

Time's rapid and undeviating march  
Tramples down empires, blots out names that once  
Bid fair for perpetuity of fame.  
Truth is alone eternal as the God  
Who on this everlasting basis placed  
His own immutable and moveless throne.  
Time to these writings daily adds new force,  
Deepening the traces of Jehovah's love,  
His fathomless, unbounded love to man.—  
Peruse this volume, and then walk abroad  
And meditate in silence on the scenes  
Which lately charmed your unassisted sense,  
Till your soul burns within you, and breaks forth  
In holy hymns of gratitude and praise.—

Faith gives a grandeur to created things,  
Beyond the poet's lay or painter's art,  
Or upward flight of Fancy's eagle wing ;—  
Earth is the vista through which heaven is seen  
By him who, journeying through life's narrow vale,