

that he had enjoyed only fourteen days of pure and unalloyed happiness. An ingenious Frenchman has even written an able book to prove that no change in any man's external circumstances, bating the case of absolute indigence, can alter a man's essential feelings of comfort and happiness for more than three months. Such cynicism, which, if universal would put a sudden stop to all the wheels of the world's industry, can have but few converts ; men will still continue, in spite of all the croakings of moralists, to crave and toil and struggle for the world's prizes ; and it must be confessed that, in spite of all drawbacks, success, even in this vulgar sense, is a desirable thing. Money, and a pleasant home, and freedom from economical cares, books and pictures, travel in foreign lands, the society of cultivated and elegant men and women, the respect of the world, and the best viands, are all solid advantages, which none covet more than those who affect to despise them. Life is certainly a journey and a pilgrimage, but "if it were only a journey of a single night, travelling first-class would be incomparably more comfortable than travelling third." It is therefore a great saying that "heaven is probably a place for those who have failed on earth,"—for the

"Delicate spirits, pushed away
In the hot press of the noonday."

Do you ask, then, what you shall aim at in life ? We answer, as we began : Aim to act well your part, for therein lies all the honour. Every man has a mission to perform in this world, for which his talents precisely fit him, and, having found what this mission is, he must throw into it all the energies of his soul, seeking its accomplishment, not his own glory. As Goethe wisely says : "Man is not born to solve the problem of the universe, but to find out what he has to do, and to restrain himself within the limits of his power of comprehension." Having found out what you have to do,—whether to lead an army or to sweep a crossing, to keep a hotel or to drive a hack, to harangue senates or address juries or prescribe medicines,—do it with all your might, because it is your duty, your enjoyment, or the very necessity of your being.

Are your intellectual endowments small, and do you despond