

range of action. Some things they then deemed lawful to participate in are wrong for us in this period. Not necessary to multiply words, but, for example: The most pure and devout at that time, in which the masses quote as being a perfect type for this people to pattern from, partook of wines, deeming them harmless; now many abstain from them, knowing them to be harmful. The evils of slavery, so long cherished and fostered, is a thing of the past. Equal rights of woman with man is being zealously labored for and growing in the affections of the nation. Education in physical and moral culture, together with God's own divine school in man, witnessed by those under His tuition, furnish us the highest grade of understanding, harmonizing our acts. Herein the alpha and omega of clerical supremacy is known, fitting men and raising them higher and higher, from mansion to mansion, in the house or temple of God (which is man). Each succeeding generation profit by the former. It is continually advancing in enlightenment, effectually ripening the people into the sacredness of toleration and liberty—each worshipping the Almighty in spirit and in truth from the dictates of his own personal conceptions, without hindrance from dissenting tongues. God's school abideth in love, and affection blendeth throneward. National arbitration, in some instances, has taken the place of war, with its accursed entailments; and when this (so called) Christian nation wholly casts her traditional garments, leaving not a shred of semi-barbaric habiliments, and in their place puts on the entire robe of Christianity—allowing Jehovah to preside with our government established upon the Rock (which must be the incentive of all righteous reforms) then will our light so shine that other nations seeing it will glorify God and make their weapons into plowshares and pruninghooks, learning war no more. This illumination from Wisdom will ever continue making the way plain to

the Christian evangelizing the world, when the lesser lights will become opaque. The reason why this nation does not advance faster is because she follows the eras of barbaric and half-civilized codes, from the aborigines down to the Mosaic dispensation of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth; yet claiming possessions in Christ while holding and offering her subjects exceptionable titles thereto. While individual reformers are earnestly laboring, through Divine assistance, to induce the nation to adopt peaceful means in settling all differences: to receive and recognize the seal of righteousness, Divinely bestowed, entitling them to the Kingdom of Christ; when the reins of government may be held and officered, from the President down, having the indisputable seal of the supreme Head legalizing our acts; living harmoniously in God and with man, thereby holding the grandest position among nations.

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