

The Truth of Principles :—

10. Idleness and cruelty are the only two faults of any consequence.
 11. Life is too short to waste its few hours in reading valueless books.
 12. Books that are worth reading are worth having.
 13. Books are our best friends.
 14. Only noble natures can understand true books. (pp. 54-66.)
 15. Books are the Sesame, which opens doors ;—doors, not of robbers, but of Kings' Treasuries. (—p. 71.)
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16. Most men live without motive as to the future—the first mystery of life.
 17. The greatest and wisest of men (Dante, Milton, and Shakespeare) give us no true teaching as to the future : the second mystery.
 18. The arts teach us that great work comes only from men who feel that they are wrong, but who realize and strive after what is right ; and that industry rightly followed brings peace.
 19. Agriculture, weaving, building, all the arts are without profit—without possession.
 20. Life is not vain and useless, 'a vapour that passeth away.'
 21. To feed the hungry, clothe the naked, lodge the homeless—there is the only infallible religion.

General Themes :—

22. The state of the Highlands in 1745. (Macaulay's *History of England* could be consulted with advantage).
 23. Scott as a novel ist.
 24. Ruskin as a writer.
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