

have all a duty allotted to us by our Creator. We have to serve our generation by the will of God.

So clearly has the Creator impressed this duty on the minds of men, that, even without the light of revelation, a heathen could say, "We are not born for ourselves alone." The Creator has so constituted the human race, that every individual is dependent on the services of others, and by this mutual dependence the whole family of man is bound together in the bonds of social union. The King who sits upon the throne is dependent on the services of his subjects, and to secure that service he is bound to serve them. David, the King of Israel, "served his own generation by the will of God." Different individuals have different duties devolving on them, according to the station in which God has placed them ; but none can plead exemption from a share in the allotment of duties. Some may serve their generation by the labour of their hands, some by the superiority of their intellectual faculties, some in ministering to the temporal wants of their fellow men, others in promoting their spiritual interests. Some may take their part in the allotted duties of life as governors, and others as subjects. But all must take some part. There is none so high as to be excused ; none so low as to be incapable.

Some may be raised up by Providence to benefit future generations. By the strength of intellect with which they have been endowed, by their continued application to study, by