

the mighty instrument responds with myriad voices, ranging through infinite variations in sweetness and compass and power. Now it pours forth the heart-breaking notes of the Miserere, with a voice so piteous and human that it would seem as if a lost soul were imprisoned and wailing in its wilderness of pipes.

And now it rolls up the jubilant thunders of the Hallelujah Chorus in such mighty volumes that the entranced listener forgets the earthly temple and the work of human hands, and imagines himself surrounded by the trumpets and voices of heaven in numbers without number.

Now it sounds the war note, wild and high, mingled with the tramp of hosts and the battle hymn of men that march as they sing.

And now it warbles Sweet Home, with a silvery accompaniment of singing birds and murmuring brooks and rustling foliage around the cottage door.

Now it chants the unearthly strain of cloistered monks, inwoven with echoes that creep along corridors of stone and climb the sepulchral arches of the cathedral's long drawn aisle.

Then it sings the evening hymn of shepherds on the mountains, while the hills are glad with the tinkling bells of the home returning flocks, and the vesper chimes are ringing in the village church below.

And then again it bursts forth with such a tempest of sound as shakes the hills when storms are abroad among the Alps and thunders leap from cloud to cloud.

And all this mighty flood, this deep resounding sea of instrumental har-

mony, came forth from the hand and brain of one poor man, who made its creation the task of his life, and who withdrew all thought from everything else that he might do one thing well. And his success shows that any man can make himself a king in nobleness of aim and completeness of execution, simply by fixing it clearly in mind what he can do best, and then suffering no side influence to withdraw his attention from his chosen task. Anything best worth having is within the reach of him who has decision enough to choose it with all his heart, and self command enough to seek it with all his might.

Let me say then, especially to any young man whose eye may fall on this page, choose for yourself a career which for time and eternity is absolutely the highest and the best. Determine to make the noblest use of every faculty and opportunity, and take the Word of divine revelation in deciding what is the highest and best. Study with profound interest the One infinitely perfect Character as set before you in the gospel record. Be sure to learn first of all that goodness alone gives greatness to character; truth builds up the mind and makes the perfect man; devotion to Christ is the secret of happiness. Determine therefore to be a man whose mind, whose whole soul and being, are built up and buttressed against all evil and temptation by goodness, truth, duty. Scatter blessings for others as fast as you gather them for yourself. Increase the value of every possession twofold by giving more than you receive. Never be content to sit down to your