

small, was a manifestation of inward qualities that endeared his memory to his heart.]

But the great benefits conferred upon our city by his relationship to this institution, demand at present our attention, as it appeared to be the favored object of his benevolent regard in his later years. He saw and comprehended the great fact that the prosperity of our country must ever be in the ratio of industry and morality of its population, and that many of the youth of our city who were without the restraints and discipline which are demanded by our nature in its early life, claimed the moral attention and training which this institution is intended and calculated to afford. Knowing that the wealth of a country must ever be in proportion to its moral and industrial development, he aimed, like a true patriot, at multiplying its riches by this mighty and beautiful instrumentality. Knowing also, that only when the soul is taught to glorify God by the experience and amenities of Christian life—that it is qualified to enjoy Him forever—he made the noble effort by his personal influence and fortune to snatch the youthful from the grasp and wretchedness of vice, and to raise them up to “sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” Regarding ignorance and idleness as the basis of pauperism and crime, he gave largely of his ample means to endow this institution that in it the legitimate subjects of its charitable guardianship might be fed and clothed—taught the various branches of a common school education—be trained to habits of useful industry; and thus, under the eyes of its fostering care, be stimulated to strive for places of honor and emolument, which men only award to the majesty of industrial rectitude. Looking at *depravity* as the fertile soil in which all vices luxuriate in wildest exuberance, he aimed, through this great moral agency, to diminish the harvest of profligacy—to restore the faded verdure of youthful souls—to unseal the frozen fountains of their spiritual life—to touch their hearts to gracious issues—to direct their energies to loftier and purer purposes, and thus to elevate hearts that were crushed beneath the malediction of native and practical depravity, to pray and sing in faithful and in joyous fervency as “sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty.”

Am I not justified, in view of these lofty and noble purposes, in claiming admiration of the character of our lamented friend? The result of this agency has vindicated the most ardent anticipations. This institution during the few years of its existence, has taken the children who strolled in vagrancy and pauperism along our thoroughfares, wanton in their seemingly friendless abandonment, and steeped in the filth of utter degradation, and as the sunshine and the air take up the moisture from the sickening, the seething, and the fetid pool, and hang it in pearly drops upon the spray, so