

these forms were scattered, and their properties or forces imparted to constitute a great museum for man,—a vast schoolhouse of thought. The earth has not been made in vain. "He made it to be inhabited." A prepared abode raises the presumption of adaptation to and fitness in its occupant. Objects are meant to be teachers as well as servants. Nor has any element, introduced during the Edenic dispensation, wrought any radical change. The first of our race violated the law of his constitution, and he was broken upon the buttress of the law. We may not infringe on these spiritual forces with impunity, or without loss. I mainly desire to show and illustrate the truth that the behests and injunctions of the book we hold to be inspired of the Highest, are not accidental utterances, nor arbitrary in their nature; that its restraints are not matter of caprice on the part of the Law-giver, nor of option on that of the subject, save and except as are all such mandates in the realm of free will, wherein we *may* infringe, but at the fearful penalty of mental incompleteness and spiritual deformity; that within every child that comes on this theatre of being, winged from the open hand of the Eternal to fill its allotted place as a sacred personality, there is garnered an invisible cosmos, ruled by a constitution and system of laws which inevitably necessitate that when written thereon Sin, there shall follow in inevitable sequence Misery,—Hell! And when ingrained thereon Goodness, there shall surely follow Happiness,—Heaven! Every child presents this separate educational problem. What then is happiness? It denotes our temporal relation to objects, and describes that state of being which is attended with enjoyment. So much may be gleaned from any approved lexicon, but if it be the product or offspring uniformly issuing from certain conditions or causes, we must analyse its nature, and discriminate its components before we can, by synthesis, construct a true theory.

Our language has many words that are used by Crabbe, Rogers and others as synonymous with the word happiness, or illustrative thereof, as fortunate, felicity, bliss, joy, &c.

Let us take the word as standing for the aggregate of pleasurable emotions, we derive from external objects and it will be seen at a glance to deal with us as compound beings, as composed of body and soul—mind and matter.

We know nothing of those potent powers in the material world of which we have made mention, but by the changes and movements