

Duty of a student, duty of a teacher, duty of a citizen, duty of a ruler, duty of a soldier, and duty of a commander all bow to the same principle, a principle of the highest consequence, pervading human life.

We cannot rely upon our intentions, as they mean only what we propose to do; neither can we depend upon ambition, as it means what we covet to do; nor yet upon sentiments, that which we please to do; but to accomplish our purpose consult with duty that which we must do. The superiority of intellect, financial strength, military or civil positions cannot justify us in neglecting our duty. Study the biography of the most illustrious men, and trace the cause of their success and happiness in life. A Socrates can even refuse the offer of his pupil for his safety, rather than to disobey the laws of his country; a Gladstone who even for his belief in justice can sacrifice the highest position that British Empire can offer; and a Nelson, who, in spite of his naval genius, can declare his conviction that the victory of Trafalgar was dependent upon individual effort and duty, and inspire his sailors with that memorial sentence, "England expects that every man will do his duty." Should we not modify this, therefore, and make it to read: Society expects that every man will do his duty whether on the field, or at the desk, or in the shrewd conflict of bargain. How many of those busily engaged in commercial life ever think of their duty to their country and humanity? The age in which we live has reached the point of culmination in industrial progress, and we feel proud of such

material advancement; but what is the consequence? Every spare effort is spent in discovering secure methods of establishing industrial tyranny. Who ever thinks, whether by enlarging certain branch of profession will deteriorate the interest of others? So long as the increase of wealth is secured it makes no difference who suffers! The motto of the present age is: Mind your own business and leave others to take care of their own. We frequently read and hear democratic organs denouncing all forms of monarchial government, condemning the amount of authority vested in a sovereign; thirsty with the sentiments of equal rights and equal protection to all, and on the contrary, behold the prevailing influence of industrial despotism! Destroy the existence of an autocratic government, and substitute a still more forcible tyranny of a material object, and let that govern the hearts, the minds, the thoughts, the actions of the members of the community. Let the sugar, oil, and coal trusts, after destroying the living of many intermediate dealers, control articles necessary to public comfort, and after putting their gains on sound basis, reduce the prices, making the common people think that combination of capital has increased production, and has decreased the cost of living, while the principal object of trusts, syndicates and similar associations is to procure a universal control of production and establish the sovereign rule of monetary tyranny. Can a keen observer believe that they are endeavoring to promote public welfare, while some of them are making most extortionate profits on commodities pro-