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"Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?"

"The Father, abiding in Me, doeth His works."

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THIS little book embodies the results of an independent attempt to trace the practical effects of the Christian Faith upon the condition of man. It has been the writer's aim to present to every-day readers, in a concise form, a collection of facts and considerations which no impartial judge of the claims of Christianity can afford to ignore.

Some of the ground traversed has been more closely surveyed in Brace's "Gesta Christi," a valuable and laborious, though not always accurate work; to which, however, the present writer is in no way indebted, as it was not brought under his notice until after the following pages were in print.

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CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY.

FROM the beginning it has been the fate of Christianity to encounter continuous opposition; but the grounds of objection to it, the method of attack, and the degree of hostility with which it is assailed, are continually undergoing change. Objections have been urged against it, because it points to a God Who is a Spirit: because it claims to be supernatural: because it refuses to take rank on a par with other religions: because it declares the Bible to contain a Divine revelation: because outrages have been committed in its name: because its demands are too exacting. Physical Science, Literary Criticism, Ethnology, History, Fiction,—through each of these is the assault delivered, until it has become, so to say, an attack along the whole line, urged on with all the force that organized co-operation can give to the power of pen and tongue.

These several objections have been submitted to repeated examination in detail. The acutest intellects have exercised themselves in making minute