

Do not cause your neighbor nor anybody else trouble. You may rest assured that God, in His wisdom, sends them all the trouble they need. Be good humored to everybody, and do sincerely believe that there are other folks who are just as good as yourself, and they are for a certainty.



Good manners are the blossoms of good sense, and, it may be added, of good feeling too; for if the law of kindness be written in the heart it will lead to that desinterestedness in little as well as in great things—that desire to oblige, and attention to the gratification of others, which is the foundation of good manners.



The darts of adverse fortune are always leveled at our heads. Some reach us, and some fly to wound our neighbors. Let us, therefore, impose an equal temper on our minds, and pay without murmuring the tribute which we owe to humanity. The winter brings cold and we freeze. The summer returns with heat and we must melt. The inclemency of the air disorders our health, and we must be sick. Here we are exposed to wild beasts, and there to men more savage than the beasts; and if we escape the inconveniences and dangers of air and earth, there are perils of water and perils of fire. This established course of things it is not in our power to change; but it is in our power to assume such a greatness of mind as becomes wise and virtuous men, as may enable us to encounter the accidents of life with fortitude, and to conform ourselves to the order of Providence, who governs the world by wisdom in order.

Let us submit to this order, let us be persuaded that whatever does happen, except vice, ought to happen, and never be so foolish as to attempt to call God to account. The best resolution we can take is to suffer what we cannot alter, and without repining, to pursue the road which Providence has