

rendered and on the other into a desire to forget the sacrifice and heroism which conserved our liberty and rights so that the true expression of the present condition of social unrest and the sense of unequal opportunity is found not in "man's a man for a that", but rather in the mournful dirge:—

"But, Oh! what crowds in every land are wretched
and forlorn;

Through weary life this lesson learn,
That man was made to mourn."

Humanity cannot lift itself by its own bootstraps. For however much the times, the customs and manners may change human nature in the raw is always the same. The human flock always needs leadership, therein lies the danger of democracy. In Scottish Rite Masonry we believe we have the men best fitted to be leaders of their kind; men of vision, men whose sympathies are broadened and deepened by the teachings of the fraternity patterned as they are upon the life of Him whose last act of love and sacrifice we symbolically observed last Thursday and to-day the culmination and fulfilment of His claims. It therefore should be ours in these days of evil, of stress, of social unrest and of industrial mistrust to smooth out the furrows of disagreement and plant in the heart of the nation the seeds of a bright tomorrow when staggered humanity shall again have brought its manhood to the plumb line and learned to trace the bow of promise from earth to heaven, and having washed its garments from the grime and dust and bloody sweat of a mighty warfare against not Hun only, but greed and materialism emerges