

as they did to the sum of \$16,000,) but his influence in the community, and with the legislators of the city and State, secured many thousands of dollars, without which the enterprise must have languished in a feeble, sickly condition, if not have proved a failure, like the previous attempt to found such a house about thirty years ago.

Chosen President of the Board of Managers at the commencement, more than ten years ago, (June 19, 1849,) we are all witnesses of his unflagging devotion, and of his uniform punctuality, kindness and courtesy in his official duties. In a letter written about six years ago proposing to add ten per cent. to any appropriation the City Council might make towards finishing the house, he discloses the ruling motive which stirred his heart and impelled his action in this noble philanthropy: "I have no doubt it will be the means of saving thousands of our poor boys and girls from destruction." His interest, it was evident, was not merely an official one. He felt a deep *personal* solicitude for the improvement and happiness of the inmates, evinced by his frequent visits and presents to them. The very last act of his life in connection with the House was performed in this chapel, upon the last occasion in which he attended the public worship of God when, at the close of the service, he distributed with his own hands, copies of tracts to each one of the inmates. I hope the children have kept those tracts, and that they will preserve them carefully as a sacred memorial of the interest felt for you by this venerable man, and as a stimulant to imitate his virtues.

My young friends, there is a lesson for *you* in the character and position of our deceased President, which I cannot close without endeavoring to impress upon your hearts. As you look forward upon life, you are all full of hope. *Happiness, riches, honor*—then, I doubt not, are the three great things you all desire. All these our late President enjoyed in a high degree. Probably your brightest expectations would not exceed the position he occupied. But how did he reach this high position? Mainly by the cultivation of those virtues which every one of you can imitate. By strict attention to his business, sobriety, punctuality, industry and a firm integrity which gave him the confidence of his fellow citizens, and won for him a reputation which has shed lustre upon the name of American merchants throughout the whole world of commerce. Nor did his elevation or the temptations of wealth destroy the simplicity of his character. Throughout life he was the same modest, unostentatious, unassuming man. Above all he was a most *useful* man. He "did not live for himself alone, but for the public good. He delivered the poor