sionally, even to the "harmless drudge" engaged in it, disproportionate to the end,—especially when this proved to be unattainable. There is, however, only one rule and method in all labor of this kind, and the very minuteness and multiplicity of the questions to be solved exert a constraining influence and impose conformity to the smallest obligations of the task.

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