

we have opportunity, at all times and to all men, whether we expect a reward or not; for if we do good, somebody is the happier for it. This alone is reason enough, why we should do all the good in our power.

OF GRATITUDE.

Q. What is gratitude?

A. A thankfulness of heart for favours received.

Q. Is it a duty to be thankful for favours?

A. It is a duty and a virtue. A man who does not feel grateful for kind acts done for him by others, does not deserve favours of any kind. He ought to be shut out from the society of the good. He is worse than a savage, for a savage never forgets an act of kindness.

Q. What is the effect of true kindness?

A. It softens the heart towards the generous man, and every thing, which subdues the pride and other unsocial passions of the heart, fits a man to be a better citizen, a better neighbour, a better husband, and a better friend. A man who is sensible of favours and ready to acknowledge them, is more inclined to perform kind offices, not only towards his benefactor, but towards all others.

OF TRUTH.

Q. What is truth?

A. It is speaking and acting agreeable to fact.

Q. Is it a duty to speak truth at all times?

A. If we speak at all, we should tell the truth. It is not a ways necessary to tell what we know. There are many things which concern ourselves and others which we had better not publish to the world.

Q. What rules are there respecting the publishing of truth?

A. 1. When we are called upon to testify in courts, we should speak the whole truth, and that without disguise. To leave out small circumstances, or to give a colouring to others, with a view to favour one side more than the other, is to the highest degree criminal.

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