

his conscience? Is he true? Does he hate
unjust gain?

"What constitutes a state?

Not high-raised battlement or labored mound,

Thick wall, or moated gate;

Not cities proud, with spires and turrets crowned;

Not bays and broad-armed ports,

Where, laughing at the storm, rich navies ride;

Not starred and spangled courts,

Where low-browed baseness wafts perfume to pride.

No: men, high-minded men,

With powers as far above dull brutes endued

In forest, brake, or den,

As beasts excel cold rocks and brambles rude—

Men who their duties know,

But know their rights, and knowing, dare maintain,

Prevent the long-aimed blow,

And crush the tyrant while they rend the chain;

These constitute a state;

And sovereign law, that state's collected will,

O'er thrones and globes elate,

Sits empress, crowning good, repressing ill,

Smit by her sacred frown,

The fiend, Dissension, like a vapor sinks;

And e'en the all-dazzling crown

Hides his faint rays, and at her bidding shrinks."