

To-day we answer from our New World home,  
As here we dedicate this modest shrine  
To letters ; praying that from thence may come  
From Wisdom's ample page a light divine ;

Giving free converse with the good and wise ;  
Free access to the thought-illuminated page,  
Whence still to latest times, in living guise  
Shall speak for all, historian, poet, sage

Nor grudge Romance's quaint beguiling mask ;  
Let Truth the masquerade of Fiction wear,  
To ease the toil-worn labourer at his task,  
And with the charm of fancy banish care.

Make Knowledge ample as the air we breathe,  
Its influence free as is the light of heaven ;  
As He whose rain and sunshine all beneath  
Unstinted share , so let soul-light be given.

Spread wide the historic page to ardent youth ;  
With liberal hand to manhood give the right  
To drink deep draughts from the pure wells of truth.  
Hasten the coming time : Let there be Light !

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