

"That God, which ever lives and loves,
One God, one law, one element,
And one far-off divine event,
To which the whole creation moves."

4. Culture is the expanding, the mellowing, and the purifying of the soul by constant contact with the true, the beautiful and the good.

"To him who in the love of nature, holds
Communion with her visible forms, she speaks
A various language; for his gayer hours
She has a voice of gladness, and a smile
And eloquence of beauty, and she glides
Into his darker musings, with a mild
And healing sympathy, that steals away
Their sharpness, ere he is aware."

"Culture is the slowly maturing fruit of a silent feeding of the soul upon nourishing ideas. While discipline looks to the volume of mental power, culture looks to its kind. Culture is the tone of power, rather than its amount or intensity. It is a qualitative rather than a quantitative word"—*Hinsdale*.

"Culture is the study of perfection." It is the endeavor to see and learn the will of God and make it prevail. "It is in making endless additions to itself, in the endless expansion of its powers, in endless growth in wisdom and beauty, that the spirit of the human race finds its ideal. To reach this ideal culture is an indispensable aid, and that is the true value of culture." "Not a having and a resting, but a growing and a becoming, is the character of perfection as culture conceives it."

Nature is a slowly-evolving, ever-attaining but never-ending process by which the divine ideal is being realized. It is a panoramic unfolding of God's way of doing things. It is "not a having and a resting but a growing and a becoming."

"Every clod feels a stir of might,
An instinct within it that reaches and towers,
And, groping blindly above it for light,
Climbs to a soul in grass and flowers."

A characteristic of both Nature and Culture is the unceasing striving onward and upward. Nature is universal and physical. Culture is individual and spiritual. A harmonious alliance results