

wisdom. Egotism and self-deception will blind our eyes and work an injury. The first step in a remedy is to see ourselves as we are—to see existing conditions as they are.

DIFFERENT VIEWS TAKEN OF IT

We have the optimist who believes that things will right themselves automatically, and no good will be accomplished by a discussion of the subject. He is usually one who is in good circumstances and considers, selfishly, his own environments. When sick, physically, he wants a remedy and applies it, but being healthy, industrially, he has no use for a remedy. His prototype lived at the time the Dark Age was casting its black shadow over the then civilized world. The broad-minded man, in good circumstances himself, looks unselfishly on the condition of the human race and takes an interest in the problem of mankind. We have the true optimist who realizes that the situation is serious and yet has hope or confidence in an efficient remedy being worked out.

The pessimist has a fair or an exaggerated idea of the evils existing and is despondent as to any favorable outcome. Many to sustain themselves bodily, or being naturally depraved, join with the wrong-

doers; while others, inspired by innate honesty, will go on to the end doing right, but with no hope of a favorable reformation. Many pessimists would be optimists if they realized there was hope and a remedy; and that they could help work out the remedy.

The state of mind that is best to establish, is that of the intelligent optimist who sees clearly the true situation, does not close his eyes to any of it, realizes that it threatens the overthrow of civilization, is looking for a remedy, a practical remedy, believes that there must be one and when found will help apply it. There is an inertia and indifference constituting another class of people and the remedy should be one that interests them and gets their attention.

THE FORCES FOR GOOD

Contending against evil and aiding in relieving the suffering it is producing, are hundreds of thousands of noble men and women. A sprinkle of statesmen in the congresses and parliaments of nations are doing all that their environments will permit of. The churches are trying to eliminate evil and are appealing for peace on earth and the establishment of the golden rule. The Young Men's and the Young Women's Christian Associations, the Christian Endeavors, Sisters of Charity, the Red