

My conversation low unpolished still,
Tempt not my mind to pass beyond my will.
A track may hold a surface touched with
oil

Of many colors touched in rainbow lines;
Whilst neath the scum upon this flattered
pool,

Stagnation in but water could prevail.

Ye come and beg me go and act the fool,
Because my surface speech deficient is;
But underneath my treasure is secure
Beyond the guess of all who seek to know;
Imitation can but wield itself tubes
And beat against my rock a hollow sound,
Until the mind which now with ease
Stands up in pride, for well he thinks
Knowledge and truth orish out with power.

Definitions.

I

Poetical development is yet in its infancy, and its progressive channels are as numerous as our future extension of life.

II

Poetical genius is the ideal power of language, and the unseen art of spiritual construction.

III

That the faculties of the true poet are a gift from God is a fact undisputable.

IV

Take up thy cross,
Thyself I mean,
And bear it for the Lord;
Think not of dross
Excuse to screen
Thyself from truth His word.

Thy actions speak,
If not thy tongue,
That truth which ye well feel;
When truth we seek
Thy head is hung
To think not words of weal.

Dialogues of Thought.

What is a mother? A mother is a soul gifted with the love of God.

What is a father? A father is the necessary being who supplies the solid food, and materials of comfort; whilst a mother

fashions and moulds them into real growth and life.

Who is my mother? My mother is the invisible church of God.

Who is my father? My father is the living God. His word my food and His spirit thereof my materials of comfort.

What is a son? A son is a being governed by the light of direct obedience.

What is a daughter? A daughter is a soul robed in the finer and more beautiful charms of nature, to attract the admiration and attention of man in order to promote the combined growth of flesh and spirit and regeneration of life. Two souls thus formed represent the children of God.

There is a promise of sustenance unknown in power, which no natural poet can acquire; great thought is not always in the sweetest rhyme; sound and style is not the highest sentiment, neither is sentiment of man but a brooklet running from the great river of God.

Let thy peace be as the peace of angels, continual and abiding within the inmost receptacles of the heart.

No manner of applause equals that which follows some high and worthy effort.

Clouds and sunshine mingle before the advance of prosperity.

Sweet thought to praise will lengthen days.

Questions and Answers.

Who are my most popular authors? God, His faithful followers, disciples and ministers.

What is conversion? Conversion is a continuous and permanent change or alteration, tending to a complete transformation from a lower to a higher life, as from all fleshy lusts to the purity and development of the spiritual elements.

Define the bible? The bible is simply a book, the highest and most complete of all classics, having God as its author, His word as its truth, perfection as its inspiration, His spirit as its power for sanctification and bounding throughout with endless stores of knowledge, wisdom, and instruction necessary for a proper enlightenment tending to a speedy development in the study of mankind, and given purposely in order to lift up and benefit the condition of fallen man and to guide him out of the paths of demoralization.