

been put asunder, though God once joined them together. But it is beginning to be felt that the place of the Christian religion is everywhere, and its time always, and its rule final ; that it claims a man's heart and obedience in the counting-room or the corn-field as well as in the church ; that it says with celestial mandate, Love, obey, and be happy, on Monday or Saturday, as on Sunday ; that it goes with us when we mingle in the social group and raise the joyous laugh, as much as when we follow, slow and sad and tearful, the bier of the dead ; that it stirs at the heart when we hear the cry of distress, and extend the hand of help, as when we burn with enthusiasm for the right or with indignation at the wrong ; that it smiles in our greetings of happiness, and flashes through our reproof of sin ; that it ascends the halls of legislation as well as the closets of devotion ; that it guides the casting of a ballot as much as the giving of alms ; that it governs the voice of the speaker, and the pen of the writer, and the working of the press, and the spade of the laborer, and the needle of the housewife ; that it teaches in our schools, trades in our shops, toils in our fields, muses in our studies, presides in our assemblies, inspires our social scenes, and sits chief in the temples of justice and cabinets of rulers, as much as at the altars of worship ; that, in short, it reigns over the arts and occupations of men in all their boundless variety ; that its demands are always and everywhere consistent, and that it resolves with a beautiful simplicity all our duties into supreme love to God and impartial love to man. Thus universal, practical, and progressive is Christianity in its application to the conduct and character of mankind. It would make the whole earth one sublime sanctuary of worship, the