

organized societies, that renders him powerful, and enables him to give effect to the advantage of his superior intelligence. Supposing it possible for man to revert to the solitary habit, he would soon revert to the status of the gorilla. Every conquest of man over other animals, and over natural conditions, has been due to specialization of employment; and specialization is not possible except in social life. When life is lived in solitude, or in pairs, everything that is necessary for preservation and survival, must be done by each individual or each pair; and excellence is unattainable, for want of devotion to any one thing. In an organized society, functions are divided; and by the devotion of some members to one mode of action exclusively, that mode of action is better performed. When some collect food and others fight, both the collection of food and the fighting will be more efficient, than if all had to divide their time between collecting food and fighting. And there are innumerable modes of action that could never be performed at all, if leisure for some were not provided by the exertions of others. If every man had to collect his own food, protect his own family,