

The one great source of evil and of woe ;
Th' exalter of the great, degrader of the low ;
What to the wicked and the tyrant power lends,
Is ignorance—dark ignorance—my friends.
Some other causes there may be,
Which seem to have an agency
In our affairs ; ambition, hate,
Intemperance, and poverty,
By some are stated to be great
Promoters of our misery.
And so, perhaps, it is—and we
The catalogue I clearly see
Might lengthen to infinity.
Our list is short 'tis very true,
But then 'twere folly to pursue
It further—for our present use
It is sufficiently diffuse.—
The cause once found we easily
See and apply the remedy.

Political instruction, then, we need,
Would we be happy, and would we be freed
From tyranny and slavery.
By it to cope with knavery
We 're able, and, we better see
Our rights and wrongs, and understand
How those we must obtain, and free
Ourselves from these with a "high hand."