

ministering to the wants and luxuries of all sentient beings ; when we see in their system of vessels, a living laboratory, not only for their own sustenance, but to yield some incense to nature, or some grateful food for our hunger, or some kindly balm for our disease; when we find in every leaf a respiratory apparatus, which, while it perfects the juices of the plant, serves a more elevated purpose by purifying the atmosphere by night and freshening it with vital air by day; when we behold these busy flowers, blessed with their repose by night, and awakening with expanded petals, painted with all the beauty of living colours, to the morning light; when we see them one hour assiduously engaged in their appointed work, under the stimulus of a summer's sun, and the next hour quenching their thirst by drinking in with invigorating refreshment, the balmy dew drops as they fall from heaven; we become the better able to feel, and appreciate and admire the force and beauty of the Divine appeal to the moral evidence afforded by the vegetable world,—“ Lo! the lilies of the field, how they grow! they toil not, neither do they spin, yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.”

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