

As the rose breatheth sweetness from its own nature,
so the heart of a benevolent man produceth good works.

He enjoyeth the ease and tranquillity of his own
breast, and rejoiceth in the happiness and prosperity
of his neighbour.

He openeth not his ear unto slander; the faults and
failings of men give pain to his heart.

His desire is to do good, and he searcheth out the
occasions thereof; in removing the oppressions of
another he relieveth himself.

From the largeness of his mind he comprehendeth
in his wishes the happiness of all men; and from the
generosity of his heart he endeavoreth to promote it.

CHAP. II.—JUSTICE.

The peace of society dependeth on justice; the
happiness of individuals, on the safe enjoyment of all
their possessions.

Keep therefore the desires of thine heart within the
bounds of moderation; let the hand of justice lead
them aright.

Cast not an evil eye on the goods of thy neighbour,
let whatever is his property be sacred from thy touch.

Let not temptation allure, nor any provocation ex-
cite thee to lift thy hand to the hazard of his life.

Defame him not in his character, bear no false
witness against him.

Corrupt not his servant to cheat or forsake him,
and the wife of his bosom, O tempt not to sin.

It will be a grief to his heart which thou canst not