

upon your family. Children are quick to discern sham and fraud. To hear father sing,

“ Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small ;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all,”

and then see him give grudgingly a mere trifle to help on the cause of God, they naturally conclude there is something wrong. How often parents spend large sums of money for things that are useless, and, in some cases, injurious, and yet will seldom, if ever, spend a dollar for a good book, a religious paper, or any good cause.

We often see parents over-anxious to lay up wealth for their children, which may prove a curse instead of a blessing to them. If you wish to see your son sink, throw him out on this world with twenty or thirty thousand dollars around his neck ; and then, if he does not go to ruin, it will not be your fault.

A thousand times I have thanked God that my father was not a wealthy man.

What did you start with ? You say, nothing. What have you now ? You say, ten, twenty, thirty, or forty thousand dollars. Is your son such a poor specimen of humanity, so much inferior to you, that he could not earn for himself a living ?

Many of the grandest men we have are those who had to blaze their own way and hew out their own fortunes.

How often parents withhold from God to leave a large amount to an ungrateful son, who would have been much better if his entire fortune had been an