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**Life's Compensations.**

One of the most hopeful, as it is one of the most inspiring, thoughts of life is the thought of its compensations; that thought so well concentrated by Emerson when he wrote, "There is a remedy for every wrong, and a satisfaction for every soul." To believe in the doctrine of compensation, that reaches through life into eternity, is to be surcharged with that fine spirit of hopefulness and belief in the ultimate good without which a man is bound to sink into the slough of hopeless pessimism with which he is enabled to attain heights limited only by the capacity and the nobleness of his soul.

The ancient axiom that "every cloud has a silver lining" is one of those which we accept in youth blindly, only to find that the verity of it becomes more sure with our experience in life. The more we have suffered, have been disappointed or grieved, the more we must come to see—in the very fact that we are still living and still are privileged to wait for other opportunities—and be convinced of the verity of Whittier's—

"And light is mingled with the gloom,  
 And joy with grief;  
 Divinest compensations come,  
 Through thorns of judgment mercies bloom  
 In sweet relief."

One great trouble with so many of us is that we count it failure if we do not chance to hit the goal for which we have striven. And yet it was we ourselves, in all our fallibility and liability to error, who chose the goal; we whose vision is faulty and who cannot really know whether in the winning of our particular aim lies the best of us—for our happiness or the world's.

"One launched a ship, and she was lost at sea;

He built a bridge, but floods have borne it down;  
 He meant much good, none came,  
 Strange destiny;

His corn lies sunk, his bridge bears none to town.

Yet good he had not meant became his crown;

For once at work, when even as nature free

From thought of good he was, or of renown,  
 God took the work for good, and let good be."

That is what should inspire us in the thought of compensation—that even if our work seems to fail, does not bring us the reward or the applause that we might have hoped for, the work shall be counted for the good in any case, so only that it be wrought in honesty and truth. No honest work, no earnest endeavor, no righteous thought, no loving kindness is ever wasted. Everything in this workaday world that makes of hopefulness or helpfulness is so much good added to the great sum of the world's riches. So when we face dire defeat and the shattering of our dearest desires, let us remember Jean Ingelow's song of faith—

"Under the storm and the cloud today,  
 And today the hard peril and pain—  
 Tomorrow the stone shall be rolled away."

For the sunshine shall follow the rain  
 Merciful Father, I will not complain,  
 I know that the sunshine shall follow the rain."

Tennyson, who usually saw with eyes of clear faith and the hope that comes from well-grounded religious belief, could only cry when he was in agony over the untimely death of his dearest friend, Arthur Hallam:

"Oh, yet we trust that, somehow, good

Will be the final goal of ill."

Not quite able to say with the sureness of Beaumont that "they that are sad on earth in heaven shall sing."

Yet, if we can school ourselves to firm belief in the theory of divine compensation we shall find it a stile that shall help us over many a difficulty. It is faith in the eternal law of compensation that shall lift us up when we are depressed; urge us to strive on when we are faint of heart and weary; impel us forward yet another step when we would halt by the way.

Let us face the fact bravely—that it is not only those who succeed in life may be happy. We talk about the goals of our ambitions, yet can we point out even in what direction those goals lie? Can we say that thus far we desire to go and then satisfied to stop? No; always the divine impulse within us will urge us on if we but retain the spirit of hope within our hearts. And when we fall wounded in life's battle we may find comfort in Bryant's thought:

"O deem not they are blest alone  
 Whose lives a peaceful tenor keep;  
 The Power who pities man hath shown  
 A blessing for the eyes that weep."

In short, this "vale of wrath and tears" is after all, but the proving ground. It is here we are tested and tried, and always may expect the bitter to exceed the sweet, the pain to be greater than the joy. But the compensation for it all lies beyond the horizon—it is heavenward we must struggle.

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 The hopes that so swiftly remove;  
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