

temple of learning which they hoped to climb. For is there any lesson that study should impress upon the mind more deeply than the truth that, if we are to accomplish anything in this world, it is not by defying, but by obeying, the laws by which God governs the world? Some of you, I presume, are students of science; is there any fact impressed upon you in your studies more deeply than this, that you can manipulate nature to your purposes only by obeying her laws; and what are her laws but the forms by which the will of God is expressed? And so it is only by obeying the will of God that you can achieve anything. Take an engineer who has a vast engineering work to construct; does he not know that, if he is not carefully attentive to all the chemical, physical and mathematical laws that are called into play, his structure will be of comparatively little value, and its value may be measured with mathematical exactness in proportion to the loyal obedience which he has displayed to the laws of nature, which express the will of God. So it is in the practice of medicine. Every medical practitioner knows that he can be successful only precisely in proportion to the completeness with which he observes, and induces his patient to observe, those laws of health and of life by which the physical nature of man is governed.

Thus, a second time the tempter is baffled, and he seems to see again that he has not understood the nature of the being with whom he deals. Consequently, he rises at last to the highest stroke of temptation; he appeals to the highest ambition which a great intelligence is likely to feel. "Look at all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them. You, with your splendid abilities, have all this in your grasp—provided only you fall down and worship me." Such language, with very little alteration in its form, may be heard at the meetings of political parties in our own day. If any more generous adherent of a party pleads that bribery and other corrupt practices shall be avoided, he is likely enough to meet with the