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He possessed the rare quality of not seeing too much."

Have regard for the tender side of humanity. Remember that every body is sensitive. We all like to be noticed. Our project and schemes have cost us blood and tears and love to hear them well spoken of. Say something. Say something kind. Say it with thought and discrimination. Say it, and it will come back to you years afterward, with splendid compound interest. A Scotch pastor, accounting for his successful ministry in answer to inquiries from a group of students, said that as he was leaving home in the morning of the day when he was to be ordained, his mother, holding his hand at parting, said: "You will be told your duty to-day by those who know it far better than I do; but I would have you remember one thing well which they perhaps may not tell you—whenever you lay a hand on a child's head, you are laying it on a mother's heart."

Healthy emotion is manly. It is evidence that a man is the possessor of certain noble heart qualities. These ought to be cultivated with a tender regard for the future of the soul. The best way to develop true sensitiveness of soul is to give every noble inspiration an instantaneous expression in some form of practical endeavor. If the enthusiasm of some new thought is permitted to die out, the result means a nature less sincere and a soul less responsive. Remember the tender side. An English historian remarks:

"What was it the expiring Nelson said when his decks ran blood, and crimson victory placed upon his whitening brow laurels of triumph, whose leaves were mingled with cypress? 'Kiss me,