

But in the struggle of the classes no such pretext is urged: it is plainly and frankly an effort on both sides to increase their holdings, to gain a larger share of the things that make life pleasant, and to set up the money standard as the most decisive if not the only means of appraising a man's worth. Nor is this surprising when we consider that so many have lost all thought of a life to come and have never been trained in the Christian virtues which are necessary alike to rich and poor. "When godless schools, moulding as wax the tender hearts of the young, when an unscrupulous press, continually playing upon the inexperienced minds of the multitude, when those other agencies that form public opinion, have succeeded in propagating the deadly error that man ought not to look for a happy eternity, that it is only here that happiness is to be found, in the riches, the honors, the pleasures of this life, it is not surprising that men, with their inextinguishable desire of happiness, should attack what stands in the way of that happiness with all the impelling force of their desire."

It is hardly too much to say that this passion for wealth has brought retribution upon itself, so enormous has been, and yet must be, the expenditure of treasure by the warring nations. What men have earned and hoarded is now being poured out, not to further life but to destroy it, not to equalize their possessions but to increase the world's indebtedness, not to render labor more productive but to make fewer the producers. The facts are surely a strange