

should make the most of those that they can have in common.

Collections are invaluable as a means of exciting a boy's interest. It does not much matter what the material is, so long as it serves for a starting-point, and opens up fresh avenues of thought.

Postage stamps are the most common at present. They exercise the powers of observation, as it often requires close scrutiny to distinguish between the different issues. They may lead to a greater interest in geography and history, and are not to be despised as educators.

Collections of stones, mosses, flowers, the different kinds of wood, etc., open the way to a knowledge of many interesting branches of natural history.

Observing and recording the habits of birds and animals, distinguishing the different species of butterflies and other insects, in short a loving interest in the works and ways of nature, is a distinct source of pleasure and advantage, not only in youth, but through the whole of life.

A happy childhood is the right of every child. Restrictions there must be to protect children from harm and to help them to do right. These should not be made needlessly galling, nor, on the other hand, must freedom degenerate into license.

Love and confidence should be the ruling spirit