achieved
nached. Are there no new countries on all the earth
~~to be found~~ ~~that~~ inhabited as yet uncrossed by the Thorns of cathedral
spires - untormented by the consciousness of a ~~History~~ Past.
- Must this little ~~corner~~ irregular corner of Europe. ~~the earth of Christianity~~
this ~~only spot~~ small ~~corner~~ segment of our globe - gilded
with the blood of old battles and grey with the temples
of old pieties, ~~and~~ this narrow ~~floor~~ & piece of the world's pavements by attacks
worn down by sorrowing ~~[illegible]~~ pilgrims feet.
I garnished for the ~~feet of~~ ~~[illegible]~~ masques of the future.
Is ~~not~~ America not wide enough ~~to build salvage~~ in. -
~~not wide enough~~ for the elasticities of our humanity
Asia not rich enough for its pride? Or, in the
~~we~~ ~~sweet~~ quiet meadowlands and solitary ~~[illegible]~~ hills of ~~Europe~~ the old land
itself - is there not yet room enough for the ~~expansion of strength~~ spreadings of power
and the indulgences of magnificence, without ~~[illegible]~~ raising ~~the~~
~~foundations of~~ founding all glory upon ~~in~~ ruin; and prefacing
all progress with obliteration.

We must answer these questions ~~vain~~ speedily - or we
answer them in vain. The peculiar character of the evil which
is ~~being~~ wrought by this age is its utter irreparableness.
Its schools of art - & its extensive galleries ~~museums of antiquities~~ and well ordered ~~crystallizing~~ newly formed

44.

Facsimile of a Page of the MS. of "The Opening of the Crystal Palace" (§§ 16–17)