

ward world, but I would emphasize the truth, that there is a harmony between inward and outward improvement, and that only by establishing a wise order between them can both be secured. An intelligent and resolute spirit in a community perpetually extends its triumphs over matter. It can subject itself to the most unpromising region and triumph. Venice rising amid lagoons, Holland diked from the ocean, and New England, bleak and rockbound, converted by a few generations into smiling fields and opulent cities, point us to intelligence and sterling character as the great source of physical good, and teach us that in making the culture of man our end we shall not retard but advance the cultivation of nature.

Liberty is of value only as far as it favors the development of men. The only freedom worth possessing is that which gives enlargement to a people's energy, intellect and virtues. The growth of virtuous power is the end and boon of liberty.

Canadians ought not to be receivers only, but should do nobly their part to add strength to the foundations, and fulness of splendor to the developments of truth and life,—by originality of thought, by discoveries in science, and by contributing to the vital elements of character and the refining pleasures of taste and imagination. Patriotism, as well as virtue, forbids us to burn incense to our vanity. The truth should be seen and felt. In an age of great intellectual activity we rely chiefly for intellectual stimulus and equipment on foreign minds, nor is our own mind distinctly felt abroad. There is among us but little severe, persevering research, and little consuming passion for truth which certifies to society at large that wisdom is better than rubies. There is nowhere a literary atmosphere, or such an accumulation of literary influence as determines the whole strength of the mind to its own enlargement, and to the manifestation of itself in enduring forms. True, we labor under disadvantages, but if our liberty deserves the praise it receives, it should be a large offset for these. It should open to us an indefinite progress, instructing us in the worth and greatness of human nature, and in the obligation of contributing to its strength and glory.

Useful knowledge is to be prized, that is knowledge which ministers to our complex and various nature; that which is