

of purchasing them exceed the pleasure thou hast in their enjoyment.

Neither let prosperity put out the eyes of circumspection, nor abundance cut off the hands of frugality: He that too much indulgeth in the superfluities of life shall live to lament the want of its necessities.

From the experience of others, do thou learn wisdom; and from their failings, correct thine own faults.

Trust no man before thou hast tried him; yet mistrust not without reason, it is uncharitable.

But when thou hast proved a man to be honest, lock him up in thine heart as a treasure, regard him as a jewel of inestimable price.

Receive not the favours of a mercenary man, nor join in friendship with the wicked; they shall be snares unto thy virtue, and bring grief unto thy soul.

Use not to-day what to-morrow may want; neither leave that to hazard which foresight may provide for or care prevent.

Yet expect not, even from prudence, infallible success, for the day knoweth not what the night may bring forth.

The fool is not always unfortunate, nor the wise man always successful; yet never had a fool thorough enjoyment, never was a wise man wholly unhappy.

CHAP. VI.—FORTITUDE.

Perils and misfortunes, and want, and pain, and injury, are more or less the certain lot of every man that cometh into the world.