MAN, A SOCIAL BEING.

AN ADDRESS DELIVERED BY MR. BRUCE WOL VERTON, AT COMMENCEMENT OF CHRISTIAN COLLEGE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1874.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: he is peculiarly adapted by his nature and constitution to social life.

of Aisia, o'er the deserts of Africa, in all the nations of the earth. the crowded fields of Europe every. Why all these treaties with foreign

it is rarely seen from her pesence, exwhom in its childish manutes, it can ferent sections with its thundering train and emotions, which asise in the mind, the mighty deep, carry the produce and

what channels of pleasure are closed to to continent. the seeker after knowledge, and how But the nations of earth, dispersed as heaven until he becomes fully aware

Many are they who crowd together in city, hall, and church to converse in arises this perpetual craving for society? sweet accord of the historic and passing There can be no effect without a cause. life-the children of God, and knows incidents of life. They love to con- What, then, is the secret spring that verse upon the various subjects of their moves the heart to long for sweet interrace, to tell the strange incidents of course with congenial minds. The former days, and to witness the spark- Spirit that never dying part of man that better land. ling eye, and the face all aglow with hungers and thirsts for knowledge and what is passing strange.

learn the commercial incidents of the these conditions of strength, and you day. In the halls of legislature they see the effects in the languishing eye, throng with eager purpose and intense the vacant countenance, the stupid exthought. By associated effort they har- pression that characterizes the doltmonize the conflicting interests of dif- | the dance. gated. Like every other faculty of the pure and good of earth.

are deprived of the sweet intercourse of soul. from the presence of the dear associa- and by treaty, compromise, and laws, meeting. field, and the intercourse of the millions | west, the north to the south, in an into whom he had been so much accus- dissolable union, to be perpetuated forevtomed. That the old warrior could well or. School-mates, why all this toil? cures the blessings of both worlds.

is contrary to the nature of man, and ant associations? the severat punishment

Man alone, of all the creatures of They braved the perils of the deep, and Let each assurance stimulate and enearth is endowed with social faculties. . encountered a savage for for the high courage you to manly effort, and though He shows by his habits and customs - privilege of unrestrained social life, offen wearied with daily incessant toil by his intercourse with his fellows that Before they landed they entered into ever remember that the honors are yet compact governing their relations with before and the rewards are sure. each other, and as they spread abroad in . Kind teachers whose pleasant duty is From his very creation, even from the colonies, they formed articles, of asso- the impartation of useful knowledge time when the Almighty said, bit is not ciation, and finally established the Con- whereby your fellowman may rise to a good for man to be alone," this inate stitution regulating their intercourse, higher conception of the dignity of principle has urged him to seek with Thence commercial relations and inter-unceasing dilligence, suitable objects of national laws were established, the labor in this noble work? Certainly association. In every land of earth - means inaugurated and which are now you have tasted the pleasures of social in the wilds of America, on the plains being extended for a closer alliance of intercourse among the favored of earth.

where you will and men collected into coutries were it not for the desire to nations, families, and associations for mingle and commingle politically, comtile various purposes and pursaits of mercially and socially, to establish the life. They but obey the law of their basis of a closer union? The march of science, the triumph of art, are but the As soon as the prattling babe has means of bringing man into more inti- simpletons may scoff you have the un-

cept with some youthful associate with . The railroad, linking together the difheld that intercourse suited to its ten- moving with the speed of the wind, the der age, and interchange the thoughts steamship plowing the briny waters of and seek expression in the social com- inhabitants of nations from clime to munings of an equal. Watch it at the clime. These are annihilating distance, parting. See the gloom which o'ercasts, shortening time, and multiplying, the the brow of the little one as he is com- facilities by which men extend their pelled to quit his infant sports. With a knowledge of each, other, and open up longing heart he again seeks his moth channels for the gratification of their social nature.

This love for society grows with his Books, periodicals, and newspapers, growth and strengthens with his are multiplied and carried from north strength. Does the stripling go forth to south, from east to west, spreading to chase the fleeting deer or the bound- knowledge and bringing mind in contact ing hare alone? Does he not seek con- with mind; and yet all these means are genial associates to join in the sport? insufficient to meet the social demands Yes! In every pursuit he seeks a com- of our nature. Man redoubles, his enpaion and slams solitude and isolation ergies for another and grander trial. as the greatest calamity. Companion Success attends his efforts; time is anniship to man is as necessary as the very bilated, the electric telegraph stands elements of life. . Purest pleasures pro- forth the crowning achievment of seicoed from the exercise and mutual com- ence. The victory is won, and the con- loving voice has been ever calling his munication of the feelings of the mind. tinent is seanned. Old Ocean is All others are merely sensual. Even at chained with the mighty cable, along the joy of his presence. But the sweet school, if we take away the dear associ- whose wires the current history of the influences of friendship, the pleasant ations of teachers and school mates, times, finds a highway from continent

