

when upon another occasion he made the proud boast of empire citizenship, saying, "But I was free born!" A nobler charter still is ours who say, "But we are Britons born!"

And now our last word shall be one of encouragement. To us the outlook was never more full of hope. The Lord reigneth over all. Discoveries which lighten the burden of labor upon the shoulders of the overwrought, and all the service science, properly so called, renders to mankind, are part of the ways of God, which He takes for the uplifting of the race.

The world is practically growing smaller, so that the nations which are all of the "one blood" intermingle more and more, and learn one of the other, and being thus drawn together, feel the pulsations of a common brotherhood. Blessed are our eyes for they see "in the desert a highway for our God" made "straight," the valleys exalted, the mountains and hills made low, the rough places plane.

The perfection to which military science has brought all the requisites for war fills the minds of statesmen with the awful spectre of a modern battlefield, and becomes a powerful deterrent against the arbitrament of the sword; while, on the other hand, the sublime example set by the two most potent nations of the settlement of international differences by the Christian method of arbitration will continue to allure nations into the same path of peace.

The prayer we were wont to hear in childhood, "Lord, open unto Thy Church the doors that are closed," is already answered, and now for the Gospel there is a free course everywhere that it may run and be glorified. And answering to the open doors are many hundreds of both sexes of the flower of the youth of the Churches who respond to the cry, "Come over and help us."

Notwithstanding the evils discernible in the socialistic movements of the day, we yet must see that there is a steady advancement of the masses in moral tone, in self-restraint and in domestic comfort; while the doctrine of the greatest good for the greatest number is swaying the minds and the lives of those who are most influential among the leaders of men.

A hopeful spirit of impatience with recognized public evils is manifesting itself more and more, so that great abuses are rectified speedily, and wholesome reforms are set in motion and carried quickly to completion.

Within the Churches, of diverse names, is a feeling after a closer fellowship, which will issue in the closing up of the ranks of the "one army of the living God," for the more effectual waging of the great spiritual fight.

If in an hour of despondency, arising from the religious controversies of the times, the foundation of your faith seem to shift beneath you, as sandy ground by rolling billows moved, remember that there is nothing new in principle in the weapons by which the foundation of your faith is assailed. The Holy Scriptures are still "the impregnable rock." While there is much that checks and chastens our persuasions concerning the subjects of our faith, there is nothing in the whole round of the controversy that can undermine the basis upon which we build our hopes. The negative criticism of the age is as a fire which but refines. The ultimate gain to Christianity will be immense, and the believer's warrant of faith will be enlarged and strengthened; and we doubt not that the present sifting time gives promise to the whole Christian Church of an abundant outpouring of the Holy Ghost, to whom, with the Father and the Son, be honor and glory for ever. Amen.

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