

The amount of happiness of which our nature is susceptible, is inconceivably great—is doubtless a thousand-fold greater than the most favored of mortals has ever yet experienced, and infinitely greater than the generality of mankind now experience.

Men are never more deceived than in their calculations upon success in opposing reformation principles. Even after their battles are wisely planned, their preliminary schemes successful, and victory in sight, the trophies often recede from the eye, and the crown from the touch of the confident aspirant.

Lost wealth may be restored by industry—the wreck of health restored by temperance—forgotten knowledge restored by study—alienated friendship smoothed into forgetfulness—even forfeited reputation won by penitence and virtue. But who ever again looked upon his vanished hours—recalled his slighted years, stamped them with wisdom—or effaced from heaven's record the fearful blot of wasted time?

Our humanity is decidedly selfish. The human tabernacle contains only one soul; and this one inhabitant is frequently possessed of the lordliness of an Egyptian Pharaoh.

There is something in Heaven's estimation better than knowledge, and yet it is much cheaper. Knowledge and faith are good; hope is better; but love is best of all. "Now," says Paul, "abide faith, hope, love—these three; but the greatest of these is love." To be perfect in love is much more attainable than to be perfect in knowledge.

Be it remembered, by every member of the human family, that "affliction cometh not forth of the dust; nor doth pleasure spring up out of the ground"—that every pain we feel is caused—is the legitimate, the necessary, the inevitable consequence of the infraction of some law of our being; and that every pleasure we experience, flows naturally and necessarily from law obeyed.

Churches are often built upon the same principle as bridges and turnpikes. The stock is taken by capitalists, and the pew rents are relied upon to afford a dividend equal to bank stock. The rich are now to have the gospel preached to them in houses owned by the rulers of the darkness of this world. Satan, it may be expected, will reform, seeing he now builds meeting houses for the proclamation of the gospel. In Paul's time he assumed to be an angel of light; but now he is a preacher of righteousness, a liberal contributor to the spread of the gospel which he conscientiously approves.