

May the responsibility of this gift of *unumbered simplicity* in our faith be realized more fully among us. Duty attends our expectation of the fulfilment of the prophecy, whose last words are so vast in their meaning: "*as the waters cover the sea.*"

AN ESSAY.

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Amid the many virtues springing forth from the fountain of the waters of life that are ordained and freely given unto mankind, to all who will come and partake thereof, there are many, very many, which are truly nourishing and supporting in their influence, and when the minds of men and of women are brought into that state of thirsting and contemplating upon righteousness, then it is they will find more and more time for meditation, even though it be when engaged at their daily toil, the one in the plow field or the other at the kneading board. So far as the writer of this essay has had experience in the Christian virtues he stands firm in the belief of being supported while handing forth these few lines to all who may hear or read, while all is inviting, to come—be gathered—be reconciled.

True it is that when we are possessed with those principles that are more soothing, more bracing, more supporting in their influence than any that are originated by man, we have kindled within us a desire for imparting to our fellow beings in some way, either brokenly or in proportion to our measure, the excellency of their power, and while many stand forth in open testimony, there are others who resort to the pen or pencil which at many times more nearly reveals the inspirations of the heart. And while temperance at this present day is being considered by not a few individuals in our land and some of its excellent results been manifested by our opening our eyes and beholding. We feel to be encouraged, and

frankly acknowledge that temperance indeed possesses in itself something to be thought of, something worthy of note, not only by a single individual, but by all who care to look within nature's ample book, with its wide, unfolded leaves spread out before them.

When we are led up and down our beautiful country, with its productive soil and its lofty forest trees, waiting only for the hand of man to clear, to cultivate, and to frame into a most suitable habitation, wherein may exist all the comforts of this life, then the query arises, How is such to be accomplished? We know how to chop, we know how to plow, we know how to do housework, and yet with all these we feel to be wanting such principles that shall enable us to perform our task, which has been laid before us as the way of the light of life, and to all those who have chosen a way as occupying their whole earthly lives, even such as has been the way of their parents they have only to refer to the aged ones who have nearly passed from works to rewards, to find that like a primrose bud, ready to burst and put forth its golden leaves at the setting of the sun, does temperance await the conclusion of such queries that it may at the close burst forth in reply.

As the whole world could not contain the number of books that might be written of the virtues given forth by the blessed Master to the children of men, which shall endure forever to those who are willing to nourish and cherish God's best gifts, then these few lines will be only a mite compared with the volumes that have been written thereunto, and if by the way anyone shall be sighted to one of the pure principles then I shall feel not to have written in vain. Temperance in dress, temperance in address, temperance in eating, temperance in drinking, temperance in sleeping, temperance in labor, and indeed, if properly understood, temperance in all things, ever to be the watchword each day as it passes, in every act, and deed, and thought that we may