

from heaven. The lowest and worst point is turned, and this tyrant power is yielding, heavily and sullenly, but visibly yielding, and let us hope forever, before the vigor of a sound and healthful tone of public sentiment. It is this increasing and fundamental change, by the substitution of the predominance of peace for the supremacy of war, as an element in the construction of society, and as its presiding genius, which I have endeavored to render the prominent feature of this discourse, and would submit as a worthy subject for your sober contemplation. Of such a change these Exhibitions are a loud and unequivocal assertion. The spirit which they breathe, is of a noble essence, combined of patient industry—of high intelligence—and of universal peace. May it be the growing and pervading, and abiding spirit of our country and the world!

I desire to express my consciousness of the erratic and imperfect character of this address; but if I have aroused in any mind—a new or stronger sense of the true uses and significance of life—or touched a nerve of those best sensibilities, which vibrate in joyful sympathy with the enlarged intelligence and moral growth of man;—if to any benevolent, but desponding heart, I have afforded encouragement, that there are days to come, of a riper morality—a more just appreciation of the great and excellent glories of humanity—I shall feel that my labor and your time have not been spent in vain, and be consoled for merited censure, at having so feebly dealt with a prolific and exalted theme.

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