

afflicted and unfortunate in mind, body and estate, and *over all* they have cast the *reflected* influence of *purity* and *virtue*; and they have thus demonstrated in the *purity*, *amiability* and *untiring devotion* of their lives to the interests of suffering and distress in all its forms, that poetry uttered, what social philosophy has so fully demonstrated, that they are in deed and in truth, "Heaven's last best gift to man."

Your Committee would in conclusion, in assuring you as the guardians of the interest of the State that your charities are appropriately bestowed and faithfully dispensed, suggest that they should be continued under the same healthy regulations as have heretofore been practised, feeling assured that it will be as "bread cast upon the water," which will be seen after many days, in an improved condition of public and private morals, and the elevation to an enviable position of the good name of our State, and cause our sisters to point to us and say, truly, "Charity never faileth," and of the three Christian virtues we will realize that, whilst "faith will be lost in sight, hope end in fruition, that charity extends beyond the grave into the boundless realms of eternity."

Respectfully submitted.

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