

be met. We neglect any part of it at our peril. The nation is one; disease or weakness in any member affects the whole body. Take, as an illustration, the laws by which we are governed. In a democratic country the laws must represent the average of the people's morality. If below the average there will be a greater weight of public conviction against them than for them, and they must come up. If above the average, there will be a greater weight of sentiment against them than for them, and they must come down. This average will be determined by intensity as well as by numbers; a few earnest people will wield a stronger influence than a multitude of indifferent ones; but somewhere near the average the laws must rest. Any section of the country or class of the people neglected will lower the standard over the whole land. Disease tolerated anywhere will spread everywhere. Human life cannot be kept in separate compartments, sealed against each other. Conditions in the remotest corner influence conditions right to the heart of the nation. Therefore no necessary work must be left undone. Wherever the need appears, and in whatever form, it must be met to the full. What we have done is only the beginning. As soon as possible plans must be formed for work on a far wider