

DIVERSITY

As every land a charm unique purveys
And genius of each race its gift bestows
To vary the world's beauty and dispose
The heart of man to kindness and praise;
What passion of renown in noble ways
Might kindle keen desire to achieve, that goes
Far straighter to its aim: nor, wasteful, grows
Ever more grudging with the fretful days.
The elm tree measures not itself with oak.
Nor on the stately uplands pine with pine,
Each has its own superb uplift, yet yields
In grandeur to the forest. Palms evoke
An equal love with orchard and with vine
And share the dews of heaven with daisied fields.

UNITY

The call to live or die for freedom, heard,
Brought unity of effort full in play
In splendid sum of energy that may
As stimulus remain, th' inspiring word
By which a waiting world, now deeply stirred,
May grasp and seize before it fall away
A vast potential power; and will to stay
Concerted action, bold and undeterred.
Yet has no individual gift been lost;
Rather each personality has gained
An added lustre in a setting new—
As, linked together, famous climbers crossed
The highest Alps; so brilliant minds attained
In Unity their loftiest point of view.