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piations—care for all, and

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as I have cared for you. But to gain this vantage ground every inch will have to be contested for. I have told you of the blindness of passion, long disciplined in accumulation for the mere love of it. It may make very artistic, complacent, or even sanctimonious pretences, but in reality it knows no humanity; no country, no futurity, no God. It will struggle desperately and scheme infinitely before yielding to just demands. We must, in dead earnest, adopt the methods, they have proved so successful in accomplishing selfish and predatory aggrandizement, to the securing of equal right and a sufficiency for all. They are, association, confederation and mutual sacrifice to the end of general education, and genius in application of right methods for rightful accomplishment.

Unless the masses are educated in the knowledge and understanding of facts and principles; and to broader views, and to ideals of higher and more extended compensations and reciprocities, we cannot expect to hold them, in the exercise of the elective franchise, for their and our real interests, in the times of tidal waves of the subsidized press, full of plutocratic lies; and when politicians shall have come with all their specious blandishments and equivocal graces. A cheap but select circulating library is a bulwark and tower of defense and safety. Every sub-Alliance or Assembly

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SHOULD POSSESS IT.

Brethren, I beg you study well and broadly and weigh these words. Now is a pivotal, time of many centuries for humanities destiny. It is a pivotal or turning point in time for, by human necessity and Divine will, every element for good or evil is developed to a ripened maturity of force. Events, indicating progress or decadence, strike in rapidly and incisively as the minor successes and failures of a long delayed, but hard fought, battle of great contending armies. Truly it should not only now be said but felt, "life is real, life is earnest." To be true men and women should we not, each and all, catch the inspiration of this drum beat for a grand march up the hill of human elevation; out of the murky atmosphere of conventionalized and legalized selfishness into the sunlight of true liberty; and into the extended and supernal field of the "Fatherhood of God and the *true* brotherhood of man." Then I say, give for the cause of a common education in reform principles and methods, not merely because you feel it; but till you feel it. Then as it was with the widow and her gift, the giver and the gift will certainly be blessed. May the coming national reform party organize a *system* for this work of humanity's greatest need, for its elevation or redemption.

Let us remember we are all mortals, and own and realize our past and present imperfections and short comings, rather than be impatient or sensorious of

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others, and kindly give and receive suggestions as to personal usefulness and agreeableness in assemblies and let us ever remember

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is the watchword; that its light and inspiration we believe is just dawning; that the glorious day of its reign and royal accomplishment *will* come if we pray for and herald it. Do not forget the fable of the bundle of sticks. And as we feel the injustice of a class exercising arbitrary and oppressive power over us, so as the recipients of God's universal munificence, let us not hold ourselves superior to those bound down in a deeper stress of poverty by the circumstance of a *false system*; but strive to regenerate the system and raise them.

Remember, be it easy or hard to attain—the demand is and nothing short, for an era of *scientific* christianity—or christianity—the golden rule *applied*, “Be strong and do it,” “By their fruits shall ye know them,” are words to which we should ever be proud to give response. There should ever be encouragement in our best ideals to lead us on, and also in the possibilities of genius, devotion and labor.

Is it not the great political need of the hour that we elect men to our legislative councils, both state and national, who, in earnestness of purpose and strength of their convictions, will labor to enact laws which in future shall guarantee “equal rights to all and especial privileges to none,” and not, as

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has so universally attained, to be controlled by the great corporations and the now centralized money power of the world? And have we not faith to believe that, last fall, the People's Party of Kansas commenced a noble work in this line soon to be nationalized? Are we not all ready to exclaim from our hearts, from our truest conceptions—do not the present great and peculiar needs and *sufferings* of the people point to and demand a higher and broader realization of the simple, but essential and eternal verities of right and truth; J. J. I. to the contrary notwithstanding. Yes; people, I said, not society. Are not we realizing that the word *people* has an especial scriptural significance, and that it should rest with something of a sacredness of meaning upon our lips?

When we read, "God created man in His own image," should we not clearly discern between the lines, the expression of an ideal, but essential and universal bond of kinship, mutual dependence and helpfulness, as yet but little recognized or felt?

Let us not be deceived by the tinselry or false colors of *public* honors. Little of human virtue is ever recorded in this world's history. But have we not a consciousness that speaks to our best selfhood, saying, "generally, how superior in dignity, as well as in numbers, are the too much unhonored, unnoticed saints and heroes of humble and domestic life;" and do we not realize that it is ever the golden threads of pathos and sacrifice that give

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enduring strength and lustre, joy and benignity to the warp and woof of domestic life ?

Let us quicken our highest, truest conceptions and ideals; rise out of the habit beaten circle of present sense, or indulgences, or struggles for reliefs, and ask who are the men in history, not alone "to whom monuments have been reared, but whose memories, watered with the tears of joy and reverence, have grown and flourished through every age." Are they not those who have labored, and toiled, and suffered, and sacrificed for humanity and heaven's approval, even amid trials and persecutions, in the spirit of philanthropy and self denial ?

But as we read in golden letters this decalogue of our inner consciousness and indictment, must we not confess that as a nation we have been drifting to the selfish, the grasping, the sinister ? As individuals, whether gaining or not, intoxicated by the conspicuous examples of the success of a few of those absorbed in the selfish passion for gain, or recklessly gambling upon the necessities of others, have we not been ignoring the rights and needs of a common humanity; or under the pressure of a false, but criminally legalized system, been mortgaging the sacred heritage and birthright of *children and children's children*, even to alien oppressors. Under this trend, if continued, what must *soon* the end be ?

But I believe that, under Providence, many able, devoted, self-sacrificing thinkers, writers, speakers

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and toilers, have risen up, who are now laboring to rekindle the fires of patriotic devotion and to awaken the spirit of care and sacrifice for country, home and children. In their inspirations and labors for humanity's and our good, can we not see the dawning rays for the coming of a more celestial day; and seeing, would it not have been better never to have been born than that it shall come, not with, but against our indifference, our influence and our labors?

I know the responsive sentiments of your hearts. You are representative men. May your convictions, desires, purposes and courage never waver; but in the days of dark clouds and disappointments, as they must needs come, may they be an encouragement and a leading influence to those in greater need of them.

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APPENDIX.

If true ideals, conciliations and associated activities for a common good are pictured or suggested in the preceding pages, is it not equally apparent that there is imperative need for their speedy realization?

What but the People's party, which, by force of its thought, its logic, its assiduity, is now coming up, Phoenix-like, and mainly from a plebean poverty, and born of a necessity, can be the means for instituting the method for the successive steps of the world's most needed and greatest reformation?

What a blessed omen to see all, from the crude but incipient grange association, to that of the ethical, incisive, practical, vigorously pushing Nationalist, drawn together by present necessities and past culture and discipline, and toiling and marching under that broad ensign whose emblazoned word, "HUMANITY," is arresting the gaze of the world.

Evolution and progress must now as ever, be step by step, but must not the steps be rapid?

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