

do inherit large fortunes of wisdom from the times gone before us, but even these we have to work for, if we would get the good of them and make them useful to us.

And this brief word of preface aims only to urge the intelligent reader who really desires to know about the common "Miracles" of our every-day life, to regard the slight "digging" necessary in the earlier chapters as preparing for greater enjoyment of those that follow. It will well repay his industry.