

God." There are things, quite as essential to the prosperity of a people as brotherly affection, however intense and beneficent, however active and unstinted it may be. There are other things, without which, the funds of all benevolent societies, if multiplied many thousand times, would be lavished in vain and fall on the hungry waste, fruitless of any extensive and enduring results. The righteousness by which, it is said, a nation is exalted, the manly earnestness and moral illumination that spring from regular devotion to religious duties—the true gain of godliness, the ready obedience to law arising from thoughtful conviction of its perfect necessity—Christ's portion for Cæsar, these are words of God by which men have always lived and by which alone they can live rightly—the oracles that are ever floating down to us from the throne of the Almighty for our instruction. Nor do I believe that they have here fallen upon unattending ears. It would be hard to forget, standing in this place, how much has been done by Christ's Holy Church for our people's redemption in the life of time and to the life eternal. But what is all that has been done, to what remains to do? Oh ye undying souls of men, when will you grasp the true idea and collect your strength for the work of the task that is given you. For your own sakes—for the prosperity of your brethren and companions—yea, for the sake of the house of the Lord our God, do all good with all the will and power that you have. Amen.