

the shipwrecked, accordingly melt away before the new teachings.

The Roman law wherever modified by the Christian influence, carried down the spirit of the humane teacher through ages of lust, cruelty and barbarism. Along with improvement of the laws in the middle ages, went advance in education.

Christianity opened men's minds to all truth; it produced that humility which is the best guarantee of the intellect against conceit and pride,—often the greatest obstacles to discovery and progress—it withdrew the faculties of superior men from pursuits tending to damage and destruction, towards those which would benefit humanity.

The same result was experienced in the "Dark Ages," which has often been since, viz: that a high moral advance is favorable to the intellect. The natural progress of mankind under the influence of the divine spirit and the instincts implanted in the human mind is towards respect for the individual and towards self-control; and in the preference of the higher and distant good to the lower and present.

When the spiritual and moral faculties and sensibilities are elevated, the probability is that the other faculties of the soul will feel their inspiration, and reason, judgment and imagination be elevated by the same influences.

The influences of the truths preached in Palestine are peculiarly apparent in the gradual diminution or cessation of serfdom and slavery. All the countless institutions of human compassion and charity, which attempted throughout Europe to relieve the horrible misery follow-