

The Life of Washington.

Never in the history of mankind has the name of any individual been regarded with such veneration and respect as that of Washington.

When we pause for a moment to think that other men equally as great have lived, but are now passed into oblivion, we are naturally led to inquire what is it in the man that has given such a place in the affection, the respect, of his fellow men throughout the world. Indeed we are told that the Arab of the desert talks of Washington in his tent, and that his name is familiar to the wandering Scythian. He seems indeed, to be the delight of human kind, as their ideal of human nature.

In studying the life of Washington the reason for it will readily appear. Washington stands as a true type of the human kind. From the time we first behold him on the arena of active life and through all the stages of his career, we find that he was animated to all his deeds from a love for his country, humanity, and his Creator.

In his domestic life we find him a faithful husband, a filial son, an ardent brother, a true friend and a kind master. Few men have made a home happier than did Washington. His home attracted thousands of visitors from every part of the world and those too, of the most distinguished foreigners. His home was open to every stranger, to the curious as well as to the grateful, to the poor as well as the rich, and since his death has become the shrine of many pilgrims.

As a citizen he is the exemplification of true patriotism. A man, rising from the most aristocratic society of his age and being brought up under the influences of the nobility, would naturally be supposed to be inclined under all circumstances to his class. But his intense sense of equity and right compelled him to adopt the opposite course. When the political horizon was threatening the liberty of his countrymen he at once enlisted himself on their side. Its true that he