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Happiness is perfectly  
hollow unless there is a  
meaning behind it, unless it  
tells of intention somewhere,  
unless it means love. "Eat and  
drink and be merry" is not  
the end of it all.

Whoever, by a Christian word he speaks or by  
a Christian life he lives, brings a new soul to see  
the perfect life and take the perfect grace, has  
poured out of his full hands a blessing on his  
brother that leaves utterly out of sight any gift  
that riches can bestow on poverty.

We want a faith, a truth, a grace to help us *now*, ... and we can have it. One who was man, yet  
mightier than man, has walked the vale before us.

Every attempt to do right has a tendency to reveal to us more spiritual ways of doing right, and  
our need of spiritual helps in doing it.

The thought of life is like that untouched line we call the "sky," but which, when we try to  
reach it, proves to be not one single line, but an infinite depth ... stored with what strange uses and  
benefactions we dare not say.

Some men's faith only makes  
itself visible; other men's lightens  
everything within its reach.

There is positive proof  
in the single sunbeam of  
the existence of the sun.

Strike God's iron on the anvil, see God's goods across the counter, put God's wealth in  
circulation, teach God's children in the school, – so shall the dust of your labor build itself into a little  
sanctuary where you and God may dwell together.

Make truth your friend and guide in all your hourly business, – truth of plan, and purpose, and  
labor... Whoever will not bow before this monarch you have crowned, let him be rebel to you.

If you are not spiritually minded, do not wait for mysterious light and vision. Go and give up  
your dearest sin. Go and do what is right. Go and put yourself thoroughly into the power of the  
holiness of duty.

All the world is an utterance of the Almighty.

It seems so far off,  
that Cross of Jesus, and  
it really is so near! For  
it is lifted up so high that  
the waves of time roll  
unheeded and unmeaning  
at its foot. It is the  
power of perfection for us  
to-day.

Each high achievement is a sign and token of the whole nature's possibility. What a piece of the man was for that shining moment, it is the duty of the whole man to be always.

May we not daily tread the same paths of holiness and sorrow, joy and love, that Christ has trodden, and see His footsteps on them still?

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