

“Our passage from age to age has revealed a continually widening expanse, not only of the earth=space that man unitedly controls, but of the scope of his collective thought, till, in our day, he knows by personal visit nearly the whole globe and encircles it with his activities, while his thought has gone further than Newton or Galileo would have ventured, and analyses the stars, as well as describes the dance of the infinitesimal. Note, then, one of the most striking of those apparent contradictions which often meet us and make us almost ready, with Hegel, to believe in the identity of opposites. It is precisely this man, with his most developed powers, with his scope of vision transcending the boldest fiction, with his knowledge and force embracing the world, who is for the first time in history profoundly interested and passionately attached to the smallest and weakest embodiment of the human spirit, the child in the earliest moments of his life.”

—MARVIN—*The Living Past.*