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the great future. Every sinful habit you form here may cling like a leprosy to the soul there; every depraved passion you nourish here may perpetuate its black defilement there. "The child is father to the man," saith the proverb. A young man of sense knows that he will be as a master what he made himself as an apprentice, and as a man what he made himself as a youth. He knows too that character is not built up by one or two, but by the constant series of actions. So the daily thoughts and acts of your earthly life are forming your character for the vast existence of which you are an heir, and which lies beyond the grave.

Archbishop Whately, in some annotations on Lord Bacon's Second Essay, mentioned a very remarkable phenomenon connected with insect life, and recorded that it often occurred to him as a very impressive analogy of a future state. You know that every butterfly (the Greek name for which, it is remarkable, is the same that signifies also the soul—Psyche) comes from a caterpillar; in the language of naturalists called a larva, which signifies, literally, a mask. Now, there is a tribe of insects called ichneumon flies, which inhabit and feed on these larvæ. These parasitical flies have a long sharp sting, which pierces the body of the caterpillar, and whereby they deposit their eggs on the inward parts of their victim. But, strange to