

labors. Encouraged, then, by such grateful manifestations, they look forward with strengthened assurance to even more propitious results. When the history of the late National derangement in social, moral and political affairs shall have redeemed itself, and peace shall have done its complete work of restoration, scattering from beneath its wings unnumbered blessings, it may well be hoped, that after so long and dreary a winter of anxiety and desolation, a more enduring prosperity will burst forth as the seeds of the earth in spring time, and yield its later harvest abundantly. Then may we witness labor equitably repaid for its toil, and industry rewarded for its honest enterprise. But, above all, may we then hope to feel its purifying influence upon the moral atmosphere, infusing new life into every practical work of benevolence, and added vigor and earnestness into every wise effort for the diffusion of the law of kindness, for the regeneration of the lost and the brotherly restraint of the erring. In the accomplishment of such results, will be witnessed too the acceptance of the great truth, that man is indeed his "brother's keeper;" a truth which will find its best illustration in the kindly reformation of the young delinquent before his steps shall have been irretrievably familiarized to the downward path of ruin, and he become in his manhood an outcast upon the earth with the curse of the first Cain indelibly seared upon his forehead. In such a work of renovation, and sustained by a gratifying retrospect of what already has been done within the sphere of their special duties, the Board may well labor on with renewed confidence, that big with the best results the future will bring forth its fruits more and more abundantly.

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