

time and place as God directs. Sometimes the stone which God intended for the building of your life, and to occupy one of the highest tiers, you have taken from its place and put it at your feet, and it has become a stumbling stone. Accept every trial as fitting and use it for your own spiritual uplifting. Lay hold of every duty with a hand of love and the difficult task will become a work of pleasure. Begin by denying yourself and you will finish by forgetting yourself. Self-denial in Christ always leads to glorifying Christ by self-forgetfulness. Godliness always finds joy. When you take the things of Christ into your heart and life you are taking the things which God has touched, and these carry joy everywhere. Add godliness to your patient endurance in suffering, and help complete the chorus of graces which gladden and beautify life.

All the parts of the chorus already mentioned are personal ; but man is a social being, and the religion of Christ has to do with others as well as ourselves, so there are added two social virtues, namely, brotherly love and universal love.

The seventh part of the chorus is love of the brethren. The chorus of the Christian life must not be sung in the cell of a monk, but in the temple where hearts touched with the love of Christ may listen and worship. Love for the