

THOUGHTS.

We should be willing all times to do what we know to be our duty if we would be happy.

Is it not time to stop being anxious over the things we "want" and will never receive, and take a grateful view of the blessings we have already with us?

Live the present life up to our highest conceptions, and there need be no regret for having lived, but rather a feeling of gratitude for having been placed here to see, think and do.

It is not ours to be ashamed of such abilities as we have; they are what we have received at the hands of our Creator. In the great future there will be no high, no low, as such.

All we have we received from God, hence we should devote whatever talent He has been pleased to give us to His service. It matters not whether our talent be wealth of gold or wealth of mind or wealth of physical strength we are equally responsible for the right use of them all. H. H. W.

Immediate revelation would throw the sunlight of God's truth into many a dark problem where theologians are searching with the uncertain lamplight of history.

The world has two ways of bringing up its children. Part believe they are born with sin and we must beat it out of them, a few believe they're born pure and we must not beat sin in them. The latter is the more rational, human and Christ like, and becomes better a loving Father.

Thoughts sometimes come to the mind that are as sparkling as dew-drops; but when put on paper they seem dull, like dew drops caught in the hand simply water. But as it is the water and not the sparkle that refreshes the flower, the thought and not wholly the brightness of it that feeds the mind, let us contribute our little though it may seem dull.

I often think that we who live in the country, have pictures and music showered upon us that are wasted for want of eyes to see and ears to hear. When I have been rested and helped by the beauty in cloud and flower and landscape, or the soft notes of birds or bees I have so wished that all might learn to see, hear, and appreciate these free gifts for they do much to compensate for the more active life, and the so called greater privileges of cities and they help us to look from "nature up to nature's God." Z.

Every hand has at some time stretched forth, vainly seeking a new token.

Man can endow a god with only those characteristics and attributes which lie within his own conception.

Our lives, like skeins of yarn, though of different material and texture, are all reeled straight, then why the kinks and snarls and obstructions to the unwinding process. In the first place, some kinds of thread are more naturally inclined to snarl than others, according to the twist given it by the spinner, the material of which it is made, the degree of fineness, the dressing it has had and the whole care it has had preparatory to beginning the unwinding. With care to start aright, round after round, as day after day does it unwind, sometimes quite a while without any tangling, then careful patience adjusting for a little may obviate the difficulty and the thread of life go on again evenly as before, each hinderance forgotten, by the unwinder as soon as over, on, on to the end—the more snarly the thread or disposition the more care and patience is required of the unwinder lest the troubles be multiplied by wrong doing. S.

Among the many grand and noble words that grace our language, I think that few excel that grand word, —*aspiration*. Pointing ever forward with lifted finger, it speaks to us of victories yet unwon, of new acquirements that shall bring new powers and add new beauty and glory to our