

to themselves the direction of its political power and social influence. I know of no country on earth in which this has been done perfectly. Perhaps more nearly in Great Britain than anywhere else, but even there only approximately. Yet it is the duty of all educated men to labor for its realisation. To do this they must be active, earnest members of society, unselfishly doing much only because the social welfare demands its being done. Not wise merely for themselves ; which kind of wisdom Lord Bacon says is not that of an angel or a man, but the wisdom of the rat, which runs from the falling house. The smallest thing on earth is the man whose education having enabled him to take an expanded view of God's universe ends by centering his vision upon himself.

To those of a different spirit I address myself and proceed to indicate a few of the duties which I think the special characteristics of the age impose upon them.

1. TO BE EARNEST STUDENTS OF SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY.

The science of the 19th century is not Geology nor Chemistry, but Social Philosophy. This is the subject of all others that has enlisted the widest and deepest interest, in connection with which there has been the most discovery and improvement, and which is most rapidly growing in magnitude. It is a trite but nevertheless important remark that the subjects of public discussion in the present day are mostly new, peculiar to our age. In legislative halls, popular assemblies, lecture rooms, Reviews, Magazines and Newspapers, many topics are now most earnestly discussed which are of recent origin. They are the wise or foolish, practicable or impracticable projects and experiments of Social Science. In the category we must include Socialism, Communism, St. Simonism, Chartism, Education and Temperance, Women's Rights Conventions and Early Closing movements, Factory Labor bills and Emigration, Poor Laws and Criminal Statutes, Reformatories and Ragged Schools, Public Libraries and Working Men's Clubs, Baths and Wash houses, Model Lodging houses and Savings' Banks, Parks, Museums, Galleries of Art and Schools of Design, City Missions, Industrial Exhibitions, and hundreds of other matters. Social Science is continually adding to its list of topics and the number of its ardent votaries.