

of truth we must turn to the green fields, the hills and mountains, the starry heavens.

In past ages the present life was considered worthless except as a preparation for an eternal life beyond. Hence men were taught to actually turn their eyes from the life here below, from all that is beautiful and of real value. What little art was cultivated by the churches served only to still more strongly turn the mind to superstition. The future promises much in the question of beauty. A new æsthetic sense is being cultivated that promises good effects on human life. Life will be lived for its present value.

The study of nature will have a refining effect on man making him more gentle. Animals will share in this blessing. Perhaps the time may come when every wild creature will cease to flee in dread from the face of man. Buddhism may go too far in not killing any animal, but it is certainly refined and in very large measure could be adopted with great benefit to mankind. If killing must be done let it be strictly confined to useful purposes.

Education, in the past, has in most part consisted in the study of man, especially the study of his language. In the future nature will be the chief study. Children will learn a correct idea of the world. More attention will also be paid to physical exercise, for the body is to be no longer despised.

Faith in humanity has always been too weak. Hence arises that desire of man to prop it up from without by laying down laws and rules of conduct for his fellow man. It is all too rare to see a man willing to let others live their own lives in their own way. Consequently there is a constant agitation for paternal legislation of all kinds. The age of perfect liberty is still far distant. Our statute