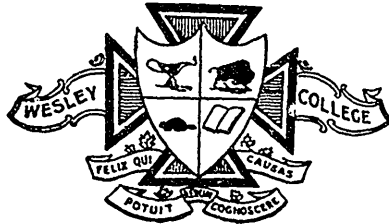


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There are two kinds of strength. One the strength
of the river

Which thro' continents pushes its pathway forever
To fling its fond heart in the sea ; if it lose
This, the aim of its life, it is lost to its use,
It goes mad, is diffused into deluges, and dies.

The other, the strength of the sea : which supplies
Its deep life from mysterious sources, and draws
The river's life into its own life by laws

Which it heeds not. The difference in each case is this:

The river is lost if the ocean it miss ;
If the sea miss the river, what matter ? The sea
Is the sea still forever. Its deep heart will be
Self sufficing, unconscious of loss as of yore ;
Its sources are infinite.

—Meredith