

me that it is that to which its possession is supposed to lead—it is happiness and usefulness. If therefore we could be taught to extract as much of these from fifty dollars as we could otherwise obtain from five hundred dollars, the plan would plainly rival the most brilliant investments and offer to our interests a solid and instant advantage.

And yet with how many of us it holds true that at such and such a time we let slip, or more likely crowded out of us by inordinate lust of gold, certain Thoughts that were Inspirations and Designs, that were pure Benefactions each and all fringed with happiness, and which alas, no sums of money can bribe to return and restore peace.

As contributions to the fund of human happiness, who shall estimate in dollars and cents the value of an impulse to unselfish charity; to the dauntless espousal of truth in its contest with error, or of innocence in its struggle with the seductions of vice, and of the spirit of submission to Truth, wherein we regard ourselves as its subject, and not its Lord; its host, and not its keeper; or of conformity to Right in and for its own sake.

"I can starve but not lie," were a proud motto to engrave on any man's escutcheon. None but the true heart is completely happy. Richer far is that man of honest poverty, whose home is a basement or a garret, than the mercenary millionaire whose dwelling is the towering palace that shuts off every ray of sunshine from the artisan's lowly abode, and whose lordly circumstances has, in its inapplicable disparity, mayhap inflicted a more serious loss in at times obscuring beams of the Light of the World.

There is oftentimes much happiness with much wealth. The lawful pursuit of wealth has been the root of all enterprise. It is for the standard by which success is to be gauged: the ideal through whose attraction the goal is to be sought—that we contend. Place the one in the thing for which money stands, the other in the usefulness which it renders possible, and no curse but the smile of Beneficence rests upon the effort, and, be the issue of the chase what it may, the diligent therein shall be happy. Whatever be your calling devote to it the whole of your energies. Whole-heartedness is the herald of victory. It is wholesome to do things with all our might. Wholesome simply means wholeness.

The world of trade and commerce has its standard—the possession of wealth. It seems to act as if it believed that God blesses