monotonous would be the life of the they are on the four quarters of the that this world is not his eternal home. student. By contrast alone can be mark globe, while mighty oceans roll be- He finds, alas, that he must part with his progress and realize the importance by the Babel of tongues which cuts off long enjoy the pleasant associations of garnering up the bright gems of wisdom, their social intercourse: Hence the cf., this life. Like time they are fleeting, to command the respect of the good, fort to master all the languages of and when he has enjoyed them for dimiration of the world, to be earth. One tongue is too limited in its season they at last are sundered. In a lamp to his feet and light to his path, range for his wandering grasping mind, vain he grasps at parting pleasures and through the pilgrimage of life. Inspire which lemands the knowledge and action often not until all earthly hopes are the student with the conviction that his quintance of all, both ancient and mod-fled does he, with yearning mind and pleasures in association are to be meastern. When, soon after the flood, God throbbing heart, look to his Maker for ured by his mental capacity of enjoy- commanded the people to disperse and comfort. ment and his power to communicate populate the earth, so averse were they By the powers of association the renhappiness to others and you place be to separation, and so strongly were they iniscence of former joys come thronge him the highest incentive to re: united in their social relations that they, ing and crowding upon the mind caudouble his energies and prepare for the refused to obey the divine command. ing the heart to long for the halcyon and BOOK BINDING to order, at reasonable work of future life. His objects and pur- And for fear lest God would cause an- days of yore. Experience and philos rates. poses assume a new form and a wider other flood to deluge the earth and de-ophy alike tell him it can not be range as he realizes that he is to live stroy them as the Antediluvians had Then he looks forward and seeks that not for himself alone, but for the family been destroyed, they assembled in the holy communion with God which suthe State, the nation. With what inter- plain of Shinar and constructed a huge tains him in the conflicts of life. 18 est do the more, advanced in years re- tower for their protection; and it was the channels of social pleasure become member their childish glee, and the in- not until their interconrse was destroy- clogged with age he seeks a place whee cidents of their youthful associations. ed by confounding their languages and joy and peace are everlasting and par-They come thronging back upon their producing that confusion of tongues ing is no more. Inspired with the hore memory, creating anew the desire for called Babel, that they were induced to of the high and holy associations of the the joys inspired by the companionship separate. From that day to this, man pure and good, he looks with faith to of youth. But other cares press hard has been trying to repair the loss caused heaven and closes in with the offers of upon them, and other duties demand by his folly of disobedience, by learn mercy promised in the Gospel. different associates and new associate and mastering the languages many and diversified.

But we pause to inquire, whence wisdom. These are its meat and drink. In the marts of trade they gather to Refuse it these elements, of growth,

ferent sections, and frame wholesome . But educate the mind, give it wisdom opertunity with much success since he laws binding the nations in close alli- and understanding, and you see the ance. Many thus cultivate their social spirit satisfied in the glowing countefeelings and develop them in a high de- nauce the expressive face and the sparkgree, especially those, who frequent the ling eye. Such a one is prepared for held in high esteem by the people living places where the multitudes are congrethe high and holy associations of the in this neighborhood as also by the mul

mind, when cultivated; it thirsts for its Witness the vast multitudes assemproper means of gratification. . . / bled in the civilized nations in the ca- Walla the first of August, in company Napoleon Boneparte, when banished pacity of schools and churches, for the with our venerable brother John M to the Isle of Str Helena, manifested purpose of receiving this spiritual nour- Harris. I should have mentioned that the temper and spirit of thousands who ishment, good and wholesome to the our aged and highly esteemed brother.

friends. How he mourifed when on They are continually seeking a better health. Allow me to tender my heart that solitary isle away from friends and and fuller social intercourse with their fe-t thanks to the many brethean and home. What punishment could have fellows and with earnestness, laboring friends t at contributed liberally to our been more severs to him as he was far to bind the nations in a firmer compact, necessities while we were at the annual tions of life. How he must have longed ever striving to preserve and strengthes Your old pilgrim brother. for the thrilling incidents, of the tented the bonds which bind the east to the

oners of the present day, that solitude ble of enjoying this life only by pleas-

Are you every moment laying up for Our pilgrim fathers, perseented and yourself knowledge by which alone denied the privilege of free association, mind can hold intercourse with mind, according to the spirit of liberty and and theraby receive that gratification the dictates of their conscience, left the | which forms the highest joy of earth? crowded shores of Europe and sought If so, be assured that you will be amply the inhospitable wilds of free America. rewarded if you are faithful to duty.

> You have too well known and too highly appreciated the pleasures of associations with the educated; the refined, the polite, and the accomplished, to stand back with folded hands and see the world engulfed in ignorance!

Yours is a noble work and though learned to play around its mother's side, mate union and communion with his feighed thanks and the kindest regards it is rarely seen from her posence, ex- fellowman. benefits. To such labor alone, as by your unceasing diligence you have manifested, can the world look for that dight and encouragement, by which it can be raised to a fuller understanding of the importance of associated effort in every enterprise. In the family circle, in the State, in politics, in commerce, in arts, and in arms, co-operative effort is the only criterion of success, the only test of victory.

The earth yields her resources to associated labor. Nor is this social quality in our nature less important in our religious intercourse with our fellows, and our devotions to our maker. Have you, oh christian, let it exert. its influence in bringing you to God? Have you forgotten that not long after man was driven from .the garden of Eden and his maker's presence he began to call upon the name of the Lord? He soon experienced the evil of living erring children back to a realization of associations of home almost drown that voice and stifle the aspirations for

He looks through faith to Christ, in spired with the blessed promise that he may meet around God's throne where are gathered the dearest associations of that, though parted here from dearest relations and friends, there is in store for him a place of purest pleasures in

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