

They met, there was not space in which to pass. Neither would turn back, nor lie down that the other might pass over. There they stood upon that narrow ledge, but stood not long. With sinews strained to the utmost tension they grappled in a death struggle, each putting forth his utmost strength to throw the other into the abyss below. The struggle though short was terrible, & ended by one of them being hurled into eternity, the victim of his own pride, & the false notion of honor in which he had been educated.

Each of these incidents has an instructive lesson to convey to those who will receive it.

The first teaches the lesson of submission & self-denial — the duty & necessity of being actuated by the spirit of meekness & forbearance.

The second teaches the folly of pride, & the danger there is in cultivating a haughty & contentious disposition.

It has been well said "We have but one journey through life, & when through, we cannot return to correct mistakes." Christianity everywhere teaches us humility & self-denial, that all men are brethren — children of one common Father, & that while we should love God supremely, we should love our neighbor as ourselves, & do unto others as we would have them do to us, recognizing no man as an enemy.

The exercise of a Christian spirit leads into a full compliance with these rules, & is not only