

by them, not wholly by the politicians. But in new communities like ours, where the atoms of society are very shifting, where there are no strong family or local ties, or even old commercial firms, men having made their pile, as the phrase is, are naturally tempted to go and enjoy it where it can be best enjoyed, perhaps in European cities where society is most brilliant and all the services are most perfect, without much consideration where or by what hands it was made. There is a continual rush of wealthy Americans to the pleasure cities of Europe, which must leave serious social gaps, besides taking away a great deal of wealth. Often these people are munificent in their gifts to charitable institutions, but gifts to charitable institutions will not make up for the absence of the natural leaders of society from the post of duty.

Of this, at all events, we may be pretty sure: in October, when the meetings of the Conference will commence, the saying that the poor we have always with us will not be much less true than it is now. The world is not likely to be re-made in the interval by a wave of any legislator's magic wand. Amidst all the noise and smoke of political, social, and economical war, Charity pursues her quiet course, appealing to the feelings that unite, not to the passions that divide us, and satisfied with the comparatively humble task of providing shelter for heads which must be sheltered, and food for mouths which must be fed.