

No doubt, in some instances, he aims at his moral improvement, and provides for it, too; but we, in our boasted freedom, have less care for those who, whatever we may think, constitute the wealth of our country—which does not consist in houses or lands, or banks or coin, but in population. Why, the newspapers, and the government, and the emigrant agent, will tell you that our great want is neither money, lands, nor houses, but men and women. If we cannot attract emigrants, we might at least preserve the lives of those we have, as long as possible. To preserve our people, is the same as to add to their numbers. The penny saved, is the penny gained. The life preserved, is the life added to our population. On the lower principle of mere political economy, employers are interested in the well-being of the employed. How much more on the higher, that they are all brethren. And how much more on the Christian principle, that if He laid down his life for us so we ought to lay down our—lives? Oh no, simply lay down a decent subscription out of our surplus wealth for our poor brethren's comfort.

Our very freedom militates against our reception of these principles. We are all our own masters. That is our theory. "Every man therefore for himself. I have my interest to attend to; so have you yours." And yet not so—for my interest is your interest, and yours is mine. In the long run this will be found out to be a deep and important truth. It is impossible for me to hurt myself, and not to harm some one else. And it is impossible for any one to hurt me, and not in my person hurt society, and so hurt himself. It is equally true, that to do good to another is to do good to society, and so to benefit myself. This will be found true even in material matters, as a general rule; and it is still truer in moral and spiritual concerns. Our troubles spring from selfishness. When we want to remedy them we apply to benevolence. It is the good Samaritan.

Now, my young friends, who are not yet advanced to the rank of employers, but who some time may hold that res-