

between rich and poor, since Dickens introduced the people of England to the aristocracy, and taught the latter to sympathize with their poor brethren. If ever a man loved the poor and understood them, that man was Charles Dickens; and few have done more to lift the lowly into the regards of those whose education and position enable them to render to the needy efficient help. Perhaps in all England there was no one who wrought harder than Dickens. His immense mental toils he relieved by a daily walk of twelve miles, holding this to be essential for the preservation of his health. All his life he lived by rule, and was most simple in his habits. Accurate, methodical, doing his work with his whole strength and soul, grudging no labour to make that work perfect, he conquered success as much by patient toil as by great natural gifts, and illustrated the truth that the greater the genius the greater need for hard work. Speaking of his manner and personal appearance, Arthur Helps, Secretary to Her Majesty's Privy Council says, : "His was one of those faces that require to be seen with the light of life. What portrait can do justice to frankness, kindness and power of his eyes. They seemed to look through you, and yet only to take notice of what was best in you and most worthy of notice. And then his smile, which was most charming. And then his laughter, the largest and heartiest kind, irradiating his whole countenance, and compelling you to participate in his immense enjoyment of it." I close this brief tribute to his memory with a quotation from Dean Stanley's sermon in Westminster Abbey, on the Sunday after his funeral. "Through his genius," said the Dean, "the rich man fairing sumptuously every day, was made to see and feel the presence of the Lazarus at his gate." "He laboured to tell us all, in new, very new words, the old, old story that there is even in the humblest and worst of mankind, a soul of goodness and nobleness, a soul worth redeeming, worth reclaiming, worth regenerating; he laboured to tell the rich and the educated how this better state was to be found and respected even in the most neglected Lazarus; he laboured to tell the poor no less to respect those better placed than themselves. And if by any such means, he who is gone has brought rich and poor together, and has made Englishmen feel more as one family, he assuredly will not have lived in vain, nor will his bones have been laid without cause in the resting-place of the great ones of the English nation."

The fine tribute of the Hon. Mrs. Norton to Charles Dickens will appropriately close this paper :

"Not merely thine the tribute praise,
Which greets an author's progress here;
Not merely thine the fabled bays,
Whose verdure brightens his career;
Thine the pure triumph to have taught
Thy brother man a gentle part;
In every line a fervent thought,
Which gushes from thy generous heart;
For thine are words which rouse up all
The dormant good amongst us found,
Like drops which from a fountain fall
To bless and fertilize the ground."