

however, if he has a social conscience, may hesitate before he bequeaths powers of great social mischief to his idle and profligate son.

As to the brood of financial brigands, generated in an age of the greed attending vast speculations, it is to be hoped that public justice is on their track. But public justice to be effectual must be impartial. There will be no reform if, while the common thief goes to jail, the thief the extent of whose marauding and whose guilt are far above the common, can be received again into society and even welcomed back to his seat in the Senate.

That wealth or accumulated wealth is in itself an evil, let cynics or poets say what they may, will hardly be said by any one who asks himself how without wealth and accumulated wealth there could have been any great undertaking, it might almost be said, beyond mere self-sustenance, any undertaking at all.

The heirs of wealth, on the other hand, if they tender their own safety in these troublous times, will try to make their privileges less invidious, at the same time elevating themselves and enhancing their enjoyment, as they would,