

There are none I know, in sooth,  
Who part so slowly with their youth,  
As men like thee, who take delight  
In helping others to live right.

It was at this period he conceived the beautiful idea of presenting his children with a lasting testimonial of his love in the form of a brief narrative of his struggles.

It has been the author's fortune to see that little work. At the end he found a striking passage. It was a sort of self-communion transcribed as revelation of the inward man, the father, to the children—a retrospect. The liberty is taken of transcribing it here as a fitting ending to the record of the life of a true knight errant of the modern, the true chivalry :

“In looking back over the fifty years of my life now past, I rejoice that my lot was cast in a full period of mighty events and the fulfilment of great reforms, that have proved a blessing to mankind. To have lived during this eventful period, and to have aided in the least degree in the accomplishment of these great reforms is indeed cause for rejoicing and congratulation.

“It has always been my lot to be on the radical side of medicine, politics and religion.

In consequence of which I have suffered outwardly and pecuniarily, but I have preserved my independence and acted according to the dictates of my own conscience. Instead of servilely accepting and obeying conventionalities, I have questioned them and judged them, from my own standpoint. I never could and never would look at things, with other men's eyes, but through my own. I never could and never would accept formalities, either social or religious, as a substitute for a pure life. From my earliest boyhood I have hated oppression. I have renounced every friendship, I have withdrawn from every church and society where infringement of conscience or personal right was attempted.

“If I know my own heart, I am conscious that my sincere desire has ever been to do some good in this world, to promote the welfare and true happiness of my fellow-men. If my motives have been misconstrued and my actions misrepresented I cannot help it—those who traduce me do not know me. I am quite conscious that my life has been marked by many errors and faults which I have amended as far as I could. I am also quite conscious of the purity of my motives, and that has sus-