

The highest attainment in philosophy will be when all the departments of knowledge are studied in their due proportion by minds endowed with the greatest powers.

One man, indeed, may be an enthusiast in natural history, yet be ignorant of geology. Another may be deeply versed in botany, yet be a mere tyro in other directions. One may be profound in mathematics and mental phenomena, yet with no knowledge of the earth upon which he stands. Another may have plumbed the depths of all the sciences, yet given no time to drink in the realities connected with the moral world. There are some with large mental powers, like Newton, who, to vast acquisitions of knowledge of things in the heavens above and in the earth beneath, have added a childlike attitude to the teaching from above and attained to that wisdom which clothes humanity with its highest dignity.

