

and partial views of human life ; still fewer have seen clearly and held steadily that the chief concern of a living man is *to live*. Some of us have thought that the end of life was to "get on" ; whereas if "*getting on*," in the sense in which we commonly use the phrase, has a place on the programme of genuine living at all, it is simply as a means to more and fuller life. It is in no sense an end. Others of us have been inclined to suppose that a man should live in order to acquire and to accumulate knowledge, and to seek out truth, whereas if we are here to gain knowledge and to ascertain truth, it is simply that they may add to the sum of life. Perfect life consists in living out our whole life in every part of it at the same time ; and it takes a complete man to live a complete life. Few of us have ever lived such a life. Comparatively few of us have had any idea of such a life ; and some of us have deliberately refused to live such a life, because we were obsessed by the delusion that the