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### Life and Liberty.

There is a sweet, though solemn, connection between the individual existences which form the aggregate of mankind. Our lives so intermingle that the hopes, fears, passions, loves, interests and longings of each one are but the reflection of similar feelings, swaying the soul of our neighbor, guiding his destinies and making or marring his life. It is strange then that we so frequently permit the harsher judgment to fall upon the beings who are like unto ourselves. We go forth in the morning of life ; around us the bountiful hand of Providence has showered blessings and graces ; the

great cathedral of nature is melodious with the harps of fancy and of inspiration ; but, alas, for the peace whose harmonies are so tenderly touching we permit the narrowing circles of creed and race to destroy the sacred influences which on a rude, December night, were borne from Paradise to soften and soothe the soul of man. If we would reflect upon what life really is, passions would fade away, even as the miasmas are dissipated by the day star. Throughout this wonderful creation, though it sways and throbs forever in ceaseless motion, there is one universal law, supreamer than the many or individual forms of existence or of thought, and that law is the harmony of life, because it is the charity of God. Deep mysticisms and mysterious longings fill the glorious edifice of Love Divine ; and the holy scriptures of a nobler creed than man can frame are written upon each mountain tall, from whose heights the babbling streams rush to the plains below. Each form of life reflects the image of that Providence, at whose fiat light was, and in whose Being light is. All things seem to yearn for a completer manifestation of the glory which was transfigured on Thabor ; and yet as if to mock the universality of that charity which can know no distinction, we erect gloomy forms to fetter the generous hopes and holy emotions that waited upon our youthful steps like the ministering spirits of the ancient prophet.

The philosophy of life teaches us that we cannot labor for ourselves alone. We are the members of a vast organisation which springs into the future, overleaping all artificial barriers and even defying time. The soul is ever aspiring to the greater and the more beautiful. The Perishable it avoids intuitively, because its immortality is founded upon the eternal plan the fruition of which is undying peace. All of those who have showered benedictions upon their kind belong to the vast union of man ; and the blessings they have conferred are not the properties of a class. Hence the necessity of that cultivation of mutual charity which we hold to be the design of God. Liberty to our fellows is a kindly stream irrigating and refreshing the plains of life. It pursues its meandering course, ever and always happy, for as it murmurs its gentle melody, it softens the harsher passions and attunes the soul to a