

And if the hand thus munificently serves the body, not less amply does it give expression to the genius and the wit, the courage and the affection, the will and the power of man.

Put a sword into it, and it will fight for him; put a plough into it, and it will till for him; put a harp into it, and it will play for him; put a pencil into it, and it will paint for him; put a pen into it, and it will speak for him, plead for him, pray for him.

What will it not do? What has it not done? A stream-engine is but a larger hand, made to extend its powers by the little hand of man! An electric telegraph is but a long pen for that little hand to write with!

All our huge cannons and other weapons of war, with which we so effectually slay our brethren, are only Cain's hand made bigger, and stronger, and bloodier!

What, moreover is a ship, a railway, a light-house, or a palace; what, indeed, is a whole city; a whole continent of cities, all the cities of the globe, nay, the very globe itself, in so far as man has changed it, but the work of that giant hand, with which the human race, acting as one mighty man, has executed its will!

When I think of all that the human hand has wrought, from the day when Eve put forth her erring hand to pluck the fruit of the forbidden tree, to that dark hour when the pierced hands of the Saviour of the world were nailed to the predicted tree of shame, and of all that human hands have done of good and evil since, I lift of my hand and gaze upon it with wonder and awe. What an instrument for good it is! What an instrument for evil! and all the day long it never is idle.

There is no implement which it cannot wield, and it should never in working hours be without one. We unwisely restrict the term "handicraftsman," or hand-worker,

to the more laborious callings; but it belongs to all honest, earnest men and women, and is a title which each should covet.

For the King's hand there is the sceptre, and for the soldier's hand the sword; for the carpenter's hand the saw, and for the smith's hand the hammer; for the farmer's hand the plough; for the miners' hand the spade; for the sailor's hand the oar, for the painter's hand the brush; for the sculptor's hand the chisel; for the poet's hand the pen; and for the woman's hand the needle.

If none of these or the like will fit us, the felon's chain should be round our wrist, and our hand on the prisoner's crank. But for each willing man and woman there is a tool which they may learn to handle; for all there is the command, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

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QUESTIONS.—What great difference is there between the organ of touch and the organs of the other senses? Illustrate this. How does it take upon it the duties of the eye? And of the ear? How does it increase the powers of the eye? And of the ear? What does the hand give expression to in man? What may a steam-engine be considered? And an electric telegraph? And weapons of war? To whom does the term handicraftsman properly apply?

Pronounce in syllables:—Won'-der-ful, tel'-e-scope, e-lec'-tric, pre-diet'-ed, fra'-gran-ce, mi'-cro-scope, tel'-e-graph, im'-ple-ment, el'-o-quent-ly, ab'-di-cate, con'-ti-nent, la-bo'-ri-ous, un-won'-ted, mu-nif'-i-cent-ly, ex'-e-cut-ed, scep'-tre, per-fec'-tion, ed'-u-cat-ed, ef-fec'-tu-al, car'-pen-ter, ex-al-ta'-tion, min'-is-ter, for-bid'-den, sculp'-tor.

## Echo du recensement

Le chiffre définitif de la population du Canada, d'après le recensement de 1911, vient d'être publié: 7,203,837.

La population de la province de Québec seule atteint 2,002,712; celle de la ville de Montréal s'élève à 470,480; celle de la ville de Québec, 78,180, et celle des Trois-Rivières, 13,691.