruct and corrupt the religious nature. Some hymns reflect this attitude. 'I'm but a stranger here, Heaven is my home. Life is a desert drear, Heaven is my home.'"

"I know those hymns," put in the Doctor.

"They are susceptible of a higher meaning, but literally taken they express a feeling that life is a pretty sad affair, and that the world is hopeless. Now to me such a point of view seems utterly lacking in understanding of what the purpose of God is. I can hardly conceive it to be consistent with God's love or mercy or justice, to create a race of men on the earth, and to make them creatures dependent for long years upon the environment and resources of earth, to plant desires and aspirations in their natures, and then to arrange that earthly occupations and earthly activities are entirely destructive of their souls."

"It does seem rather lacking in love," said the Doctor.

"I believe quite the contrary to that which I have stated," continued the Rector. "I know that men fall short of perfection, but I believe that the proper use of the world may contribute spiritual fibre, religious content, and moral substance to life. A man may grow in godliness, even though he finds a method of expressing it in so-called secular pursuits and relations.

"And I believe that our Church has this same attitude. It does not look upon your secular pursuit or recreation as a concession to worldly necessity, but as a sphere of action, normal and useful, in which your spiritual nature finds a field of exercise, of discipline, and of growth. I believe that there is many a man, doing fine service in shop and office, who is in a much nobler relation to the will of God than he realizes."

"But some men are far from that ideal, you must admit," urged the Doctor.

"Some men are pure worldlings. They have staked their all on the rewards of time and sense, on material possessions and sensual gratifications. They have not only bartered eternity for a few selfish years, but they have sunk the nobler satisfactions of life for a few worthless toys."

"But the others. Why should they go to church."

"They should go to church because the Church respects them as men of action, doing useful things, and the Church will give them that appreciation which will keep them steadfast. They should go to church because they there will be constantly reminded that their uprightness and honesty are worth while. Because they will there learn the larger, more lasting and satisfying relations of their lives and ac-

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