

your unutterable disgust that they have failed you worst of all, and proved how utterly forgetful they were of every promise and how indifferent to every duty. Have not we all seen such like mortals rescued from sickness as if by the skin of their teeth, and solemnly warned by their physician to be strictly regular and sensible in their future life; yet, in a short space, they forgot all their sufferings, and all the warnings of the doctor, only to plunge themselves into an abyss deeper still from which no human hand could rescue them.

Moses had some such in his mind's eye when he spoke his valedictory; but there were others also for whom he meant his counsel. It is possible "not to forget" outrageously, as the unworthy specimens I have quoted, and yet "to forget" really. There is such a thing as to remember respectably and sentimentally, and yet in reality to forget. After a long course of trial and hardship, such as the Israelites had undergone in the wilderness, Moses could foresee that there should be some who would be ready to go to the other extreme, and think, that in goodly Canaan it should be their chance to enjoy inglorious ease, and sip in idleness the milk and honey which had been so graciously promised them. Something like hundreds of immigrants to American shores who expected to get twice as much here for half the labour of the Old Land, and who were quite content to do no labour at all if they could only loaf through life in the New Land of prosperity and abundance. The chief item of forgetfulness in all such minds is, that the time of hardness and trial is really a discipline. Men and women are to come