miles. Government and literature, and language, and art, and hence our Society also, are deeply colored by their long flow amid the fields of human infirmity.

It is time to dismiss our theme for this afternoon. From the text and from all human history read the lesson that charity is one of the fundamental laws of life. It is made a perpetual law by the perpetual sorrows of earth, sorrow of sin, sorrow of ignorance, sorrow of poverty. And it is made a perpetual law by its reflection upon the mind that lives its life. No one can be called educated if in his bosom there does not flow, or has not flowed, this wonderful sentiment. That virtue which gave Christ His halo of light, and which now enthrones Him in the world's love and worship, is a virtue of which no human heart can empty itself, without leaving the soul only an empty urn where flowers might have been. The wonderful deeds charity has done for the multitude do not surpass the marvellous transformation it has always made in those who have done the deeds. Wilberforce, not only delivered slaves from bondage, but, in the same ins-

tant, himself from all littleness. While the slaves rose up in a song of liberty, his spirit rose up in a divine grandeur. Grace Darling not only dragged the drowning out upon the sandy shore, but her girlish arms, in the same instant, dragged her own heart out upon the shores of immortality; not the immortality of fame, but of her own intrinsic worth. Thus Christ, when He lived and died for men, not only raised the lost world up to blessedness, but lifted himself up also to a blessedness above and beyond that of humanity. In view, therefore, of the inequality of human condition, you will not dare slight this great equalizer of religion, and education, and happiness. They that have must share with those who have not.—this is a vast law that enters earth's darkness and makes it radiant in the light. And you will not dare rob yourself of the divine character which a charitable life will bring. Educated out of this atmosphere, man is only a brute.

"In Faith and Hope the world will disagree, But all mankind's concern is Charity."