

"So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter."—DIVINE WRIT.

"People do not always understand that intemperance is a malady, that it has its rhythmic periods and pauses, and that its victim is as much to be commiserated as blamed. In many cases the efforts to rout the fell disease intrenched in his body and to recover his liberty are brave and sincere. But when the devil has once gone out of the man, unless One strong enough to vanquish him and all his host take possession of the empty place, and hold the fort, seven devils more malignant than the first may at any time return. Pledges, vows, resolves are like the green withes that Samson burst like tow. Only the grace of God in the heart can produce a permanent cure. Not reformation is wanted, but remedy. Not promises, but a radical change."—FROM "ELEANOR LEE."

"For the rest my 'drama' is a true phase of modern life; one scene out of the countless tragedies that take place every day and everywhere in these our present times. There is no necessity to invent fables nowadays—the fictionist need never torture his brain for stories either of adventure or spectral horror. Life itself as it is lived among ourselves in all countries is so amazing, swift, varied, wonderful, terrible, ghastly, beautiful, dreadful, and, withal, so wildly inconsistent and changeful, that whosoever desires to write romances has only to closely and patiently observe men and women as they *are*, not as they *seem*, and then take pen in hand and write the TRUTH."—MARIE CORELLI.

"The message of science to this age is that all Nature is on the side of the men or the nation that is trying to rise. An ascending energy is in the universe, and the whole moves on with the mighty idea and anticipation of the ascent of man."—HENRY DRUMMOND.