

our works ; that not to him that says, Lord, Lord ! but that to him that does the will of our Father in heaven, is the heavenly portal opened. The institutions of society are reformed, and based more on the law of right and love. Old abuses are tottering to their fall. The school-house is taking the place of the prison. The hospital is built where once stood the gibbet. Men have got tired of war, and have gone to work. They are learning that the best way to cure evils is to prevent them. The literature of the finest geniuses runs more in a Christian vein, and thus the pen is working with the plough and the spindle and the sail to make a happier earth. The question more and more rises to the heart and to the lips, Why, when men stay in this world so short a time, should they take so much pains to make one another unhappy ? They are looking more to see how gently and patiently and sweetly the great Exemplar of goodness lived on the earth, and, amid wrong and outrage the most deadly, was still ever scattering flowers, not thorns, in the path of human existence ; was giving here a word of comfort, and there a deed of kindness ; making his miracles mercies ; always seeking to soften and sweeten sorrow ; and giving up life and all things to teach men to deny their passions and love one another.

In the progress of his divine principles over the errors of the past, his Gospel is now aiming to cover and control the whole sphere of society, to be the witness and friend and counsellor of man in whatever station he may be placed. Too long has its practice been inconsistent, and its profession formal. Too long has it been restricted to Sabbaths, and shut up in churches, and buried in forms and ceremonies. Too long has life and life's law and love