

before others, on his own moral relations to the Supreme Judge of all, and on the way which He has fixed for attaining to happiness and heaven. The man who has no thought of these things, is not an educated man in the highest sense, because he is not educated for eternity, and because failing this, he lacks the greatest and noblest motive for good—the love of his God as a reconciled Father, and the love of his brother man.

The rude and ignorant unbeliever, or the degraded votary of an habitual superstition, is simply an object of pity. The educated man who pretends to doubt that which he has not humbly and carefully studied, or who is content blindly to follow others, where God has placed the truth before his own mind, scarcely deserves our pity.

I do not speak here of the mere sensualist. If there is any young man so vile, so unworthy of his high calling, as to devote himself to vicious pleasures, to waste the flower of his youth and the prime of his life in sinful indulgences, he is not to be reckoned as truly educated, but only as one who has trodden this pearl under his feet, and who turns to tear the hearts of those who have sought in vain to enrich him. I speak not of such a man, but of those who, however high their standard of conventional morality, yet fall short of the highest style of humanity, that of the truly Christian and God-fearing man. In this character are summed up all the love and purity, all the self-denial and earnest exertion, all the careful thought and sound judgment, all the culture of our highest endowments, which I ask of our educated young men, and which, if they were the common possession of all the young men of British America, would be to us the surest guarantee of God's blessing, of our own highest success, and of the future greatness of our beloved country.