

duties? Have you admired him for his skill and thought him the type of industrial perfection? There are hundreds of such men in almost every community; and though some of them are true types, many of them illustrate perfectly this very evil of irresponsible power. The hand is indeed skilled but there is no heart back of it. How to get the weekly stipend and how to spend it are the absorbing questions that shut out all higher considerations. No thought here of intellectual development, no thought of country or of fellow-men, or of God—only of self; an industrial giant, an intellectual and moral dwarf.

The growth of individualism, so perceptible in our modern life, is a legitimate result of a growth and exercise of patriotism. This self-development, however, is but the first step. The theory of individual rights, so triumphantly established in 1775 and again in 1863, leads on, in the evolution of humanity, to the spirit of fraternity,—the brotherhood of man.

Social equity, the relations of industrial to political life, and most imperative of all, the relation of individual to individual, are the questions that cry today for a solution. They cried out at Homestead, when misunderstanding, ignorance, greed, fanaticism met in deadly struggle. They cried out when Jay Gould died, leaving an accumulation of wealth beside which the treasures of mediæval Venice would pale. A cry, not because he called that wealth his and grasps it even from the grave, but he amassed it regardless of his fellow man's needs and claims, and disposed of it without a sign that he recognized any brotherhood in his humanity. Each day there goes up to Heaven the cry of misery and suffering wrought everywhere in the earth by the unthinking intellect and the hardened spirit upon our brothers—the miserable.

All things and all thought are comprehended in these three—nature, man, God. Natural laws are simple, harmonious, unyielding; human laws, conflicting and com-

plex; divine laws, infinite, and difficult for human comprehension. For five thousand years men have been patiently seeking the clues to natural law. Today a few have been grasped: some feet are passing across the threshold into the realm of Nature. Two thousand years ago, because, I believe, God knew that divine laws were too infinite and difficult for man to comprehend without clearer help from Him, the Christ came, and when he had said, "One is your Father, even God," he had unwrapped all mysteries and declared the brotherhood of man.

The national character must be nurtured intellectually and morally, so that every man, woman and child will appreciate the inestimable value of the birthright America has given to all her children, of political and religious freedom and equality before the law. Too many today would sell this birthright for a mess of pottage; too many are ignorant of their privileges and of their opportunities; too many would forget to be patriots and ignore the claims of brotherhood to secure selfish ends. Industrial and political problems are fast approaching each other, both in different ways, hampering the march of social progress. How shall the confused, conflicting claims of capital and labor become reconciled? Into the raging, seething cauldron of the present what potion shall be poured that shall unify it, yet leave its components fit for grander uses in the future than their past has known. Is not this potion found when, to the patriotism of the fathers we add a faith in the brotherhood of man, strong enough to serve as a working rule for every problem of national and civil life?

With the development of the industrial world, conditions are growing favorable for an international, world-wide commonwealth. The whole world's intellect and heart and soul are responding, with vibrations more and more distinct, to the magnetic touch of industrial progress. The nations are being woven together into an inseparable, eternal union of strength and peace. Commerce, industry, social intercourse, and literature are