

pable of *rendering them service.*

Do not busy yourself with viewing the actions of your friends in their smallest details, nor in the motives that prompt them. — If their proceedings be wanting in delicacy, appear not to understand them, or rather, simply believe that they have been mistaken.

A sure means of overcoming the antipathy we feel towards anyone, is to render him *some little service every day* — and the way to overcome the antipathy that anyone may feel towards us, is to *say a good word of him every day.*

Are those who surround you wicked, malicious? Be on your guard, undoubtedly, but rest at ease, they will harm you only to the degree willed by God:

That Will Divine that bade the wave
Can of malicious plots arrest the tide.
What does it cost God to hinder